

St Bartholomew's News



18th October 2024

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week - Spending some time in Class 5 watching their writing lessons and seeing their lovely sentence.

Worship – Our current theme is **generosity** and this week we celebrated Harvest in school. Harvest fits perfectly with our theme of generosity and we gave thanks for what we had and reflected on children and families who are not as fortunate. We would like to thank all of you who sent a donation in for our Harvest collection, the food collected will go to help local people who sometimes need support with food.

Governors Update – the Pupil Support Committee met this week. Some of the important things they discussed:

- The summer parent survey feedback and what actions the school will be doing to make things better, this included the open evenings we held at the beginning of term.
- Our attendance data from last year and were happy we were above the national average. We explained how important attendance is and the large amount of time and resources we put into attendance and helping families when needed.
- Safeguarding and made sure all the governors had completed their training.
- The ‘Bucket Lists’ we have introduced in school. These are collections of things that we offer the children in each phase to ensure school is as enjoyable as possible and broadens their experiences.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR GOVERNING BODY AS A PARENT GOVERNOR PLEASE ASK AND WE CAN EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THE ROLE, GOVERNORS ARE VITAL AS THEY OFFER SUPPORT AND CHALLENGE TO THE SCHOOL

REMINDERS:

- **Pack Lunches** – Children who bring pack lunches must have a balanced meal that includes a sandwich of some kind or a main dish like pasta/rice salad. They cannot just have sweet snacks. They are allowed to bring **one** cake bar/chocolate biscuit. Ideally their lunch should have fruit or veg in it too. Chocolate bars and sweets are not allowed and will be taken off children and returned at home time, nor are fizzy or energy drinks.
- **School Streets** – We may not be on the road every day as we do not have the time but the driving restrictions still apply between 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm. You are not allowed to drive up Strawberry Lane between those times and may be fined.
- **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 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.



Bonfire Night Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 8th November, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office or parentpay by Monday 4th November, 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.

Absences for Religious Reasons - From this year pupils are permitted up to three days absence per year for religious observance. This includes a day's authorised absence for religious observance at Eid-ul-Fitr and up to another 2 days at Eid-ul-Adha if they fall on a school day. This should be requested in writing from the head teacher in advance when the dates are known. **The day(s) taken as absence must be exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong.**

If you require your child to fast as part of your religious observance, this must be put in writing.

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

Nursery: 93.8%

Reception: 92%

Year 1 to Year 6: 95.8%

Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 -97.9%

KS2 – Class 10 - 99.2%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 6

KS2 – Class 14



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

Class 1 Safiyya

Class 2 Yusuf

Class 3 Daniel

Class 4 Deontay

Class 5 Kevin

Class 6 Jesse

Class 7 Chelsea

Class 8 Bella

Class 9 Hamza

Class 10 Patric

Class 11 Jacob

Class 12 Aaila

Class 13 Tamara

Class 14 Hamza

Class 15 Yusra

Class 16 Shoaib

Weekly Round Up

Nursery –This week we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have talked about inspirational people. We have read a book 'Look Up' about a girl who has been inspired by first African-American woman astronaut, Mae Jemison. We looked at traditional clothes and food. We would like to thank all the parents who sent in the photographs as well as 'greetings' in their home languages - the children enjoyed sharing them with their peers and grown-ups. In phonics, we have learnt 'African drum' song and explored instruments including African drums 'djembe'. The children also enjoyed moving to music from around the world. In Maths, we have counted blocks and used fingers to point to blocks as we counted them. The children have made lovely colourful necklaces, rockets and explored 'gloop'.

Reception – In Reception this week, we have been exploring patterns. We have looked at repeating patterns, talked about the rule of each pattern and spotted mistakes. We have created our own repeating patterns using loose parts, counters, shapes and by printing with cotton reels. In drawing club, we have read the story 'Mixed a World of Colour'. We have enjoyed drawing the characters and the setting and have talked about the importance of celebrating our differences and showing kindness to others.

Year 1 & 2 - This week children in Class 4 have really enjoyed their walk around Armley. They have looked at different places such as the Church, Town Street and the Leisure Centre. As part of their History lessons, the children have been exploring their local area and how it has changed over the years. Children in Class 3 will be going on their walk on Friday the 25th of October. In Year 2 this week, the children have been exploring 3D shapes in Maths. They have learnt the vocabulary 'edges', 'vertices' and 'faces' that they have used to describe the properties of shapes such as cubes, cylinders, pyramids, prisms and spheres. In their oracy lesson children worked as a team to verbally describe shapes and their properties. Children in Classes 5 and 6 will have received their Skipton Castle letters for their visits after the holidays. If these could be returned quickly that would be fantastic!

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been writing kennings, which are a form of short poems. In PSHE, we have been learning about the dangers of vapes and what they do to our bodies. In History, we have been reviewing all of our learning on the Anglo-Saxons. In Science, we have been looking at a female scientist called Jeanne Baret, who was a botanist and the first woman to sail around the world. In art, we enjoyed creating self-portraits in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English this week, we have been finishing our non-chronological reports about World War 2. In Art, we have used water colours to paint our poppies ready for our landscapes next week. In History, we wrote about how Britain won the Battle of Britain and discussed the war effort. In RE, we have been making presentations on what we have learnt about the symbols in Sikhism.

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

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