

St Bartholomew's News



2nd May 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was hearing about the trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park the children in Year 3 & 4 have been going on, they had a fantastic time and hopefully it has inspired some future artists!

Worship – Our current theme is **friendship** and this week we read a friendship poem in collective worship and reflected on what being a friend means. We also reflected on our Big Question, **‘What do you do to bring the best out of your friends?’** We have also been discussing our attribute, **‘Patience’** and how this can mean being understanding of others if they find something more difficult. We also talked about how choosing to be friends and to be patient reflects **tolerance** and **respect**, two of the important British values.

Summer Weather – When it is very warm and sunny we may reduce the children’s time outside, we also allow them to take their water bottles out with them and we do provide sun cream for those who need it and have permission. Please put cream on in a morning when you know it is going to be very hot, this will help. We also expect the children to continue to wear uniform and do not allow vest/strappy tops, they are not safe or appropriate for school.

Play Scheme – There will be a small school run play scheme at half term on Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May and Thursday 29th May, places are very limited. Please only apply if you need childcare, application forms will be available from the school office from Wednesday 7th May. If oversubscribed we may not be able to offer everyone a place and this is where we look at your child’s attendance as this could affect whether we offer a place.

Photos – You will have received the proof photos and may want to purchase them. There are two options, online directly from the company, which is the best way or in cash at school. Please if possible order them from the company, thank you.

REMINDERS

- Sensible footwear must be worn for school – shoes or trainers.
- We expect all children to wear their PE t-shirt on PE days. If you need to purchase one for your child, please ask at the office.

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.

Go Green Day Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 15th May, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day please 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 9th May, 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.



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

Lasts weeks Attendance

Nursery: 95%

School Age: 93.7%

All School: 94%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 99.2%

KS2 – Class 14 – 99.1%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 4

KS2 – Class 14



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

Class 7 Evie

Class 7 Ranfateh

Class 8 Aayan

Class 8 Izaan

Class 9 Eisa

Class 9 Aahil K

Class 10 Patric

Class 10 Akila

Class 11 Esmae

Class 11 Emma

Class 12 Karen

Class 12 Antonia

Class 13 Mariah

Class 13 Ayana

Class 14 Maya

Class 14 Zayn

Class 15 Dante

Class 15 Alex

Class 16 Luke

Class 16 Ciara

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have had a lovely warm weather so we have enjoyed outdoor learning a lot. We have opened Bike Repair Shop and Bike Wash where children can wash their bikes after being repaired by our Nursery mechanics. We made lots of spring soups and cupcakes in our mud kitchen. We have also opened the gravel pit where children enjoyed scooping, pouring, filling and digging. Our focussed story has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We looked at a lifecycle of a butterfly and made lots of creative art based on our topic. In Maths, we revised 2D shapes, counted out caterpillars and fruit onto leaves and talked about our heights. We even lined up from the tallest to the shortest and walked like a very long caterpillars around the Nursery.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about where our food comes from. We have continued to learn about how fruit and vegetables grow and have enjoyed listening to the Enormous turnip story. We have learnt a song to help us remember the story and the order of the characters and used masks to tell and retell the story. We have talked about farms and why farms are so important. We have matched animals to their young and their produce. We are really looking forward to next week when we have a very special arrival of some living eggs. In Maths, we have been sorting objects by different attributes and have gone on to sort odd and even numbers.

Years 1 & 2 – In Science this week, the children in KS1 have continued to develop their understanding of growing plants. In Year 1, they have thought about all the different planting they have done and how some of the bulbs they planted earlier in the year have now bloomed in the playground planters. Children then focused on learning different types of garden plants they might see such as roses and sunflowers and how these are planted by humans on purpose to make their gardens look nice. In Year 2 in the children have been extending their understanding of plants. They have planted seeds and have begun to complete their plant diary where they will observe, measure and record how the seeds are growing over time.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, we have been writing instructions and looking at adding time conjunctions to improve our sentences. We have been reading about sustainability and helping the planet, which has fed into our instruction writing. In History, we have been learning more about the Tudors and looking at why Henry VIII got rid of monasteries. We enjoyed investigating magnets further in Science and in PE, we have looking at handball and athletics this term. Classes 9 and 10 also enjoyed their trips to the Sculpture Park, where we explored the grounds and took part in a building workshop.

Years 5 & 6 – Lessons - In History, we looked at the countries, which are part of the Commonwealth and how this has changed over time. In Year 6, we have started our topic of First Aid and investigated the emergency services and in Year 5, we have looked at how cigarettes and vapes are harmful to the human body.

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 Math's. 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 Summer Term – children have received a paper copy. The Summer Tasks can also be accessed using the link below:

https://files.schudio.com/st-bartholomew-s-cofe-primary-school/files/documents/homework/Summer_term_homework_guide_-_Years_5_-_6.pdf

Year 6 SATs Week -There is now only one more week left at school before SATs week and we are very proud of the efforts of all children in preparation for the 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