

St Bartholomew's News



4th April 2025

"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"

We hope all of our families who celebrated Eid had a lovely time with their family and friends.



We would like to wish you a Happy Easter and we hope all our children and families enjoy the break from school and the staff get a well-deserved break.

We will see you all back to school on Tuesday 22nd of April

We hope the summer term is the best for attendance we have ever had, children can only do their best when in school and on time. Research shows developing good habits now and having attendance over 96%, results in much better grades throughout children's school life. Every day missed is lost learning.



Congratulations- there were lots of happy children who won an Easter Egg in the raffle, enjoy them over the school holiday.

REMINDERS

- **Footwear**, children must wear shoes or trainers for school, crocs and open backed sandals are not allowed.

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.

Attendance

Punctuality - Is very important so children do not miss the start of lessons or their reading and phonics. Some parents have asked why they have not been marked present when late. By law if a child arrives late, after the close of register it counts as an absence on their attendance record. Make sure your children are here on time, 8.30am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon and by 8.50 am for the rest of school, thank you.

Requests for extended absences - Must be made in writing in advance by completing the form and discussed with Mrs Wainwright. For safeguarding reasons we request certain documents, this is expected of us by Leeds. We do not authorise holidays in term time, these will incur a fine and for any other request, we will ask for additional proof before we consider authorising the absence. We follow all national and Leeds guidance which states in only individual and exceptional circumstances can a request be approved and this can only be given by the headteacher.

Congratulations - to all the children who received attendance awards for this term, we start again next term so everyone is in with a chance to receive the award in the summer term.

Last week's attendance

Nursery: 89.5%

School Age: 95.2%

All School: 94.8%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 6 - 98.7%**

KS2 – Class 15 – 98.4%



Spring Trackit Winners - Congratulations to Class 4 and Class 14 for earning the most Trackit points in Spring Term.

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – During our last week of the term, we listened to the children talking about Eid celebration. It was lovely to hear all the stories, see beautiful Mendhi patterns and learn how our children celebrate Eid. We have also learnt about Easter. We read Easter stories and decorated many eggs using paints, crayons and collage. The children had so much fun on Wednesday when we organised Egg and Spoon race and an egg hunt. Well done to all the children who were able to hold the eggs on spoons until the finish line! On Wednesday, we had our Design your Egg Competition. Thank you to all who participated. All the eggs looked amazing and we hope the children had fun decorating them. We want to wish you all a lovely term break!

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been spending lots of time outside in the sunshine and have been talking about the signs of spring and changes we can see around us. We have listened to the story 'Little Bears Spring' and talked about the change in the weather, flowers blooming and new life. We have enjoyed creating spring artwork creating observational drawing of spring flowers. We have really enjoyed listening to the children talk about how they celebrated Eid this week. Please continue to send any photos to learning journals.

Years 1 & 2 – In Year 1 this week the children have really enjoyed making the most of the nice weather and playing in the outside areas in the sand and with the large construction resources. They have enjoyed role-playing in the farmers' market, using their knowledge of the different types of food grown in a farm.

In Year 2, the children have really enjoyed their topic looking at both the city of Leeds and the city of London. They have learned about the physical and human features that are found in a city and have designed part of their own city which include these.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, we have been testing magnetic and non-magnetic objects in Science. In Geography, we have been looking back at our big question: "Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others?" We have drawn in our knowledge of why earthquakes are caused and about tectonic plates. In PSHE, we have been learning the PANTS rule and how to keep ourselves safe. In DT, we have been evaluating our sandwiches and looking at how we could make them even healthier in the future.

Years 5 & 6 - Thank-you to all the children for their efforts in Spring Term.

Swimming - There will be no swimming lessons in the first week back after the holidays. Swimming will start again in the second week of the Summer Term (Week beginning 28th April).

- Monday – Class 15
- Tuesday – Class 14
- Wednesday – Class 13
- Thursday – Class 16
- Friday – Class 12

Lessons - In Science, we have enjoyed learning about the different parts of the human eye. In Design and Technology, we have finished our mobile phone holders – there were some great designs!

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:

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