

# St Bartholomew's News



**31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week is seeing the children grow in confidence during their biking sessions.

**Worship** – Our current theme is **courage** and this week we continued to share in class worship times when we have to be courageous and this is different for different people.

**Fasting** – We know at primary school age children do not have to fast during Ramadan however If you do want your child to fast in school I would like to reassure you that we will ensure your wishes are met and we will monitor them closely especially during times of physical activity, including PE and break times. If you and your child have decided that they are fasting **you must talk to Mr Needham, Mr Waters or Mrs Wainwright so we can put plans in place, thank you.**

**Governors Update – The Pupil Support committee** met this week and the governors discussed the behaviour principles they write for the school in line with our behaviour policy. They also discussed attendance. They were very pleased with the positive outcome from OFSTED regarding the provision we make for children who have special and additional needs.

**Play Scheme** – There will be a very small play scheme available during the February half term. The forms will be available from the office on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and must be returned by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If there are too many children, we will allocate places and may look at your child’s punctuality and attendance and previous use of holiday clubs. You will be told on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> if your child has a place.

**UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO STAFFING WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER PLACES TO CHILDREN FROM NURSERY.**

**Important Absences** – You must let the office know by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent, if we receive the message after 8.30am you may still get a phone call from class, as it will not have been processed on the register. You can report an absence by Phone, Email, website, text 07507271510 or the school gateway App

## REMINDERS:

- **DOGS** – Are not allowed on site, even when carried. Please do not bring dogs to school and if waiting outside wait away from the gate entrances. Thank you
- **School Gateway App** – Reminder we need all parent/carers 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.



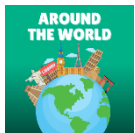
**Breakfast and After School Club** – All After School Club fee’s **MUST** be paid on a Monday for the week on ParentPay.  
**Collection** – Your child must be collected by the allocated pick up time i.e. if you pay until 4pm they must be collected by 4pm. If you are late, you may be charged for the next time slot or you are at risk of losing your child’s place.



**Number Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating Number Day on 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Free School Meals** – Eating a school meal is the most nutritious option for pupils while they are at school. Free school meals can save families up to £490 per year. If you think you are entitled to free school meals please use the following link to apply - <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

**Around the World Menu** - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay by ParentPay or by card at the office if paying for other items as we no longer accept payments less than £5, payment must be made by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.10 for Nursery & £2.20 for Year 3 – Year 6. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.



**Punctuality** – There are too many children arriving after 8.40am for Nursery and 8.50am in the rest of school. This not only impacts your child but disrupts class and the rest of the children’s learning.

**CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL ON TIME – THANK YOU**

**Last week’s attendance**

**Nursery: 89.1%**

**Reception: 92.3%**

**Year 1 to Year 6: 94.1%**



**Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 5 - 96%**

**KS2 – Class 7 - 97.7%**



**Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 6**

**KS2 – Class 13**



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

*Class 7 Aroush*

*Class 7 William*

*Class 8 Prince*

*Class 8 Chelsea*

*Class 9 Suzie*

*Class 9 Amandeep*

*Class 10 Gabriel*

*Class 10 Elaine*

*Class 11 Emma*

*Class 11 Kateeja*

*Class 12 Nela*

*Class 12 Kayla*

*Class 13 Inaay*

*Class 13 Lincoln*

*Class 14 Dexter*

*Class 14 Emily C*

*Class 15 Gracious*

*Class 15 Agnieska*

*Class 16 Liepa*

*Class 16 Ariana*

**Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** –This week we have been learning about Lunar New Year. We have opened a Chinese restaurant where the children could prepare some Asian dishes. We have been learning how to use chopsticks and the children were practising picking up noodles using these. In phonics we listened to music and followed the rhythm using instruments, we read lots of rhyming stories and learnt a new song: 'Gung hey fat choy'. In Maths, we have been making patterns using linking cubes.

**Reception** – This week in Reception we have continued to learn about London and that it is the Capital City of England. We have worked in pairs and small groups to build Tower Bridge across the river using a range of construction materials. We really enjoyed learning a song about all the famous landmarks in London. As it is Lunar New Year this week, we have watched videos and ready stories about how Lunar New Year is celebrated. We have talked about our own celebrations and how they are similar. In drawing club we have been listening to the story 'The tiger who came to tea,' we have drawn some amazing pictures of tigers and have used some fantastic words to describe them.

**Year 1 & 2** - This week Year 1 really enjoyed their visit from a Polar explorer. Following this visit, the children have been learning about Robert Falcon Scott who journeyed to the Antarctic many years ago. They have looked at how he wrote a diary of his adventure and have learned about adding the suffix 'ed' to words to change them into the past tense, which is how diaries are written.

In Year 2 the children learnt lots of interesting facts about the Great Fire of London during their visit from Sir William Petty this week. The children then looked at how to write a recount of their workshop in their English lessons using pictures to help write about the experience in time order.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week, Year 4 enjoyed their bikeability sessions. Children either learned to ride or improved their skills by taking part in a range of games and activities on the playground. In History this week, we have been learning about Emperor Hadrian and why he built his famous wall. In Science, we have continued looking at light and have been learning about how to keep our eyes and skin safe when out in the sun. In Art, we have carried on with our unit on printing and this week, we used polystyrene tiles to print pictures of Roman coins. In PSHE, we have been thinking about what we say to others and how to handle different situations.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In English, we are creating our character in the attic for our fantasy stories. In Art, we are practicing our printing skills. In Science, we investigated electrical appliances and organized them through heat, light, sound and movement. In Music, we are continuing to rehearse La Bamba! A reminder that children can access Yumu at home to continue developing their musical skills!

**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 Math’s. Homework is set 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.

**Year 6 SATs briefing** - We will be holding a SATs information session for families on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Reading
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning

**School Dates 2024-2025:**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>Training Day - No Children in School</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School Closed May Bank Holiday</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	School Opens at 8.30am
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Training Day – No Children in School</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm

**Leeds School Calendar (term dates) 2025 – 2026**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Schools close</b>	<b>Schools open</b>
Summer Break		Monday 1 September 2025
Autumn mid-term	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas break	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring mid-term	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter break	Thurs 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May bank holiday	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer mid-term	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer break	Tuesday 21 July 2026	