

St Bartholomew's News



25th October 2024

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

It is the end of the first term of the year and it has been a fantastic start to the year. We wish you all a happy half term and look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 4th November.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was spending time in Class 15, their art work was lovely.

Worship – Our current theme is **generosity** and this week we reflected on how working together can make tasks much easier. We looked at the story of a school who worked together to build a special garden, a bit like the staff at St Bart’s are doing with the Science garden. We also looked at the bible story of how the people worked together to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. It relates to the proverb ‘**Many hands make light work**’ We also reflected on our Big Question, ‘**Does being generous have to cost you money?**’, and the we agreed it did not. The children came up with some great ideas, you can be generous with your time, make something for someone or pass on something you no longer need anymore. We also talked about the **British Values** of Respect and Liberty.

What we are doing to make things better - As a school, we pride ourselves on being inclusive. To help develop inclusivity within our school we have started our journey towards gaining The Leeds Communication Friendly setting standard. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and it will embed effective communication skills throughout school to enable children to achieve their academic potential. By achieving the standard, our school will:

- Develop our environment so it is communication friendly.
- Ensure opportunities for communication are common practice throughout the day.
- Quality adult interaction that is effective in supporting children in all areas of language development, regardless of learning ability.
- Independent and communicative children

We are excited to progress in our journey towards the Leeds Communication Friendly Setting award and we believe it will make a positive impact on all the children at St Bartholomew’s.

Governors Update –

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 – deadline Monday 4th November

REMINDERS:

- As the weather gets colder and wetter, we ask children bring a coat (labelled with their name) and sensible shoes, shoes or trainers (NOT CROCS). If your children come in wellies, they need to bring a change of shoes. Thank you
- **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.



Congratulations!

The winners of the raffle for all those who returned their data sheets are:

Winner of the Scooter: Kateeja Class 11

Runners up: Pearl Nursery Aiza Class 4 Ayesha Class 7 Zamin Class 8





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.

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
Well done to all the children who have great attendance for the first half term. They each receive 100 Trackit points. Keep it up. Let us see who achieves this before Christmas and receives a certificate and prize.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 91.8%

Reception: 90.9%

Year 1 to Year 6: 94.9%

Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 99.7%

KS2 – Class 12 99.3%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 3

KS2 – Class 16



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

Class 7 Ibby

Class 8 Daniel

Class 9 Edward

Class 10 Brandon

Class 11 Raheim

Class 12 Yusuf

Class 13 Christian

Class 14 Jaden

Class 15 Avah

Class 16 Ariana

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – In our last week of term, we have been exploring harvest vegetable: pumpkin. The children loved looking at them, describing and painting them. We have been ordering them according to their size and checking which ones are heavy and light. We opened them up and saw what was inside. In phonics, we have read pumpkin stories and the children learnt pumpkin song '5 little pumpkins'. We have also experimented of making strong fences for our munchkin pumpkins. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Classroom Kitchen. The children enjoyed chopping fruit and making their own fruit cups and guacamole.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about Autumn and the changes that we can see happening in our wonderful world. We have listened to lots of different autumn stories and learnt the song 'Autumn leaves are falling down'. We have used lots of natural resources to create artwork including leaf crowns, spiky hedgehogs and trees. We have enjoyed rolling pinecones and conkers down ramps, through tubes talking about how they look, feel, and smell.

Year 1 & 2 - Children in Year 1 have been exploring their senses in Science and how they help them to find out about the world around them. They have looked at the 5 senses and the different parts of the body associated with these. This week they focused on the sense of smell. Children had fun exploring different smells such as oranges, vinegar, eggs and soap and classified them into smells they like and smells they do not like. In Year 2 this week in Science, the children have enjoyed investigating changing the shape of materials. They have used the words 'bend, squash, twist, stretch, pull and push' to describe how they can change the shape of materials such as playdough. They then worked in pairs to demonstrate how they could change their bodies into different shapes by bending, twisting and stretching. Please can we remind families that on PE days children need to come to school in trainers and that earrings are taken out at home if possible on these days.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have been looking at a famous black woman called Bessie Coleman, who overcame many obstacles in her life. In Art, we have been drawing our own self-portraits in the style of Van Gogh, as we near the end of our unit of work about him and his famous works of Art. In French, Year 3 have been enjoying performing their French play scripts and Year 4 have been practising Duolingo. All children have login details and can use this app at home for free. In English, we have been writing and performing our kenning poems.

Art Gallery - On Friday 8th November, Year 3 parents/carers are invited to come and see some of your children's artwork from this term. We have been studying Van Gogh and have created some lovely pieces of art that we would love to showcase. As you collect your child, they will show you up to our spare classroom where you can look at our masterpieces!

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Art, we have finished our World War 2 landscapes inspired by the artist Jacqueline Hurley. We have started our new topic in Geography this week: Mountains. In our first lesson, we have used atlases to locate the Seven Summits. In English, we have completed a week of creative writing – basing our writing around a scary setting!

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>

School Dates 2024-2025:

Friday 25 th October 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th November 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 22nd November 2024	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 20 th December 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14 th February 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 24 th February 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 21st March 2025	Training Day - No Children in School
Friday 4 th April 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 5th May 2025	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 13th June 2025	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 18 th July 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Monday 1 st September 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 19 th December 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 th January 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 13 th February 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 23 rd February 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 20 th April 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 4th May 2026	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 1 st June 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm

Training Days for 2025-2026 to confirmed