

St Bartholomew's News



13th September 2024

“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week is seeing all the children in their new classes, looking fantastic in their uniforms enjoying their lessons. Well done to all the children (and parents, the new school year is not always easy) and a big thank you to all the staff for being ready for the new school year and helping the children to make such a good start.



It was also great to see parents come to our meet the teacher session. It was chance to meet the teacher and see where your child spends several of their waking hours. Thank you.

Worship – Our new theme is **‘generosity’** and this week we have been looking what that means. Our attribute this half term is ambition, a great theme for the new school year.

Celebration – This will take place on a Friday and the first one will be Friday 20th September for KS1 and EYFS, if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate you will receive an invite on Monday. Please check your emails and texts.

Data Checking - Next week you will receive a data sheet with the information we have about you at school. This includes address, email and contact numbers etc. You must check this, make any amendments and return it to school. If it is all correct, please sign it and return it. These should go to class. Every child who brings this back will go into a raffle to win a scooter and three runner up prizes of an Asda voucher.

What we are doing to make things better - The new section of the roof is nearly finished and will help improve the school environment once completed. Thanks to you, the staff and children for their patience.

Attendance – **A much better second week, well done and thank you. Children can only learn if they are in the building on time. Keep it up everyone.** Make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. 8.30am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon and by 8.50am for the rest of school. Thank you

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and will result in a fine, which is now £80 per child per parent. If you want to take any extended absence, you must see Mrs Wainwright. If you feel, there are exceptional circumstances you must discuss this directly with Mrs Wainwright, in advance of going.

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Playground Equipment – Reminder children are not to play on the playground equipment before or after school. It is only to be used during the school day, for health and safety.

Fakeaway Classics Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 3rd October, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 23rd September, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.10 for Nursery & £2.20 for Year 3 – Year 6. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

Last Week's Attendance

Nursery: 93.8%

Reception: 92.4%

Year 1 to Year 6: 95.4%

Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 5 - 98.3%**

KS2 – Class 8 – 100%



Well done to the best classes: **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 11**



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

Class 1 Osinachi

Class 2 Ahad S

Class 3 Jack

Class 4 Khadija

Class 5 Bojan

Class 6 Tami

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – It has been wonderful to welcome our Nursery children and their families. The children have been settling in really well. We have been exploring both indoor and outdoor areas of the Nursery and getting to know each other. The children really enjoyed painting, making sandcastles, moulding the dough and making new friends. Our first topic is 'Marvellous me'. We will learn about your child likes/dislikes, the children will describe themselves and talk about emotions. We would appreciate if you could share with us your family photographs. The children will have an opportunity to share those with their peers and us.

Reception – We have had a lovely 2 weeks settling into Reception and getting to know each other. The children have done an amazing job at learning the new routines and making new friends. This week we have been talking all about feelings. We have listened to the story The Colour Monster and have shared times when we have felt happy or sad. We have explored colour mixing inside and in the garden and have used the colours we have made to paint rainbows and create colour charts. We have also been talking about our families and have enjoyed looking at family photos. Please continue to upload any family photos to Learning Journals.

Year 1 & 2 - A big welcome back to a new school year!

All the children in Years 1 and 2 have really impressed their new teachers and have made a super start to the Year. This week the children have been very busy and have really enjoyed their learning. Children in Year 1 have read the story of the Highway Rat and have written some fantastic describing sentences in English. They have enjoyed playing in the Highway Rat's Bakery and using their fine motor skills to make him a special Highway Rat mask. Children in Year 2 enjoyed their visit from the road safety team and learnt about how to cross the road safely. They have also started their work on castles and have learnt about the features of a castle looking at some tricky vocabulary. This will help them understand the different parts of a castle when they visit Skipton Castle next half term.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been reading Beowulf in their English lessons. We have been writing character descriptions of the monster in the story and in maths, we have all been practising our place value skills. Our history topic for this half term is the Anglo-Saxons. This week, we have been looking at why they did not use Roman towns. In PSHE, we have been looking at tobacco and drugs and what they do to our bodies. We have also enjoyed our recent science lesson about plants. This week, we observed our investigation from last week, looking at how plants absorb water.

Children will be getting homework this week. Each week, they must complete their spellings sheet and one page of their maths homework books. Please take care of these, as there is a cost to parents if they need replacing. We would also like you to encourage children to use the Emile app for spellings and Times Table Rockstars to support their number work.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In History, we have started our World War 2 topic. Children have begun the topic by learning about World War 1 and how World War 2 had its origins from the end of World War 1. In Science, we have been dissecting sheep's hearts and learning about the differences between arteries, ventricles and chambers. In Art, we have been learning about perspective and investigating different landscapes.

Secondary School Applications - The deadline for applying for secondary school is 31st October. Please click on the following link for further guidance and links to applying for secondary schools.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Please contact school and speak to Mr Needham if you require any support in applying for secondary schools.

School Dates 2024-2025:

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