

# St Bartholomew's News



7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week** is seeing the artwork some of our children have completed at home when they have taken the art pack home. Amazing and well done.

**Worship** – Our current theme is **forgiveness** and this week the children reflected on the bible story about Zacchaeus who was a tax collector and how the people learned to forgive him.

Forgiveness involves applying the **British Values** of respect and tolerance. We know everyone makes mistakes and by being tolerant and respectful, we can learn to forgive them. Everyone is human and can make mistakes.

We have also discussed our attribute, **‘Optimism’** and learning to look for the good in situations and people.

**What we are doing to make things better** - The gardening club with the help of the staff Science team have started to look at our Science area, they needed a skip to help get rid of some of the rubbish. I know it will be a great space when they have finished.

## REMINDERS

- **Footwear** - As the weather continues to improve, please do not send children in inappropriate footwear. **Sandals/crocs are not appropriate for school.** Children need sensible footwear every day as they play outside but for PE lessons they must wear trainers, they will not be allowed to participate if they do not have safe footwear. Our uniform policy asks children to wear school shoes or trainers.
- **Time off school for special circumstances** – Only the headteacher can authorise any absence from school. There are very few circumstances we can authorise. If you want to take your children out of school you must discuss it with Mrs Wainwright first. You will be asked to complete a form and provide travel details. This is a requirement of Leeds and supports safeguarding procedures, we need to see proof of when your child/children are returning. If we do not receive this and your child does not return to school on the day you have told us we may have to report them missing. The policies and expectations we follow are part of the procedures Leeds expect us to follow and not something we can change. Unauthorised absences which include any taken without discussing them with Mrs Wainwright first will result in a fine.

**Attendance** - 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. Thank you

## Last week's attendance

**Nursery: 93.7%**

**Reception: 92.4%**

**Year 1 to Year 6: 96.2%**

## Weekly Round Up

**Nursery**- This week we have been very busy in Nursery. On Tuesday, we have learnt about Shrove Tuesday and we tried pancakes with toppings of our choice. On Wednesday, we welcomed our parents for Come and Read session. The children really enjoyed having their parents read to them. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. We read lots of stories and talked about favourite characters. In phonics, we have learnt a new sound S and in Math's we looked at patterns, counted animals and looked at sizes of the animals.

**Reception** – This week in Reception, we have been learning about Pancake Day and why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We made our own pancakes talking about how people make pancakes to use up rich food from their cupboards before fasting for lent. We also talked about similarities and how Muslims are fasting for Ramadan. We have been listening to the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes and retelling the story using a story map, puppets and props. We had a fantastic day on World Book Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes and we had some brilliant potatoes!

**Year 1 & 2** - In PSHE this week the children in Year 1 have been thinking about having fun and being active. The children enjoyed learning about different playground games from around the world and thought how playing the different games made them feel. In Year 2 the children have learnt how to keep safe in PSHE this week. They have discussed the NSPCC PANTS rules about areas of their bodies that are private. They thought about safe and unsafe touches and how they have the right to say 'no' to any unwanted touches.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week Years 3 and 4 have been learning more about volcanoes and earthquakes. We found out how they are measured and where we often find them in the world and why. In French, Year 3 have been learning about animals and using our knowledge of French numbers to say sentences, and Year 4 have been looking at family members. In DT, we have been taste testing different ingredients to see what people prefer in their sandwiches. In Science, we have completed our end of topic assessment on light. Some children across Years 3 and 4 received a 'gone green' certificate last week. This means that those children know their times tables in under 4 seconds. We hope to give more of these out in future weeks.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In English, we have enjoyed writing our own setting descriptions based around the book, Holes. In Science, we have investigated how mirrors reflect light and how they help us see objects. In Geography, we have looked at where volcanoes are found – looking closely at plate boundaries.

**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.

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 Week** - 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

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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Training Day - No Children in School**

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

**School Closed May Bank Holiday**

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