

St Bartholomew's News



17th January 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week is seeing all the children after the very disrupted start to the New Year. It is great to get back to normal.

Worship – Our current theme is **courage** and this week we started talking about what it means to be courageous. This is also our attribute for this half term.

Reminders

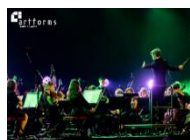
- All holidays should be taken during the school holidays. If you need an absence from school, you must discuss this in advance with Mrs Wainwright.
- Nursery children must be in by 8.40am, it is very difficult when they are brought late, as it requires a member of staff to leave Nursery and collect them and this impacts the other children.
- Please remember we are a non-smoking site and this includes vaping, can you also remind any older siblings you send to collect your children.
- **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.



Headlice - Head Lice are a common problem in school-aged children. They cannot be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.



Number Day Friday 7th February - We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating Number Day on 7th February 2025 to raise money for NSPCC. We ask the children, and staff to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a voluntary donation of £1. This could be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt? The most original homemade t-shirt from each year group will receive a prize on the day!



City of Leeds Youth Music Open Rehearsals - If you are thinking of joining one of the City of Leeds Youth Music Groups, come to one of our open rehearsals to see if it's right for you. Click on the groups below for more information.

Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra (LYJRO) Tuesday 21st January 2025 5.00pm to 7.00pm **(Please note we are only looking for Saxophone, Trombone and Trumpet players only for LYJRO).**

Leeds Schools Wind Orchestra (LSWO) Tuesday 21st January 2025 5.15pm to 6.45pm

Leeds Youth Singers (LYS) Tuesday 21st January 2025 5.30pm to 7.00pm

City of Leeds Youth Training Orchestra (CLYTO) Friday 24th January 2025 6.45pm to 8.45pm

Roots Alive Friday 24th January 2025 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Leeds Schools Brass Ensemble (LSBE) Friday 24th January 2025 5.15pm to 6.15pm

Leeds Schools Strings Orchestra (LSSO) Friday 24th January 2025 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Please contact educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk if you wish to come along and try out!

Contacting school – We want to make sure that we answer any questions and address any concerns as soon as possible before they become bigger issues. The senior staff are out and about every morning and after school if you want to speak to us. There are also emails you can contact us on or you can ask at the office if you want someone to contact you. We are happy to help and know that any issues are best dealt with as soon as possible.

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nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk

reception@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Attendance - Make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. Children from Reception to Year 6 must be in by 8.50am. Thank you

Last week's attendance

The data from last week was severely affected by the weather so we are starting tracking data from this week, last week's data will not count towards any rewards.



Well done to the best classes: **KS1 – Class 4**

KS2 – Class 16



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

Class 7 Ibrahim A

Class 7 Hamdullah

Class 8 Chelsea

Class 8 Arman

Class 9 Alyssia

Class 9 Aahil D

Class 10 Melisa

Class 10 Hokay

Class 11 Tahlia

Class 11 Raheim

Class 12 Marcel

Class 12 Anayah

Class 13 Esme

Class 13 Carlysta

Class 14 Victoria

Class 14 Emmanuel

Class 15 Oscar

Class 15 Bernice

Class 16 Anayah

Class 16 Blake

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – What an exciting week it has been! When we came to school on Tuesday, we found big and small bear footprints leading to our bear cave! The children have been very eager to find the bears. They used magnifying glasses and searched the Nursery but sadly, no bears have been found. This week has been all about bears. We made bear caves, painted bears and read lots and lots of bear stories, some in the dark with the use of a torch. We counted bears and added the right amount of bears to the corresponding number cave. Our song of the week has been 'the bear went over the mountain'. The children have also been excited to share their favourite bears with us this week.

Reception – This week in Reception we have continued to spend time looking at maps. We have been learning what maps are used for and why they are important. We have found Leeds on the map and have made our own maps of the local area. In drawing club, we have been listening to the story Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have been drawing the characters from the story and describing the troll. In Maths, we have been finding one more and one less counting forward and backwards.

Year 1 & 2 - This week in Year 1, the children have been investigating what an explorer is as part of their History topic. They have thought about migration and how people in the past have discovered new places. Children have looked at pictures of famous explorers in the past such as Ernest Shackleton, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They have looked for clues in the pictures to think about how long ago these people lived. The children in Year 2 have enjoyed the start of their History topic on the Great Fire of London. They have learnt about the events that led up to the fire and what happened as a result. Children worked in groups to create a timeline of events and then used this to verbally retell the story of the Great Fire.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Class 10 enjoyed their trip to the theatre to see 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We also sent a letter last week telling Class 11 about their rescheduled show, which they missed because of the weather. We have all had our Roman days now, where we got dressed up as Romans and learned more about them. We also learned about Boudica and how the Romans nearly lost Britain. In PSHE, we are looking at strengths and challenges this term, and this week we looked at all of our achievements in our lives so far. In French, Year 3 have been looking at the names of different foods and Year 4 have been looking at the names of pets. In PE, we have started our new units on gymnastics and fitness.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Art, we have enjoyed learning about the artist, MC Escher. In History, we have looked at how Islam spread quickly around the world. In English, we have started reading our new book, Skellig and enjoyed writing emails to Michael's friends.

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 homework the following on Emile: grammar, punctuation, spelling and Maths. Homework is set 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.

Year 6 SATs briefing - We will be holding a SATs information session for families on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm. The event will start at 6pm and will last no longer than one hour.

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

School Dates 2024-2025:

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