

St Bartholomew's News



7th February 2025

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

REMINDERS:

- **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.



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>

Attendance Reminders-

- If your child is off ill and has visited the GP or has medicine, we will ask for proof.
- **Welfare Checks** if your child is absent due to sickness for 5 days school we may conduct a welfare visit.
- **Siblings** we are aware sometimes children are ill together however if they are well enough they should be in school, if you ever need support with this please ask.

Attendance Raffles – Next Friday we will be drawing the half-termly raffles. These will be for children who have been here for 96% or above, children who are in school all next week and children who have been in every Friday this half term. Remember you have to be in it to win it.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 96.1%

Reception: 90.8%

Year 1 to Year 6: 95.1%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – It has been an exciting week in Nursery. We have opened a Doctor's surgery. The children loved being doctors, nurses and paramedics and use the tools to check up teacher's health. We had heard some interesting diagnoses:). In maths, we continued to learn about 2D shapes. We have also talked about day and night activities. In phonics we have sang 'Miss Polly had a Dolly', 'Ten in the Bed' and 'Five Little Monkeys'. We have read the story 'Night Monkey Day Monkey' and looked at rhyming words.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have continued to talk about Lunar New Year comparing it to other celebrations such as Eid, Christmas and Diwali. We have enjoyed using chopsticks to taste noodles, rice crackers and fortune cookies. As it was number day on Friday we have been reading the book 10 delicious teachers. We have enjoyed counting backwards until there was only one teacher left in the story. We have drawn pictures of monsters and came up with ideas of how the monsters could trick the teachers. We are working really hard with our Reading and it is lovely to see that children are reading at home too.

Year 1 & 2 - This week the children in Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed their work in Maths. In Year 1 the children have learned how to find the difference between 2 numbers using a bar model to show their working out. They have then looked at taking away numbers that cross the 10s boundary e.g. $14 - 6 = 8$. To support them with this the children represented numbers using a tens frame. In Year 2 the children have continued their work on showing multiplication using arrays. They have learnt the vocabulary of 'groups of' to describe their arrays e.g. 3 groups of 5 = 15. The week was rounded off with a fun packed number day where children took part in a wide range of maths challenges.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been reading a poem called 'The Coming of the Iron Man'. We have then used this to inspire our own junkyard poems. In History, we have been looking at sources of information that tell us more about the Romans. We have also had the Leeds Museum artifact box in school and have been handling items from the past and guessing what they may have been used for. We enjoyed number day, where we took part in a workshop and had some parents come in to tell us about their jobs. In RE, we have been looking at the Jewish festival of Passover and looked at how it is celebrated.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, we have started our new book, 'Torn Apart' and looked closely at the two main characters. In Art, we have been printing our wallpaper ready to cover our morning workbooks next week. In Science, we enjoyed creating sound and light circuits.

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.

Children also have the opportunity to complete a variety of tasks set for the Spring Term – children have received a paper copy. The Spring Tasks can also be accessed using the link below:

<https://files.schudio.com/st-bartholomew-s-cofe-primary-school/files/documents/homework/Y5-Y6-Spring-HW-Guide.pdf>

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