

St Bartholomew's News



11th October 2024

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was taking class 13 swimming - They are always keen, cheerful and well behaved, setting a great example both walking there and in the baths and are already growing in confidence. I am so proud of how hard they try especially children who find it a bit scary. They are all trying really hard. Well done class 13!

Friday the 18th of October Wear Red Day for Anti-Racism – It could be uniform or anything red. We want to join together to help support the anti-racism message something we promote throughout school through our lessons, vision and British Values.

Worship – Our current theme is **generosity** and this week we have been looking at how we should look after and care for the beautiful earth that has been created for us so it is around for generations to come.

What we are doing to make things better - We are currently replacing a lot of ceiling tiles that were damaged when the roof was replaced over the classes in Years 5 & 6. It is looking a lot better.

Reminders

- **Health and Safety** - Children need to wear appropriate shoes for school so they can join in physical activity and play safely. Children cannot do PE or sports clubs in crocs and should not wear them for school. If your child comes to school in wellingtons due to the rain (which we get lots of!) can they please bring a change of shoes. Wearing wellies inside is dangerous, especially if they have to go up and down the stairs.
- Children cannot come into school grounds until 8.30am there is no staff on duty before this time. If they have a place in breakfast club, they must be here by 8am.
- **If your child brings a packed lunch, please send it in a lunch bag or other small bag. We have children bringing theirs in a rucksack and our trolleys do not have space for these and lunches are falling on the floor.**
- Remember to return your child's form to book a parent consultation. You can come to a face-to-face meeting or have a telephone call.
- **Flu immunisation**– If you have not already done so the deadline to complete the consent form is Monday 14th October at 8.30am. Please see the attached letter for the link to fill the form in.
- **Payments** – 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.
- **Dinners** - Please note your child must have their meal choice (school dinner or packed lunch) for a full week and changes cannot be made on a daily basis.
- **School Street** –Please remember school street restrictions, you cannot drive on Strawberry Lane between 8.15am-9am and 3-3.45pm. Even if staff are not on duty you could still be fined, we have some parents who have already been fined.

Governors Update – This week the Teaching and Learning committee have met. We presented them with our data from last year and they were very happy with how well the children had done. We explained what had worked well to support the children achieve their results and looked at what we need to do this year. This included continuing with Year 6 tutoring, phonics interventions in Years 1&2 and the work the staff do in Nursery and Reception to help prepare the children for their journey through school. Miss Appleton also attended to provide the governors with an update on our art curriculum; how it is planned and taught and to explain what an important part it plays in our children's development and education. Thank you Miss Appleton.

Schoolgateway



School Gateway App – Reminder we need everyone to download the school gateway app, as this will be how messages are sent out to parents/carers. Please make sure you have your notifications turned on so you do not miss any messages.

Attendance - Please make sure your children are on time; 8.30am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon and by 8.50am for the rest of school. It can be very upsetting for children if they have to walk into a class that has started and it impacts on their learning. Thank you

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 93%

Reception: 90.8%

Year 1 to Year 6: 94.9%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 6 -98.3%**

KS2 – Class 15 – 100%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 1

KS2 – Class 12



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

Class 1 Femi

Class 2 Saha

Class 3 Orion

Class 4 Mujtaba

Class 5 Aroush

Class 6 Rumaysa

Class 7 Yusaf

Class 8 Amira

Class 9 Aaima

Class 10 Amer

Class 11 Sukaina

Class 12 Ella

Class 13 Vivien

Class 14 Nataniel

Class 15 Mokhammed

Class 16 Israel

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have been learning about houses. We have been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' story. The children explored materials from the story: straw, sticks and bricks and used the puppets and masks to retell the story. In Maths, we have explored construction materials and various puzzles. The children worked in groups and pairs to complete models or jigsaws. It was lovely to see them working as a team. In phonics, we have been listening to animal sounds. The children have been busy creating their houses using materials from the story and painting characters too.

Reception – We have had a really busy week in Reception this week! We had an amazing time at our Little City visit on Thursday. The children engaged in role-play taking on roles of different people in the community. They did a fantastic job sharing the resources. The teachers were really proud of all the children. In Maths, we have been learning about capacity. We have been busy in the water and sand area filling different containers and using language empty and full. We have enjoyed exploring all the lovely autumn treasures you have collected this week and we will be continuing to look at Autumn and the changes we can see over the next few weeks.

Year 1 & 2 - Children in Year 1 have enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing in art this week. They have looked at the primary and secondary colours and have then looked at what happens when black and white are added to a colour. They learnt that when you add white to a colour it makes a tint and when black is added it makes a shade. In art in Year 2 this week, the children have explored different media to create a castle picture. They have learnt about the work of Leonid Afremov and used media such as chalk, oil pastels, colour pens and pencils to create different illustrated castles.

Year 3 & 4 -This week, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at what archaeologists found at a site called 'Sutton Hoo', when looking at Anglo-Saxon artifacts. We compared what they found to the Ancient Egyptians and saw some similarities in what they do once people have died. In English, we have been writing non-fiction information texts. We also really enjoyed our seed gathering workshops run by Leeds City Council. We learned more about plants, which links with our current science topic, and investigated ways plants disperse their seeds. In art, we have continued our version of 'Starry Night' and enjoyed adding paint to our creations. In RE, we have been researching festivals of light.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Science, we re-enacted the digestive system with food crushing and squeezing through a pair of tights to see how the digestive system works. In PSHE, we have looked at alcohol abuse and the story of Rory and completed an oracy lesson on how alcohol abuse can affect the person and others around him/her. In History, we have researched the Windrush Generation as part of Black History Month.

Lotherton Hall - A big thank-you to all the children who visited Lotherton Hall – their behaviour was exemplary and was commented on by Lotherton Hall staff who worked with the children.

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 the school office if you require any support in applying for secondary schools.

School Dates 2024-2025:

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 22nd November 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Friday 18th July 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

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