

St Bartholomew's News



8th November 2024

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

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, slightly shorter at seven weeks than the first half term. We hope all our children and families enjoyed their half term and those who celebrated Diwali had a great time with their family and friends. Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended a consultation either in person or on the phone. The days are getting colder and damp and we expect all children to be coming to school in a coat or jacket at this time of year. There will be many exciting things going on this half term and we expect all the children to be here, on time to enjoy them.



Well done to Khadija in Class 11, she won the scooter in the raffle for returning your data sheet.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week – Hearing about Year 3 Art Gallery and how proud they are of their work, I hope the parents who visited enjoyed it.

Worship – This week we discussed **spirituality** - Something everyone can experience regardless of their religion, culture or beliefs and the ‘Golden Moments’ the children experience. This includes looking at the beauty of the world around us, our visits and special visitors and activities.

What we are doing to make things better - Mr Horsey’s class has had new LED lights and ceiling over the half term. This was much needed but had to wait until the roof above had been replaced over summer. We used some special money schools get to be more energy efficient.

Governors Update – We have two new parent governors for school. They are Mr Oyemezie and Mr Adenitire they will be joining our meetings in the New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming them and thank them for taking on the role.

REMINDERS

- No crocs or sandals in school please, they are not appropriate in this weather and can be dangerous.
- Wellies are great for walking to school in bad weather but unfortunately can be quite dangerous in school and we have had trips and slips because of them. If your child comes in them, they need to bring a change of shoes. Thanks
- **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.



Odd Sock Day - As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 13th November to help raise awareness of bullying. Children will be encouraged to wear odd socks to act as a celebration of their individuality and uniqueness.



Children in Need - On Friday 15th November we will be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. Children can bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 (or more) if they wish in support of the day.



Primary School Application - If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025 please make sure, you complete the online application on or before 15th January 2025. If you require any help with your application, please contact Mrs Drake in the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or want to speak to one of the SLT and it is not urgent, you can email them and they will get back to you as soon as they can. If it is a quick question we are around in a morning or after school.

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year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk

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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 the winners of last half term's raffles for - being in school every Friday, being in school for the full last week of term and for having over 96%. **IT COULD BE YOU THIS HALF TERM!!!**

Week Before Half Term attendance

Nursery: 93.3%

Reception: 91%

Year 1 to Year 6: 94%

Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 3 - 95.7%

KS2 – Class 14 – 98.3%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 2

KS2 – Class 13



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



Class 1 Alizah

Class 1 Hadiya

Class 2 Olu

Class 2 Reggie

Class 3 Judy

Class 3 Keira

Class 4 Denis

Class 4 Alyshia

Class 5 Tyler

Class 5 Harmanjot

Class 6 Tina

Class 6 William

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – New half term in Nursery is all about colours. This week we have learnt about Diwali and Bonfire Night. We have read 'Binny's Diwali' story and have learnt about how to be safe during Bonfire Night. In small groups, we have worked together, to make Rangoli patterns. We made little divas out of playdough and used collage to make fireworks. In phonics, we have listened to firework sounds and learnt new songs: Diwali and firework songs and '5 little firemen'. In Maths, we have noticed number symbols as labels. The children matched the right amount of objects to the corresponding numbers 1 2 3. Outside we have practiced our gross motor skills. The children had a go in walking on stilts and played balls and bats with their friends.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have started our new topic 'celebrations'. We have been sharing our experiences of Bonfire Night talking about why we celebrate Bonfire Night and some of the traditions that happen each year. We have created our own sparklers using arts straws, ribbons, and tissue paper. We used a range of materials to create firework art and used our bodies to move like fireworks in the night sky talking about the sounds they make. In R.E, we have been talking about Diwali and how it is celebrated around the world. We have created our own rangoli patterns, mehndi designs and clay diya lamps.

Year 1 & 2 - Welcome back to a new half term! We have lots of exciting things happening this half term. Year 1 are beginning their new topic - Fun Times and Festivals. As part of this topic, the children will be learning about a range of different festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Children will be having a special Diwali Day soon when Mrs Sagoo will be sharing how Diwali is celebrated and children will look at special clothing and objects used in this celebration. As part of this day, we will be celebrating the diversity of our school community and will be giving children the opportunity to talk about festivals from their own religions. Families will receive a letter soon explaining more! Next week will be extremely exciting for Year 2. The children are continuing their topic of Castles, Kings and Queens and both classes will be visiting Skipton Castle. Class 6 on Monday 11th of November and Class 5 on Thursday 14th of November. Please can we remind families that children will need to come in school uniform and with a warm coat and suitable shoes as the visit is mainly outdoors. We also have an author visiting Year 2 next week on Wednesday 13th of November. Her name is Caryl Hart and she will be sharing her book 'Meet The Weather' with the children.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have started looking at fairy tales from around the world in English. We have enjoyed using Project Evolve to look at online safety in our computing lessons, and look forward to doing some coding using scratch in the coming weeks. In Science, we have been classifying rocks. During our Geography lesson, we have been looking at maps to locate some megacities, which is our new topic for this half term. In PE, we are doing dance and tag rugby this half term. Children have also received their trip letters for the coal mining museum and the theatre. Please get these back as soon as possible.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Geography, we have looked at how mountains were formed and we have then created our own fold mountains. In English, we have investigated the differences between formal and informal language and looked at examples of formal and informal writing. In Design and Technology, we have looked at the skills involved in sewing and practiced basic sewing skills.

Homework - Children are expected to read their reading book at home every night. We also encourage children to use Reading Plus at home. Each week, children will be set the following homework on Emile: grammar, punctuation, spelling and Math's. Homework is given on a Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday. There is a homework club every Monday and Thursday lunchtime for any children wishing to complete their homework in school.

Secondary School Applications

Thank-you to all the families who have completed their child's secondary school application. Please click on the following link for further guidance and links to applying for secondary schools if you still have not completed the application.

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

School Dates 2024-2025:

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

Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Friday 18th July 2025

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

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School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day - No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closed May Bank Holiday

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm