

St Bartholomew's News



29th November 2024

"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was listening to how much the choir loved joining in the performance at Pudsey Civic Hall. They were excited and we are very proud of them.

Worship – Our current theme is **compassion** and this week we looked at how you show compassion, kindness, patience and gentleness by how you act and treat others. Helping each other in school is an important part of our vision, showing **respect** and working **together**. These qualities also support the **British Values**. By being compassionate and kind we are showing; **respect and tolerance** of others and **liberty**, we are choosing to help other people.

What we are doing to make things better. Many of the staff had training on Friday to help us better understand children's behaviour and how to support children who may at times need a bit of extra support. It is important that we keep our skills up to date. Unfortunately, we do not just have the training day off!!

Governors Update – The **Resources Committee** met this week to discuss the budget, all schools need to make sure they get value for money and make the best of what we have. They also ask school about things like fire and emergency plans and first aid training to make sure we are as safe as possible for our children and staff.

REMINDERS/UPDATES

- **HEALTH AND SAFETY** – children **must not** be on the school site before the doors open at 8.30am. Unfortunately, last week there was an accident where a child broke their wrist and they were on their own outside. There are no staff outside to supervise children only those in breakfast club. For this reason we will be locking the pedestrian gate after breakfast club closes until the start of the day. Anyone will need to buzz to get in between those times.
- We do have regular fire drills and plan for different kinds of emergencies. This is to make sure the children and staff are as prepared as possible. If you have any questions about this please ask.
- **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.
- **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.



Card Payments – Due to increasing costs, we will no longer be accepting any card payments under £5.

Nursery – We still have places in Nursery at the moment. If you have a child who is 3 or 4 years old who is not currently in Nursery, please ask at the office about places. It is a great opportunity to develop those early skills, make friends and prepare for when they start reception.



Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 13th December. If you want your child to have a dinner that day and they usually have packed lunch, it can be ordered at the office and let us know of any allergies by **Monday 9th December** the cost is £2.10 for Nursery and £2.20 Year 3-6 and can be paid by ParentPay or cash. You can see the menu on our website and in the noticeboards.



Primary School Application - If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, you can now apply online. 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 - It's that time of year when coughs and cold and bugs are around. If your child is too unwell for school, they need to stay at home. However if they just have just a minor sniffle and cold please send them, every day counts. Can we also remind you that when one child is ill their brothers and sisters must come to school.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 89.5%

Reception: 90.7%

Year 1 to Year 6: 93.5%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Classes 3 & 6 – 95% KS2 – Class 15 – 93.4%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 6

KS2 – Class 11



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

Class 1 Mayya

Class 1 Karson

Class 2 Zayaan Q

Class 2 Aisha

Class 3 Kairo

Class 3 Ruqayyah

Class 4 Aurora

Class 4 Arshdeep

Class 5 Adam G

Class 5 Isaac

Class 6 Kim

Class 6 Alex

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have continued to learn about colours. Our text for this week has been 'Elmer'. We have looked at patchwork design and created our own patterned elephants. We made Elmers using milk bottles and collage materials. In Maths, we have continued to learn and we practiced some of the positional language words. We have also counted candles onto cakes and used subitising to 3. In phonics, we listened to rhyming stories, played 'Noisy neighbour' and musical statues games. The children have also been practising songs for our Christmas Nativity concert and we are really impressed how well they know the songs.

Reception – This week in Reception, we continued to talk about birthdays and how we celebrate. We have talked about how birthdays are celebrated in different countries around the world. In drawing club, we have been listening to the story 'were going on a bear hunt'. We have been retelling the story using puppets and props and have created our own obstacle courses in the outdoor area to go under, over and through. The children are working really hard to learn the songs and lines for our Christmas concert. If your child has a speaking part please practice their words at home.

Year 1 & 2 - In Maths this week the children in Year 1 have been learning how to add and subtract one and two from a given number. They have used practical resources such as ten frames and number lines to help them. The children have learnt the words 'more', 'less' and 'fewer'. In Year 2 the children have been learning how to add 2 digit numbers. Firstly, they used the tens and ones counters to see what happened when you add two numbers on a place value grid. Children were able to count the number of tens and ones in each column to find the total. They did so well that they then moved onto drawing the tens and ones onto a grid to add together. This is the first step in moving to the written method for addition and we are so pleased with the progress the children made this week.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed reading fairy tales and writing our own, with strong female characters who overcome challenges. In Geography, we have been looking at capital cities, and why Brazil moved their capital to a different place. In PSHE, we have been looking at what bullying is, and how we could help somebody if we knew they were being bullied. We now understand bullying is a regular event, and not a onetime thing. In DT, we have been starting to look at our designs for our photo frames that we are making this before Christmas. Class 7 also enjoyed their trip to the National Coal Mining Museum, where they extended their knowledge of rocks and soils and experienced what it was like down in the mines.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Geography, we have been looking at mountain ranges in the UK and identifying and learning about the highest peaks using atlases. In Design and Technology, we have been designing our own giftable decoration. In English, we have been learning about biographies and what makes a good biography.

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

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.

School Dates 2024-2025:

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

Monday 5th May 2025

School Closed May Bank Holiday

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