

St Bartholomew's News



14th March 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week has been seeing the children take part in the Science week activities especially the animal workshops. Hands on activities are so exciting and help the children learn and remember.

Worship – Our current theme is **forgiveness** and this week we reflected on how people if they want to be forgiven for things they have done, need to be prepared to forgive others. Sometimes people forget that everyone at times need to be forgiven and need to learn to forgive others. We also reflected on our Big Question, **‘Have you ever found forgiving someone very hard to do?’** Forgiveness demonstrates the **British Values** of **‘Tolerance’**, understanding people make mistakes and **‘liberty’**, choosing to forgive someone.



Easter Egg Raffle – Somewhat of a tradition, we will be holding our annual Easter egg raffle this year. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 24th March. The draw will be on Friday 4th April.

REMINDERS

- Jumpers, cardigans and coats need to have children’s names in, please ask if you want us to do this for you.
- Children must wear school shoes or trainers to school.
- If your child decides not to fast, they must remember to order their school dinner in a morning.



Milk - We will be providing children in Years 1-6 with the opportunity to have milk in school for the summer term. Nursery and Reception children already receive it free of charge. For children entitled to benefit related free school meals this will be free but you must still complete a form for the summer term requesting this for your child, for all others it must be ordered and paid for in advance for the term. The cost for the summer term will be £18.00. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 17th March. **All forms must be completed and returned to the office by Monday 31st March. Payments can be made by ParentPay or card at the office as we no longer accept cash in school. If you would like to pay by ParentPay, please call or message the office to let us know then we can add it to your account. We cannot accept late payments, as we need to order the milk in advance. Once this has been paid, we cannot provide refunds.**



Disconnect to Reconnect Week - Next week we will be taking part in 'Disconnect to Reconnect' week, which is aimed at raising awareness of the impact of excessive screen time on children’s wellbeing. During this week, we will be encouraging pupils to reduce their device use and reconnect with the world around them. We encourage you to support this campaign at home by discussing with your children ways that they can spend their free time and perhaps even try out some new activities with them. Please share with us what you have been doing during 'Disconnect to Reconnect' week by sending photos of activities your child has taken part in to: reconnect@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Spring Awakening Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Wednesday 2nd April, 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 28th March, 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.



Headlice - Head Lice are a common problem in school-aged children. They cannot be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children’s head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.

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

On the 4th April, we will pick the winners of the attendance raffles. These are for children who have been in school this half term over 96%, children who have been in school every Friday (it is not the first day of the weekend) and children who are in school the last week of the half term. We will also be giving the awards for great attendance for the term on Friday 4th April.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 96.1%

Reception: 93.4%

Year 1 to Year 6: 96.3%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 98%

KS2 – Class 16 – 99.3%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 1

KS2 – Class 7



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

Class 1 Karson

Class 1 Harrison

Class 2 Zarah

Class 2 Lillianna

Class 3 Louie

Class 3 Damian

Class 4 Navaeh

Class 4 Hussain

Class 5 Hosni

Class 5 Adam M

Class 6 Lois

Class 6 Avneet

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week our focussed text has been 'Dear Zoo'. We have learnt what a zoo is and what kind of animals we can find in zoos. The children built a zoo using construction blocks and made homes for animals using playdough. We made lots of animal masks and on Wednesday, we had a visit from zoo lab. We looked and learnt about four animals: snake, frog, stick insect and cockroach. The children were really brave and some even held or touched the animals. In phonics, we continued to learn the sound S and we went on an S word hunt.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been learning about our wonderful world. We have listened to the story 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' and talked about Africa comparing it to England, thinking about names, clothes, shops and climate. We have been learning which animals live in Africa and drawn some amazing pictures. We sorted animals into hot and cold environments. In Math's we have been comparing more and fewer.

Year 1 & 2 – In Science this week, Year 1 children have been identifying and naming the different parts of a plant. The children have looked at the daffodils that were planted earlier in the year in order to find features such as petals, roots, stems and leaves. They have also been observing the beans that they planted previously to see how much they have grown. In their Science lessons, Year 2 children have been learning about living things and their habitats. They have studied how animals are suited to the habitats they live in and have looked at those that live in an oak tree. Children thought how the features of animals such as squirrels, worms, moles and caterpillars enable them to thrive in a woodland habitat.

Year 3 & 4 -This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed reading our new text in English, called 'Escape from Pompeii'. It is about a volcano that erupted in Italy many years ago and links with our Geography learning this half term. We have also been looking closer at New Zealand and investigating why they have so many earthquakes there. In Science, we have started our new topic about forces, and this week we have been looking at pushes and pulls. In RE, we have been looking at why Prophet Muhammad is an inspiration to Muslims.

Year 5 & 6 – Elland Road – Primary Choices Visits - We are still accepting voluntary contributions of up to £5 for the Elland Road visits starting next week. The voluntary contribution will have to be paid on card at the school office, or it can also be paid on Parent Pay. If you do not have Parent Pay and need help setting this up, please see/contact Mrs Busby in the school office.

Classes 15 and 16 will be visiting on Wednesday 19th March.

Classes 12 and 13 will be visiting on Thursday 20th March.

Class 14 will be visiting on Wednesday 26th March.

Lessons - In English, we are continuing to read Holes. We have discussed Chapter 20 and given our thoughts on the Warden and how she treats the children and Mr Sir. We have completed a visualization activity – visualizing what the inside of the warden’s cabin looks like. In Music, we have continued to learn, rehearse and perform ‘Let’s Rock.’

Homework - Children have the opportunity to complete a variety of tasks set for the Spring Term – children have received a paper copy. We have dedicated display space for children’s work to be displayed and Trackit points will be awarded to children bringing in their work.

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 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 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

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Leeds School Calendar (term dates) 2025 – 2026

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
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	