

St Bartholomew's News



24th January 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was spending time in class 10, they were a fantastic class to teach.

OFSTED - We hope you had chance to read the OFSTED report, it is only a short reflection of a very intense two days. The children were fantastic and we were so proud of them. Once again thank you to all who completed their survey, we did not see your comments but we were told they were amazingly positive. We will make sure we look at their feedback and over time will make any changes we think will help us improve what we do for our children. I would also like to thank all the staff who were involved in what is never an easy process, I am very proud to work with them. Mrs Wainwright.

Worship – Our current theme and attribute is **courage** and this week we read the bible story about Moses showing courage to lead his people to safety. Lots of children contributed in worship and told us about things that scare them when they have to show courage and be brave. KS1 learned a new song and we worked together on the actions. We also talked about the **British Values** of **Respect**, where we said we needed to understand what others may be fearful of and **Liberty**, having the choice to help someone be courageous.

What we are doing to make things better - We are currently looking at how we can provide more activities for children when they are out at break and lunch.

Governors Update – The Teaching and Learning committee met and Mr Leadbeater told them all about our fantastic music curriculum and wider opportunities. They were impressed with all we do and with how enthusiastic a leader Mr Leadbeater is – music is in safe hands! They also talked about our school data and started to discuss our fantastic OFSTED report.

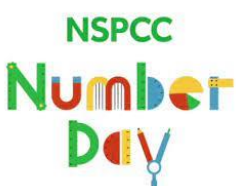
REMINDERS:

- **Uniform** – please make sure children come to school in their uniform, including the correct PE kit. If you are unsure or need any support please ask.
- **False Nails** – children should not come to school in false nails, they are not appropriate and can be very dangerous. We had an incident this week where a child was hurt because of them.
- **School Street** – the restrictions on Strawberry Lane put in place by the council are in place whether staff are on duty or not. I know some parents do not like this restriction but children were being hurt due to all the cars driving and parking outside school. You can be fined for driving on Strawberry Lane during the restricted times.

8.15am – 9am and 3pm to 3.45pm

We are monitoring this and do not expect staff to be verbally abused when we tell you about this restriction, thank 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.



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!

Attendance - PUNCTUALITY - 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. Last week our attendance would have been much higher if children had been in school for registration. We are struggling to manage the late children at the office – **our staff are already in lessons with the children and cannot keep stopping to collect and support children who are late.** It is also distressing for the children who have to walk in to a lesson that has already started and they then do not fully understand.

Last week's attendance - was fantastic – thank you

Nursery: 96.6%

Reception: 96.3%

Year 1 to Year 6: 96.6%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 4 & 6 – 97.3%

KS2 – Class 8 – 99.3%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 3

KS2 – Class 9



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

Class 1 Denis

Class 1 Alaia

Class 2 Amal

Class 2 Elayna

Class 3 Theo

Class 3 Laiken

Class 4 Daniyal

Class 4 Denis

Class 5 Mussa

Class 5 Ismail

Class 6 Lola

Class 6 Zaynab

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week our focus text has been 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. We have built houses, beds and chairs for Goldilocks and the bears using construction blocks. We have learnt 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears' song and continued singing 'The bear went over the mountain' in the outdoor area while travelling under and over various outdoor equipment. In Maths, we have revised sizes and sort bears, chairs, bowls, spoons and shapes into big/medium/small categories. In phonics we listened to lots of bear books, sang bear songs and explored simple rhyming words. Our older pupils had a go in writing/copying letters from their name cards and our younger pupils made few pattern marks.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have talked about London and learnt that is the capital city of England. We have looked at London landmarks and have used large and small-scale construction materials to create Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. We painted flags to attach to our models. After talking about how there are lots of red buses in London we read the story the Naughty Red Bus. The children really enjoyed talking about what mischief the bus was getting up to throughout the day. In Maths, we have been exploring composition of amounts and finding different ways to make 4.

Year 1 & 2 - Exciting News!!

Next week we have some exciting curriculum days for children in Years 1 and 2. On Monday the 27th January, Year 2 (Classes 5 and 6) will be taking part in a special Great Fire of London Day. They will be visited by Sir William Petty - a character from 1666 who will help them understand more about the events of the Great Fire and learn from his friend Samuel Pepys, who write a diary about what happened.

On Tuesday 28th January Year 1 (Classes 3 and 4) will be taking part in a Polar Explorers Day delivered by Dantastic Education. They will be visited by a Polar explorer and will look at the different artefacts and equipment which was used to help adventurers successfully visit the polar regions. Both days are sure to be exciting opportunities in bringing our curriculum to life. You will be able to see them in action on our website later in the week.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been learning to use inverted commas to punctuate speech. We have continued to read the Iron Man and Year 4 have been using inference skills to think deeper about the story. In RE, we have continued looking at Judaism and what a covenant is. In science, we have been looking at how light reflects on some materials and how this can help us think about reflective jackets that can keep us safe when we are near roads. In History, we have been looking at a lady called Claudia, who was a commanders wife. We were amazed to see that she had written the oldest letter found and what this told us about the Romans.

Bikeability- Sessions for Year 4 pupils will take place next week on the following days: (weather permitting)

Monday - Children who cannot ride a bike yet

Tuesday - Class 10 riders

Wednesday - Class 9 and 11 riders

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In History, we have been comparing Anglo Saxons settlements compared to Baghdad in the Islamic Civilisation. In Music, we have been rehearsing and performing La Bamba. In Art, we have been completing tessellation patterns – planning designs ready to complete them next week.

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