

St Bartholomew's News



4th October 2024

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was reading the writing of two of our Year 2 children, Oliver and Isaac. It was that impressive it went in the amazing workbook in the main entrance, well done boys.

Worship – Our current theme is **generosity** and this week we have been looking the quote from the bible, ‘God loves a cheerful giver.’ (*Corinthians 9.7*) The Worship Council told a story that showed how when you give someone something and are generous it is better if it is because you want to. We also reflected on our Big Question, **‘Does being generous have to cost you money?’** We discussed how you do not have to buy something for someone to be generous, it could be something you made or helping someone with their homework. We also talked about the **British Values** of **Democracy**, choosing to be generous and **Respect**, being generous and kind.

Governors Update – Sheila Banks, our chair of governors came in to school this week to review the governor’s annual statement, this shows and tells you a little bit more about the governors and what they are supporting the school with this year. It will be on our website soon.

Payments –Reminder from January we will no longer be accepting cash in school, our method of payments will be parentpay or card, if you need help setting up parentpay please call in at the office and we will help you.

SCHOOL STREETS



Thank you to everyone who is following the new restrictions on Strawberry Lane.

You cannot drive on Strawberry Lane between 8.15am and 9am in a morning and 3-3.45pm in the afternoon.

It is now an offence to do so and you could be fined.

School staff cannot be there every day to remind you of this but we still ask you to abide by these restrictions to help keep our children safe.

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school each day - The weather is getting colder and we are having quite a few children not bringing coats to school. Children are outside for lunch and extra activities and will need one. Please support us by making sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thanks.

Harvest Festival – This is next week on Wednesday at 10am. KS2 will be going to church to hold a harvest celebration. Parents are welcome to join us.

JUST ONE THING!

Dear Parents or Carers,

Our School Worship Council is asking you to bring **at least one** thing for Harvest and help out. We would appreciate cans, packets of pasta, Weetabix, packs of noodles and tomato paste. **Please do not bring any fresh food because it will expire.**



Every little helps

From Worship Council

Attendance -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

Last Week's Attendance – Another Fantastic Week – AMAZING!

Nursery: 94%

Reception: 95.3%

Year 1 to Year 6: 96.3%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 2 - 98.6%**

KS2 – Class 12 – 98.2%

Please remember taking your child on holiday or out of school for an unauthorised absence will affect whether we offer you a play scheme place and can affect your place in BC/ASC. **This is in the contract you sign when joining our clubs.** We provide very affordable childcare both before and after school and during the holidays and work very hard to maintain these provisions. We do not expect parents to then take their child out of school in term time for a holiday or other unauthorised absences.

Please consider this before booking any holidays.

Persistent lateness can also result in the withdrawal in your child's place in after school club.



Well done to the best classes: **KS1 – Class 4**

KS2 – Class 16



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

Class 1 Harper- Rose

Class 2 Zaria

Class 3 Nela

Class 4 Cezary

Class 5 Jackson

Class 6 Oliver

Class 7 Toro

Class 8 Abudaker

Class 9 Chimamanda

Class 10 Senu

Class 11 Isaac

Class 12 Jordan

Class 13 Kamsi

Class 14 Mayedah

Class 15 Sophia

Class 16 Zainab

Weekly Round Up

Nursery –This week we have continued our topic of autumn. The children used repeated phrases to retell the story of 'Owl Babies'. We have been learning some facts about Owls. The children have used descriptive language to describe autumn items (conker, pinecone, leaf, stick, and acorn). In Maths, we have continued to look at simple patterns and the children had a go at creating their own patterns using interlink cubes, beads and counting bears. In phonics, we have learnt two songs 'If you're happy and you know it' and 'Mrs Brown has a box' and the children listened to various sounds and guessed what they are. We have also made marks as part of our 'write dance' activity.

Reception –This week in Reception, we have been talking about where we live. We have been looking at photos of the local area and have been creating maps of our journey to school. We have talked about local landmarks and have used Google earth to explore familiar buildings. We have talked about special places in the local area and have used a range of materials and construction resources to create churches, temples and mosques. In Maths, we have been sorting in lots of different ways. We have enjoyed listening to the story the button box and sorting buttons by colour, shape, and size. We are very excited to be having a visit from Little City next week. We will be taking on the roles of people who help us in the community such as police officers, doctors and firefighters.

Year 1 & 2 -This week the children in Year 1 have been using their oracy skills in RE. They have learnt about the Christian and Islamic creation stories and thought about the similarities and differences between the two stories. Children worked in pairs to verbally articulate their thoughts to one another. Children in classes 3 and 4 will have brought home their bikability letters this week. Please can they be returned as soon as possible so we know how many children have permission to participate. In RE the children in Year 2 have been learning about how Jesus tells us to forgive and be generous to others. The children learnt the parable of the Prodigal Son and thought about the feelings of the two brothers throughout the story. The children enjoyed working in groups to sequence the events and retell the story.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, we have started to look at information texts in English. It has helped us learn more about the Anglo-Saxons. We looked in more detail about their religion this week too. In computing, we have been using the copy and paste functions to find images to make a text look better. In RE, we enjoyed learning about festivals of light and the symbolism it has in different religions. In PE, we put our football skills into a game situation. Next week, the children will be going on the field behind school to take part in a seed-gathering workshop run by Leeds City Council. The sessions will be fun, informative and link to our science topic for this half term.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Art, we have started to sketch our wartime landscapes. In History, we have been learning about the Battle of Britain and its importance in World War 2. In Science, we have been investigating the properties of blood.

PE and Swimming - A reminder that children should be wearing their PE kits (including red t-shirt) when it is PE. Children should be wearing school uniform on the day they go swimming.

Class 12: PE on Tuesdays and swimming on Fridays

Class 13: PE on Tuesdays and swimming on Wednesdays

Class 14: PE on Thursdays and swimming on Tuesdays

Class 15: PE on Fridays and swimming on Mondays

Class 16: PE on Fridays and swimming on Thursdays

Year 6 SATs Week - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 12th May 2025. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 12th May: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Tuesday 13th May: Reading
- Wednesday 14th May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 15th May: Reasoning

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