

28th March 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was talking to all the children who will be celebrating EID. They have been telling me how they will be going to Mosque and spending time with family and friends and about the new clothes, they will be wearing. They are very excited and I look forward to hearing about it next week.



Best wishes to all our families celebrating EID

Worship – Our current theme is **Forgiveness** and this week we reflected on how friendship is important and you should not hold grudges, you should think about the good things and forgive.

We also reflected on our Big Question, ‘**Have you ever found forgiving someone very hard to do?**’ We discussed how even though it is sometimes difficult you should forgive, wipe the slate clean and start again.

We also talked about the **British Values** of **liberty** and having the choice to forgive and how when you forgive you show **tolerance** and **respect**. We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**Optimism**’ and how we should try to be positive and look for the good in situations.

Thank you - To all of you who attended parents’ evening or had a telephone consultation, it is always great to talk to parents and share how your children are doing in school. If you have, any questions or concerns at any other time please ask one of the SLT who are always around and about and we can help.

REMINDERS

- Please let school know which day your children are having off for EID.
- Attendance awards and raffles will be on Friday 4th April.
- KS2 children will be attending church on Thursday 3rd April at 9.45am.
- Children **should not** wear Crocs and sandals for school, they **should** wear school shoes or trainers and **they must wear suitable footwear for PE. Thank you**
- **Sports Clubs** – Reminder sports clubs finish on Friday 28th March no sports clubs next week. Letters have gone out for next term please return by Monday 31st March.



Remember the clocks move forward this weekend so when we get up Sunday it will be an hour later

PARKING and DRIVING – You must be considerate of other parents and the people who live around school. This includes considering where and how you park and how you drive. The streets at the back of school and Strawberry Lane are narrow roads with lots of people walking so you must drive slowly. **Thank you**

NURSERY PLACES – We will have Nursery places available in September this year. If you have a child who is currently 3 years old or turning 3 this year, please register them at the office. If your child is not 3 yet, you can still complete the registration forms in advance and if there is a place available when they turn 3 we will contact you nearer the time. We are very popular and are currently full, so if you would like a place next year please speak to Mrs Drake in the office.

How to Keep Safe Week - Next week in school it is How to Keep Safe Week, and we will be learning about keeping safe across school. As part of this week, the children will be learning the NSPCC's PANTS rules. This information is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe within different relationships with different people. In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that is fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



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 on ParentPay or card at the office, as we no longer accept cash in school. If you would like to pay on 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.

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 was amazing!!!!

Nursery: 91.1%

School Age: 97.1%

All School: 96.4%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 6 – 99.6%**

KS2 – Class 15 - 99.6%



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

KS2 – Class 11



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

Class 7 Great

Class 7 Rachel

Class 8 Jared

Class 8 Aaliyah

Class 9 Darrel

Class 9 Olivia

Class 10 Bilal

Class 10 Michalina

Class 11 Elliott

Class 11 Dorota

Class 12 Angelica

Class 12 Souleymane

Class 13 Arhum

Class 13 Bernice

Class 14 Ethan

Class 14 Emily-Grace

Class 15 Jasnoor

Class 15 Harjot

Class 16 Hamza

Class 16 Sarah

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – For the last two weeks, we have been practising positional language in Nursery. Our focussed texts were: The Billy Goats Gruff and Rosie's Walk. We talked about farm animals and sang: Old McDonald had a farm. We made some experiments with objects and checked if they would float or sink. Our new sound in phonics was 'a'. We have been talking about our mums and made lovely cards to wish them Happy Mother's day. We have also talked about Ramadan and Eid and we would like to wish a 'Happy Eid' to all who celebrate.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have enjoyed listening to the story Emma Jane's aeroplane. We have talked about the different cities she visits around the world and the different animals she meets. In RE, we have been talking about Ramadan and how Muslims are preparing for Eid. The children really enjoyed sharing their experiences. We have made Eid cards to share with our families. We would love to see any photos of your celebrations next week. In Maths, we have been working hard to recognise and order numbers and have made our own number Lines.

Years 1 & 2 – This week Year 1 have really enjoyed their visit to Temple Newsam Farm and House. The children loved their time at the farm where they got to see how the animals are cared for and the different jobs there is to do around the farm. In the afternoon the children extended their understanding of the book, they have been looking at in English lessons and participated in a Jack and The Beanstalk workshop. What a fun visit we all had! In Year 2, the children have continued to design and construct their own fire engines as part of their DT topic. The children have constructed the axel and chassis of their vehicles and added wheels. They experimented with finding the best place to have their axels and wheels so the engine was strong, sturdy and functional.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have continued reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii' and have learned about the devastating volcanic eruption that happened there. In RE, we have been learning about Moses and using our oracy skills to discuss why we think we was a good leader. Year 3 have also enjoyed their weekly ukulele lesson, where we have been practising some short songs. In DT, we made our sandwiches that we had designed previously. We had a focus on trying to make them healthy.

Trip - Please remember to make payment for our trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, if you have not already. You can pay on parent pay or card at the office. If we do not get enough money in, we will not be able to attend the trip, thank you.

Years 5 & 6 - Elland Road – Primary Choices visits - A big thank you to all the children for their exemplary behavior during the Primary Choices workshops at Leeds United's stadium. We had three great days!

Swimming - There will be no swimming lessons next week. Swimming will start again in the second week of the Summer Term (Week beginning 28th April). Thank-you to all the children for their efforts in the swimming pool.

Lessons - We have tried extremely hard with our tests this week. Children have completed the following tests:

- Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Reading
- Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 & Reasoning 2

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.

This might be something we look at over the Easter holidays! Summer tasks will be handed out after the Easter holidays. The Spring Tasks can 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

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 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

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