

St Bartholomew's News



23rd February 2024

Worship – Our current theme is **Justice** and this week we talked about what it means.

Fasting – We know that many of our families fast as part of Ramadan and sometimes this includes our children in school. If you want your child to fast in school as they get older, you must put this in writing and come in to school to discuss this as we need to make sure we have plans in place to ensure they are safe and well. Thank you.



Wellingtons – As the wet weather continues (Sadly!), many children are coming to school in wellington boots, which is a great way to make sure they get to school with dry feet. However when in school wellington boots can be dangerous and cause children to slip and fall in school, including on the steps. If your child does come in wellingtons please send their usual shoes/trainers for them to change in to.

Easter Egg Raffle – Our much loved raffle will be returning this year and tickets will go on sale nearer the Easter break. The school has decided to donate any money raised to UNICEF to support children around the world impacted by conflict and wars including those who have lost their homes.

Have you ever looked round our school? Is this something you would like to do?

Parents/carers do not get many chances to come in to school. You may attend parents evening or come to a concert in the hall, or visit the office when you need to. We would like to offer you the chance to look round our wonderful school and see where your children spend their days. Many of you actually attended the school as a pupil and will see many changes. We will shortly send out an invite for a tour, places will be limited and if it is a success or we have more parents than we can accommodate wanting a tour we will look at offering more tours at different times. These will have to be out of the school day so we are limited to after school.

Attendance

Class	%
Nursery	90.1%
1	92.9%
2	87.9%
3	92.6%
4	94.2%
5	97.8%
6	95.5%
7	93.4%
8	93.3%
9	89.7%
10	94.4%
11	96.4%
12	94.3%
13	94.2%
14	94.5%
15	97.8%
16	97.4%
17	97.1%

The chart has the % for each class for the last half term. We will be contacting individual families where we have concerns or need to discuss their children's attendance but please make sure your children come to school every day. This includes Fridays, when the weather is not as good and the last week of a term. We see significant drops in attendance at these times and will only be authorising absences where we are completely sure your children are too ill to come to school, this will include asking for proof where we need to.

As a school, we expect children to be here all the time unless too ill to attend. Our target for this year is over 96% which is possible and much needed if children are going to achieve their best.



Well done to those classes who are 96% or above – keep it up!

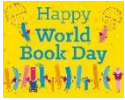
If you want to discuss your child's attendance or would like any support please ask to see Mrs Wainwright, Miss Lawson or any member of our leadership team.

Winners of the attendance draws –

Ethan Class 11 for attending every Friday

Harry Class 4 for being in school every day the last week of half term.

World Book Day Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 7th March, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Thursday 29th February, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was teaching in class 15, we started looking at bridges for their new technology topic.



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.

The teachers in school have decided these children have worked particularly hard this week and should receive a special mention and certificate, presented on a Friday afternoon in our assembly. Well done!

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| Class 1 Jane | Class 2 Airah | Class 3 Kevin | Class 4 Avneet | Class 5 Great |
| Class 6 Yusuf | Class 7 Ibrahim | Class 8 Mehak | Class 9 Essam | Class 10 Karen |
| Class 11 Yousaf | Class 12 Jamie | Class 13 Danielle | Class 14 Agnieszka | Class 15 George |
| Class 16 Natan | Class 17 Daria | | | |

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 10**



Weekly Round Up

Nursery - Our topic this half term is 'Adventures above and below the clouds'. In Nursery this week, we have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We turned our role-play area into bear's cottage with three different sized beds, chair and bowls. We have been scooping porridge and filling different sized containers with it. In Maths, we looked at sizes and weight. In phonics, we have continued with rhyming words and we have learnt a new song 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears'. We have also been building cottages and painted bears.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been learning about how people across the world celebrate Lunar New Year. We found Asia on the map and looked closely at photos of China, talking about how it is different from where we live. We decorated our home corner and the children were keen to clean the house just as we had watched happen on a video showing Lunar New Year preparations. We have really enjoyed learning a Chinese New Year song and playing along with instruments. We have been getting creative and making lanterns, dragons and other decorations. In Maths we have been learning about 3d shape. We have worked hard to remember their name and we have used them to make towers, hunted for real life 3d shapes and used playdough to make our own spheres and cubes.

Year 1 & 2 -Welcome back to a new and exciting half term! In Year 1, children have started their new topic of Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots. The children will be learning about life on a farm and about growing plants in Science. This week the children have enjoyed their role-play area of a garden centre and explored different types of plants. They have acted out life on the farm in their small world area and have started the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. In Year 2 this half term, children will be exploring the topic of Bright Lights Big City. They will be looking closely at their local area and the wider city of Leeds. This week the children have been celebrating kindness through reading the story 'The Kindest Red'. They have thought about how they can be kind and what things would make a kind world for everyone to live in. The children thought about how Leeds is a diverse city with people from many different cultures and how lucky we are to have friends from a range of different cultures.

Year 3 & 4 –Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed reading poems about morals. We used our reading strategies to help us understand unknown words and to make predictions. In Maths, we have been learning about length and perimeter. We have also started our new DT topic, where we will be learning cutting skills and cooking this half term. In Science, we have been learning about human teeth and what they are called. We looked at what purpose they all have.

Year 4 Bikeability

Our cycling sessions will now be the week commencing the 18th March.

Monday	AM	Class 11 Non-riders	PM	Class 10 and some of class 12 Non-riders
Tuesday	AM	Class 12 Non-riders	PM	Class 10
Wednesday	AM	Class 11	PM	Class 11
Thursday	AM	Class 12	PM	Class 12

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons -In English, we have been planning and writing our poem based on kindness for the Arooj competition. In Science, we enjoyed completing an experiment on how sugar and coffee dissolves and how the temperature changes the rate of dissolving.

Homework - A reminder that homework is now set on a Monday and the deadline for completing homework will be the following Monday. Children who do not complete their homework will be expected to attend Homework Club on a Monday lunchtime.

Swimming - Next week is water safety week. Children can swim with Pyjamas/Shorts & T-shirt over their swimwear for this session, there will be an emphasis on winter & summer water safety!

Year 6 SATs Week - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 13th May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 13th May: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Tuesday 14th May: Reading
- Wednesday 15th May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 16th May: Reasoning

A quick guide on KS2 SATs is available on the website – Parents – KS2 Assessments.

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 – 3.40pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 15 th April 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 3 rd May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24 th May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14th June 2024	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 19 th July 2024	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

School Dates: 2024-2025

Monday 2 nd September 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 25 th October 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th November 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 20 th December 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14 th February 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 24 th February 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 4 th April 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 2 nd May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Training Days to be confirmed