

St Bartholomew's News



5th July 2024

URGENT REMINDER – Please remember that if you use our childcare facilities before, after school and in the holidays we may withdraw the provision or not offer it if you take unauthorised holidays in school time. We work hard putting on school run provisions and do not expect parents who need and use them to break the rules and take their children out of school on holiday. Holidays impact your children's education and school are accountable for all absences especially unauthorised holidays.

Worship – Our current theme is **truthfulness** and this week we have been looking at how sometimes we tell something to one person and then something different to someone else. We have been reflecting on how important it is to tell the truth to someone even if it is difficult. This links to our Big Question this half term, **'Can you think of a time when telling the truth was hard?'**

This also links closely to the British value of **Rule of Law** and having to tell the truth in school and out, especially when it comes to laws and how we behave.

What we are doing to make things better - We are preparing for stage 2 of the roof replacement, which will take place over the summer holiday, this is the second of five planned so in the end we will have a much needed new roof with no leaks!

Leavers Events Year 6:

- The Year 6 children will be leading a leaver's service in church on the 17th July at 10am, parents of Year 6 children are welcome to join us. There will be a leaver's production which they would love to share with you.
- There are two showings, one on Tuesday 16th July at 1.30pm and one on Wednesday 17th at 6pm. More information will follow. The leaver's disco is on Thursday 18th 5-7pm. Get your dancing shoes on Year 6!
- Finally, a 'Guard of Honour' will take place on Friday 19th July where they get to say a final good bye to their friends and staff. Parents are welcome to join us, cameras and tissues recommended!



Help!! If you have any good quality swim kit, swim shorts or swim costumes that your children no longer use we would like them for school. Every week we have children who forget their kit and need a spare. Please bring them to the office.

Thank you



Punctuality – this is going to be one of our focus areas to improve in September

It is really important for your children they arrive on time to school. When they arrive late they can miss their reading and the start of the first lesson. This means it is difficult to catch up and can be very distressing for them, walking into a class of children when they are already sat down in their lesson. It is also difficult for the staff and other children who have to stop the lesson. It is especially difficult in Nursery as a member of staff has to leave the rest of the children to collect anyone who is late.

Remember any child who arrives after 8.50am will be marked as late in the register and if they arrive after 9.20am it will be counted as an absence for their attendance.

PLEASE WORK WITH US TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE ON TIME MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY MINUTE IN SCHOOL

Schoolgateway



School Gateway App - We are beginning to use the School Gateway app as our main form of communication. Please can all families with a smartphone download and install the **free** app. It is available through the Google Play and

Apple App stores - see the QR codes.

Google Play Store



Apple App Store



Payments – From January 2025 we are aiming to go cashless, we will still accept card payments but our preferred form of payment is ParentPay, everyone got a letter before the May half term with your log in details. If you have misplaced them please call at the office and we can give you them, or you can come to our parent workshop on Tuesday 9th July at 3.30pm.



Milk - We will be providing children in Years 1-6 with the opportunity to have milk in school for the Autumn term. Nursery and Reception children already receive it free of charge. For children entitled to benefit related free school meals this will be free but you must still complete a form for the Autumn term requesting this for your child, for all others it must be ordered and paid for in advance for the term. The cost for the Autumn term will be £20.25. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 1st July.

All forms must be completed and returned with any payment by Monday 15th July 2024

We cannot accept late payments, as we need to order the milk in advance. Once this has been paid, we cannot provide refunds.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing how excited the children were to be visiting their new class and teacher. It is always a time with varied emotions for the children and staff, preparing to move on and start a new journey at school, or a new school in the case of Year 6.



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!

<i>Class 1 Jenna</i>	<i>Class 2 Louis</i>	<i>Class 3 Amna</i>	<i>Class 4 Evania</i>	<i>Class 5 Abobaker</i>
<i>Class 6 Chimamanda</i>	<i>Class 7 Ronnie-Roy</i>	<i>Class 8 Lucy</i>	<i>Class 9 Kashish</i>	<i>Class 10 Elliott</i>
<i>Class 11 Angelica</i>	<i>Class 12 Arhun</i>	<i>Class 13 Vanessa</i>	<i>Class 14 Dimetri</i>	<i>Class 15 Alex</i>
<i>Class 16 James</i>	<i>Class 17 Shamas</i>			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 2** **KS2 – Class 10**



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 5 - 99.6%

KS2 – Class 14 – 98%



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 94.7%

Reception to Year 6: 94.9%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery -This week we have read 'Supertato' stories and explored the vegetables. We have found few vegetables trapped in various places around the Nursery and the children had great fun guessing who was behind this: 'Spiderman', 'Gingerbread man', 'Goldilocks', 'Evil Pea'. The children did observational paintings of the vegetables and used them as printing tools. The children cut the vegetables and placed them in water so they could make their own 'vegetable soup'. In Maths, we have looked at number two and discussed in how many ways we can show it. During phonics this term, we introduced wordless books to our older children. The children really enjoy describing illustrations, most children are able to find a title and a blurb and can say what happened at the beginning and at the end of the story.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have enjoyed talking about all the amazing things we have done this year in Reception. We have enjoyed looking at photographs of the exciting things we have done and have tried really hard to write sentences about what we can remember. In Maths, we have been applying our Maths skills independently. Finding different ways to make ten using the tens frame and counters and finding number doubles using mirrors. We are so proud of how well the children managed the transition morning on Thursday. We had lots of fun in our new classes.

Year 1 & 2 – This week the children in Year 1 have been continuing exploring people who are 'History Makers'. The children have studied the lives and achievements of these different females: Elizabeth 1st, Elizabeth 2nd, Amelia Earhart, Mae Jemison, Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg. Children have thought about who is the greatest history maker, giving reasons for their ideas. In Year 2 this week, the children have been exploring non-fiction texts in English. They have read the book 'Seaside Towns' and identified how the author has used headings, subheadings, captions, labels, diagrams and text boxes. Children have also looked at how they use question marks and have written their own questions to be answered from finding information in the book.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed painting their canopic jars in DT, following on from us designing and making them in previous lessons. We have also been practising writing skills and planning our stories, ahead of writing our mystery stories next week. We also enjoyed having a French inspired breakfast and taking part in a virtual 'trip' to Vancouver, so see what life is like there. In Geography, we have been looking at weather conditions in Florida, and how they differ to conditions, we see often in the UK. We also enjoyed our transition morning, where we got to meet our new teachers for the morning.

Year 5 & 6 – Swimming – children will be having their last swimming lessons of the academic year next week. There will be no swimming in the last week of term (week beginning 15th July). Thank-you to all the children for their efforts in the pool – children have been amazing and made great progress.

Lineham Farm - Children in Year 5 (Class 14 and some from Class 15) had an amazing time last weekend at Lineham Farm (see the school website for a report on the weekend). We are very excited about our second residential (Class 13 and some children from Class 15) on 5th July until 7th July.

Final two weeks for Year 6 - We are nearly at the end of an era for Year 6 and the majority of children have had visits to their secondary schools. There will be plenty of things happening for Year 6 in the last two weeks and a letter will be distributed next week with further details.

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

School Dates 2024-2025:

Monday 2nd September 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 25th October 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 4th November 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 22nd November 2024

Training Day – No Children in School

Friday 20th December 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 6th January 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 14th February 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 24th February 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 21st March 2025

Training Day - No Children in School

Friday 4th April 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 2nd May 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 6th May 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 23rd May 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 2nd June 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 13th June 2025

Training Day – No Children in School

Friday 18th July 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm