

St Bartholomew's News



9th May 2025

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

Firstly, we would like to wish Year 6 good luck for next week. It is a difficult week but the children and staff have worked hard to prepare and we know they will do their best.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was reading a story in Class 10, they listened beautifully and I had a great time.

Worship – In worship this week the children have been reflecting in class about the anniversary of VE day and talking about what it was and how important it was.

REMINDERS:

- **Please can we remind all families that children are not able to use the climbing frame or equipment in the playground after school, thank you for your support with this.**

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.

Themed Lunch - Will be on Thursday 15th May and all children entitled to free school meals in Years 3 to 6 will be provided with one to try. All children in Reception to Year 2 will also be offered one. This is a great opportunity for children to try school dinners. If they normally bring packed lunch, they still can. Please let school know if you do not want them to try one, remember all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free meal every day.



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: 96.8%

School Age: 94.4%

All School: 94.7%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 98.7%

KS2 – Class 9 – 99.6%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 4

KS2 – Class 16



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

Class 1 Omcharan
Class 3 Gabriella
Class 5 Almas

Class 1 Nikol
Class 3 Dmytro
Class 5 Pablo

Class 2 Eesa
Class 4 Jenna
Class 6 Nikodem

Class 2 Khadija
Class 4 Haadi
Class 6 Aahad

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – What an exciting week we have had! We have had some eggs delivered and have seen ducklings hatching. We have continued reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and read traditional story: The Ugly Duckling. In Math's, we explored 3D shapes and counted out ducks and fruit. Outdoors we explored minibeasts, made spring bakes in the mud kitchen and continued to fix bikes in our bike repair shop.

Reception – This week in Reception, we had a very exciting arrival. We received seven eggs in an incubator and four chicks hatched on Thursday! We have been spending lots of time looking at the eggs and talking about the chicks. We have been learning about the life cycle of a chick, sequencing life cycle pictures and making our own poster about how to care for living things. In drawing club, we have been reading the story 'The odd egg'. We have been learning about the different animals that come from eggs and the children was really surprised to learn that a crocodile and a snake come from an egg! In Maths, we have been solving addition problem using first then and now stories.

Years 1 & 2 –In Geography, the children in Year 1 have been looking at a contrasting locality in the world that is very different to where we live in Leeds. The children have been learning about the water village called Kampong Ayer. It is small town located in Brunei, which is very close to the equator. They have been looking at how people can travel around this area and how many use boats as there are no roads. The Year 2 children have been learning about the famous female pirate called Grace O'Malley who led a rebellion against Elizabeth 1st. This week they looked at what happened when Grace met the Queen. The children have thought about how the conversation may have gone and have written speech bubbles to identify what the two women may have said to each other.

Years 3 & 4 –This week, we have been reading poetry, in the form of song lyrics. We have looked at the language structure of 'It's a Wonderful World' and started writing our own verses. In History, we have been looking at what makes a good ruler, looking at the Tudors and how they led. In PSHE, we have been continuing to look at money and how to be responsible with money. Class 11 also enjoyed their trip to the sculpture park this week, where they looked at the different pieces of art around the park and created their own junk sculptures in the afternoon.

Years 5 & 6 – Year 6 SATs Week - A big thank-you to the children (and the staff) for all their hard work leading up to next week. It will be very important that all children arrive in school on time so that we can settle the children and get started as soon as we can. We have constantly reinforced the message that 'trying your best is the most important thing.'

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.stbartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/parents/assessments>

Lessons - In Art, we have researched and found multi-media pictures to add to our collages. In PE, we have been developing our cricket skills – focusing on our batting skills.

Swimming lessons will still take place next week – we are all trying extremely hard developing our swimming strokes/water confidence.

Homework - Children 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

School Dates 2024-2025:Friday 23rd May 2025Monday 2nd June 2025**Friday 13th June 2025**Friday 18th July 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2025 – 2026**St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

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	

**Training days
at St Bart's**Friday 21st November 2025Friday 20th March 2026Friday 12th June 2026Monday 20th July 2026Tuesday 21st July 2026