

St Bartholomew's News



13th December 2024

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

THANK YOU!!

A great big thank you to all our parents who completed an OFSTED survey or spoke to an inspector. I would also like to thank all the parents who have spoken to me and offered their support directly. Your support really means a lot to us.

REMINDERS/UPDATES

- **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.



Milk - We will be providing children in Years 1-6 with the opportunity to have milk in school for the spring term. Nursery and Reception children already receive it free of charge. For children entitled to benefit related free school meals this will be free but you must still complete a form for the spring term requesting this for your child, for all others it must be ordered and paid for in advance for the term. The cost for the spring term will be £18.00. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 9th December. **All forms must be completed and returned to the office by Monday 16th December. Payments can be made by ParentPay or card at the office, if you would like to pay by ParentPay, please call or message the office to let us know then we can add it to your account. We cannot accept late payments, as we need to order the milk in advance. Once this has been paid, we cannot provide refunds.**



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 – Please make sure your children attend next week, it is the last week and there will be some fun things going on and it is still important all children attend. We will be drawing the attendance and Christmas raffle next Friday. Thank you

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 85%

Reception: 94.2%

Year 1 to Year 6: 93.8%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have decorated our Nursery with Christmas trees and tinsel. The children were engaged in variety of Christmas activities. They decorated stockings and Christmas trees. In Maths, the children counted out presents and ordered Christmas hats from 0-5 and beyond. In phonics, we sang lots of Christmas songs and revisited some of the instruments. The children were happy writing Christmas cards and posting them through our post box. On Wednesday we had our Nativity, the children have sung beautifully and we are very proud of them. Thank you to all the adults who joined our concert.

Reception – We have had a very busy but fantastic week in Reception! We are so proud of all the children for their performance in our concert. They showed such confidence and bravery to get on stage and speak, dance and sing. Thank you to everyone that came to watch. If you were unable to attend, there will be a video recording of the performance on the website in the next week or so. We have been reading the story the Christmas pine this week. We have enjoyed creating Christmas tree art using lots of different materials. We have decorated our Christmas tree in the home corner every day with baubles, lights and tinsel! We are looking forward to reading the story 'stick man's next week and getting ready for our Christmas party on Wednesday.

Year 1 & 2 - Children in Year 1 and 2 have had a very exciting week. The children loved performing their Christmas show to their families. The children have worked very hard with their dances and play and we are so proud of them all. Next week we are looking forward to making our Christmas cards and calendars to take home as well as our Christmas party on Thursday. Children are able to come into school on Thursday in their party clothes ready for games and a disco. All the staff in Years 1 and 2 would like to wish all our children and families a very merry Christmas and happy 2025!

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have started looking at similes and metaphors, whilst looking at Christmas poems. In Geography, we have been designing a megacity, thinking carefully about things that it would have to have, such as hospitals, shops and schools. We also enjoyed our treasure hunt locally. In Science, we have finished our topic on rocks, fossils and soil. Class 8 also enjoyed their trip to the theatre and classes 8 and 11 enjoyed their trip to the coal-mining museum.

Year 5 & 6 – Swimming - There will be no swimming lessons in the last week of term (week beginning 16th December). Swimming lessons will start again in the second week of the Spring Term (week beginning 13th January).

Homework - There will be no homework set next week. Children can still access Reading Plus at home, if they want to access additional work.

Lessons - In RE, we have been learning about the story of Jonah and discussing key events. In French, we have enjoyed translating directions in French into English and locating key buildings on a map. In PE, we have continued developing our rugby skills, including passing and moving.

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