

St Bartholomew's News



28th February 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was teaching a lesson in Class 16, they showed a fantastic attitude to learning and were a pleasure to teach.

Worship – Our current theme is **forgiveness** and this week we introduced the theme and how people need to both forgive and be forgiven at times, everyone at times needs a chance to wipe the slate clean.

We also introduced our Big Question, **‘Has there been a time when forgiving someone was hard?’**

We have also introduced our attribute, **‘Optimism’** and how we should look for the positives in a situation and believe things can always get better.

What we are doing to make things better - Over the holidays Nursery and Launchpad had some very old lights replaced for more energy efficient ones.

Governors Update – The full governing body met on Monday this week and welcomed our two new parent governors. The governors discussed the OFSTED report and thought the staff and children did a fantastic job, and the report reflects what a fantastic school we have. They will be ensuring that we now make the changes needed to make St Bart’s even better.

REMINDERS

- **Fasting** - if your children are fasting in school as part of Ramadan you must come in to school and see Mrs Wainwright, Mr Needham or Mr Waters to complete a form, thank you
- **Pack Lunches** - if your child does bring a pack lunch, please remember it does need to be balanced and follow our guidelines, which are attached to the weekly email.
- **Parking** – if you park on the streets at the side of school please do not block the resident’s driveways. This is causing issues, as they need to be able to get on and off their drives at all times.
- **Parent Consultations** – please remember to return your forms to book an appointment, it is important that you know how well your child is doing in school. There is the option of coming into school or having a phone call.
- **Names in Clothes** – the weather is very unpredictable (as always!), what starts off as a cold day can turn sunny and warmer (especially for children) and they take their coats off outside or jumpers/cardigans off during the day. If they forget where they put them it is easier to find them if they have their name/class on them. We will keep checking in school and label them if we get the chance but if you could do this at home it would really help. Thank you.

Attendance - We are still seeing a high number of occasions when siblings are all off at the same time. We know they can be ill at the same time but it is not always the case. We appreciate it can be easier to keep all your children at home but only the ill child should be at home. Please ask school if you need any support on these occasions, we may be able to help.

The NHS guidance (below) says children should be in school if they have a common cold and cough.

Unfortunately, these are very common at this time of year. They only need to stay at home if they have a high temperature and are unwell.

Coughs and colds

It is fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). However, if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. By **8.40am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon** and by **8.50am for the rest of school.**

Children being late has a negative impact on the child, the other children in the class and the staff.

Attendance Winners – Well done to the children who won the raffles last half term for being in school every Friday, being in school for the last week and for having over 96% attendance. Please see our website and social media for who they were. We start these raffles again every half term so all children have a chance of winning regardless of their past attendance.

They need to be in to win!

Last week's attendance - This is the week before half term when attendance figures always seem to fall.

Nursery: 95.2%

Reception: 93.1%

Year 1 to Year 6: 94.4%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 97.7%

KS2 – Class 10 - 97.9%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 3

KS2 – Class 14



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

Class 7 Ayesha

Class 7 William

Class 8 Aayan

Class 8 Isabella T

Class 9 Mikayla

Class 9 Riley

Class 10 Aliza

Class 10 Desire

Class 11 Emma

Class 11 Raheim

Class 12 Ayana

Class 12 Angelica

Class 13 Isaac

Class 13 Casper

Class 14 Lwandile

Class 14 Raquel

Class 15 Zainab

Class 15 Ava W

Class 16 Jordy

Class 16 Denis

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – It was a great week back after the half term break. Our topic this half term is called 'Animals Around the World'. This week we have been learning about jungle animals and our focus text has been 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. We have learnt the names of animals and described them. We looked at different animal patterns and matched baby animals to their mummies. The children painted monkeys and practiced cutting skills while cutting out shapes and created the monkey bodies. In Maths, we have been counting out fruit and matching them to the right numeral. We have also practiced 2D shapes. In phonics, we continued rhyme activities and started looking at initial sounds in words.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been looking at different places around the world. We spent time looking at atlases and globes and talking about how the land and sea is represented. We enjoyed singing the 'Continent Song' and talked about where we live. In drawing club, we listened to the story 'Lost and Found'; we have worked hard to draw the penguin and the boat from the story. We talked about where penguins live and compared hot and cold places.

Year 1 & 2 - Welcome back to a new school half term - we hope everyone had a lovely break.

Over the next half term, children in Year 1 will be learning the topic – Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots. This topic will focus on farms, learning where food comes from and growing plants. There will be a visit to a farm in a few weeks' time - more details will be sent out in a couple of weeks. In Year 2, the children will be learning about cities in the UK, looking at London as the capital city and Leeds as their locality. They will be studying famous landmarks in these cities and understanding the Geography associated with large cities.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been starting to look at volcanoes and earthquakes as part of our new Geography topic. We have also been reading a non-fiction book about natural disasters in English. In PSHE, we have been looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and others, and looking at how we can celebrate being unique individuals. In PE, we will be doing basketball and netball this half term. In DT, we have started our new cookery topic and will be looking at healthy sandwich snacks over the half term.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, we have started to read our new book, Holes – written by Louis Sachar. We started by looking at the front cover and blurb to infer and predict what the book might be about. In Geography, we looked at the structure of the Earth, including the Crust, Mantle and the Core. In Science, we have started our topic of ‘Light’ and talked about different light sources and how we see things. In DT, children have started their topic of ‘Phone Holders.’

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 lunchtimes 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>

Secondary School Allocations - On Monday 3rd March, Year 6 pupils and their families will find out which secondary schools they have been allocated a place at.

A reminder from the Local Authority: the process of emails offering places being sent will begin from 8am on 3rd March and continue over the course of the morning. Parents who applied via a paper form will be contacted via letter, which may take a few days to arrive. Parents who applied [via the portal](#) can use their login details to see their offer from 8am. For any queries you receive, please signpost to startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk

Year 6 SATs Week - 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

The Quick Guide for SATs can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/parents/assessments>

School Dates 2024-2025:

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Friday 18th July 2025

Training Day - No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closed May Bank Holiday

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

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