

St Bartholomew's News



15th November 2024

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the children join in by wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week. It is important we celebrate our differences and that our children know what to do and who to speak to if they have any problems. This is an important way we can show the British Values of **Tolerance and Respect**.

Worship – Our current theme is **compassion** and this week we talked about how we can show compassion and kindness to others. Something our children do really well in school. The children wrote a compassion poem in class worship. This is a way to demonstrate the **British Value of Respect**. We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**Drive**’ and how we can have a strong desire to do something, it maybe something small like completing a task well in lesson or much bigger like to become a footballer when you are older.

What we are doing to make things better - Mr Blackburn has managed to get a small number of bikes for the children to use in physical activity and in groups. If they prove a hit with the children, we may look at getting more. What a fun and fantastic way to keep fit and healthy.

REMINDERS/UPDATES

- We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor and an After School Club Play Worker. More details can be found on the LCC website or ask at the office for an application pack.
- Children need to start bringing a coat, please label this with their name. Also, label all jumpers/cardigans as these are often removed during the day. If you ask, we can do this for 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.



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.

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.

Do not forget the end of term raffles for being in school every Friday, all the last week of term and for having over 96% attendance. **Need to be in it to win it!**

Siblings – We know that sometimes our children get ill at the same time. However this is not always the case, we have an increasing number of children who parents report are not coming in because their brother or sister is ill. If one child in the family is ill, the others **must** attend. Thank you.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 88.8%

Reception: 93.4%

Year 1 to Year 6: 94.8%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 4 – 96.7%**

KS2 – Class 8 – 98.3%



Well done to the best classes: **KS1 – Class 1**

KS2 – Class 10



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

*Class 7 Chelsea
Class 9 Darrel
Class 11 James
Class 13 Hafsa
Class 15 Jamie*

*Class 7 Milan
Class 9 Dominykas
Class 11 Jason
Class 13 Micheal
Class 15 Elhadj*

*Class 8 Isabella F
Class 10 Raphael
Class 12 Jethro
Class 14 Zoya
Class 16 Tara*

*Class 8 Arman
Class 10 Emilia
Class 12 Ire
Class 14 Darasimi
Class 16 Victory*

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We have been very busy this week in Nursery. On Monday, the children learnt about Remembrance Day and we are all very proud of them as the children sat beautifully during 2 minutes silence. That day the children looked at poppies, painted them and made the poppies using red playdough. On Tuesday was an Odd Sock Day. We looked at our odd socks and the children decorated their own socks using paint/collage and crayons. We have also talked about being kind to others and the children have been choosing different friends to play with every day. In phonics, we have listened to animal sounds and in Maths; we have been sorting objects into colours and counting them.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies and have 2 minutes of silence. We have listened to stories and learnt a poem all about Remembrance Day. We have been making our own poppies by printing using different tools. In drawing club, we have been listening to Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have drawn some amazing pictures of Goldilocks and the Bears cottage and have tried really hard to write some simple words using sound mats to support. In Maths, we have been using part whole models to show composition of numbers.

Year 1 & 2 - This week children in Year 1 have really enjoyed exploring poetry in English. They have listened to poems about fireworks and have thought about the sounds that fireworks make. The children worked in pairs to write their own firework poems and then thought about how they could perform them to one another in their oracy lesson. This week the children in Year 2 have loved their visit to Skipton Castle. They were able to spot the features of a castle that they have previously learned about - all children were super at recalling facts about castles and the guides at the castle were very impressed. Well done to the children for their excellent behaviour during the visits - they asked many questions and showed great listening skills during the tour of the castle.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have carried on reading fairy tales, Year 4 enjoyed writing character descriptions about the main character. In DT, we have been looking at strengthening paper to make a bridge. This term we are making photo frames. In Geography, we have been looking at megacities, and this week we learned about Baghdad and why it was the first city to reach a population of 1 million people. In PSHE, we are looking at bullying, following on from our workshop last week. It is also anti bullying week this week. In Science, we enjoyed walking around the local area on a rock hunt.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In observance of Remembrance Day, we have created some art work to show respect. We picked a Remembrance Day picture and cut it into pieces and then filled in the missing gaps with our own drawings. In DT, we practiced our running stitch and sewed two pieces of fabric. On Tuesday, we embraced wearing odd socks to celebrate diversity, acceptance and inclusion across our multicultural school.

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 lunchtimes 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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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