

St Bartholomew's News



25th April 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the children return to school for the summer term. It is lovely to hear about what they have been doing over the holiday and how they are looking forward to the summer term, especially their school trips.

Worship – We introduced our new theme, **friendship** and this week we started talking about what our friends do for us. We also looked at our Big Question, **'What do you do to bring the best out of your friends?'** This is the question some of our worship council decided on. We have also started thinking about our new attribute, **'Patience'** and what that means. We also talked about the **British Values** that our theme and attribute promote, **Tolerance, Respect and Liberty** and we will talk more about these in worship and class.

What we are doing to make things better - Over the Easter break parts of school got a deep clean, the annual asbestos survey was completed to make sure the children, staff and visitors continue to be safe and lots of maintenance jobs were completed. Keeping a building, this size clean and safe is a massive job that our team of staff do really well.

REMINDERS

- **FOOTWEAR** – As the weather improves children are **not allowed** to come to school in open sandals or crocs. We also do not allow children to come in any kind of football shoes with any kind of moulded studs, these are dangerous. These are not safe in the school environment. We expect children to continue to wear trainers or school shoes.
- **Cardigans and Jumpers** – Children quickly get hot and can take off their jumpers/cardigans without too much thought about where they put them, especially if playing outside. It is very difficult to return lost clothes when they do not have their names in, they all look the same. Please label these items or ask us to, we are happy to help. Thank you for your help with this, as we know how expensive it can be to replace these items.

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 - 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

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME ARE NOT ALLOWED AND WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED. WE DO FINE FOR THIS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT RESULTS IN LOST LEARNING.

WE WILL ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES WHEN LOOKING AT PLAY SCHEMES AND OUR OTHER PROVISIONS.

In order for you to plan holidays next year in the school holidays we have attached next year's calendar which also includes our training days when we are closed to children.

Week before half term attendance

Nursery: 74.1%

School Age: 84.9%

All School: 84.1%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 6 -88.7%**

KS2 – Class 15 – 92.6%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 3

KS2 – Class 13



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

Class 1 Hanan

Class 1 Harper-Rose

Class 2 Ibby

Class 2 Bolu

Class 3 Tyreece

Class 3 Aiza

Class 4 Alyshia

Class 4 Ezra

Class 5 Vincenzo

Class 5 Kiki

Class 6 Dennis

Class 6 Oscar

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – Welcome back to all. We hope you have had great two weeks off. Our topic for this half term is Minibeasts. This week we have been learning all about spiders. We counted legs on spiders (we practised matching amount to numeral, recognising numbers and using 1:1 correspondence while counting). Our song has been Incy Wincy Spider and the stories we have read have been Aaaarrgghh Spider and The Very Busy Spider. We have opened a bug cafe in Nursery where we serve delicious bug sandwiches and spider soups. The children used their creativity and made lots of spider paintings, printings and playdough spiders. Outdoors, we went on a spider and a web hunt and we were lucky to find lots of shiny webs and small spiders.

Reception – This week in Reception we have started our new topic 'What can I see and how does it change?' We have really enjoyed listening to the stories Supertato, Food Fight and Oliver's Fruit Salad. We have talked about where fruit and vegetables come from and what they need to grow. We have made our own fruit kebabs and talked about how different fruit looks, feels, smells and tastes. In Maths we have been counting beyond 10 and have counted out 11, 12 and 13 counters on to a tens frame. In P.E, we have started ball skills and we are working hard to roll the ball in front of us making sure we had control, keeping it close to our body.

Years 1 & 2 – Welcome back to a new and exciting term in Key Stage 1.

This half term children in Year 1 will be learning the topic of Safari and looking at the continent of Africa. They will enjoy many stories and non-fiction texts set in Africa such as Handa's Surprise and The Ugly 5 by Julia Donaldson. The topic for this half term in Year 2 is Land Ahoy! Children will be learning about Pirates and enjoying stories such as The Pirates Next Door and reading information texts to learn about famous pirates in History.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have started to look at the Tudors in History, and have been finding out more about Henry VIII's many wives. In English, we have been reading a non-fiction book about sustainability and how we can help the planet. In Science, we have been looking at magnets and have been in the playground using compasses. In PSHE, we looked at careers and started to think about what jobs we may want, as we get older. We are also visiting the sculpture park this half term, which links to our art where we will be creating our own sculptures.

Years 5 & 6 – Swimming - Swimming starts again next week (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 Isaac Newton and his theory of light. The different parts of the human eye. In History, we have started our new topic of Windrush and looked at who are the Windrush generation and which countries did the Windrush generation originate from.

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 lunchtime for any children wishing to complete their homework in school.

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:

Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Friday 18th July 2025

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