

St Bartholomew's News



16th May 2025

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

Firstly, a massive well done to the children in Year 6, they have tried very hard this week with their SATs tests and we are extremely proud of them. They have shown resilience and determination and have done their very best and their behaviour has been exemplary.

I would also like to thank all the staff involved in Year 6, you have been amazing and have worked very hard to not only teach the children but also help them prepare for what is not an easy week.

I hope all the children and staff in Year 6 have a very happy and relaxing weekend.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing how excited the children in Early Years were to see the chicks and ducklings.

Governors Update – The Teaching and Learning Committee met this week, they asked questions about our assessments, the tests we do in primary school and how well we think the children will do. They checked that we are sending out annual reports, we are, you will receive them in July. Mr Horsey was invited to attend to explain about what we teach in RE in school, we follow the Leeds syllabus.

REMINDERS

- **School Streets** – The restrictions on Strawberry Lane are in place every day, even if a member of staff is not on duty with the barrier. You must follow these restrictions and cannot drive in or out of Strawberry Lane between 8.15am and 9am and 3pm and 3.45am unless you are a Blue Badge holder or have a permit. This is to make the street safe for our children and families.

You can be fined for driving on the street between these times.

- **Children's Absence** – If your child is too ill for school you must let us know before 8.30am. This can be done by email, message or phone. If you inform us after 8.30am we cannot guarantee you will not receive a call asking where they are, we are too busy after 8.30am in the office to get late messages to classes.

Year 1 – Audiology - The school hearing check team will be attending school on Tuesday 17th June. If you do not wish for your child to have a hearing check, or your child has a VP shunt fitted, please contact 07957 331519 as soon as possible.

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.

Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you! - This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. NHS England provides funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or If you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

Please do contact us for more information on: 0191 275 4796 or email:

england.returntopractice.north@nhs.net

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: 93.1%

School Age: 95.2%

All School: 94.9%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 96.7%

KS2 – Class 10 – 100%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 5

KS2 – Class 10

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have continued with our theme of minibeasts. Our focus has been bees. We have learnt some facts about bees, what they look like, where they live and how they make honey. We made some bees using collage and paint. We have learnt a bee song: 'Here Is The Beehive' and read 'The Very Greedy Bee' story. In Maths, we counted the bees and made bugs using 2D shapes. We have also explored BeeBots. The children learnt how to use them, what buttons to press to go straight, go back, turn left, turn right. We have opened Aldi supermarket. The children really enjoyed using baskets and buying items in the shop.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been caring for the chicks. We have enjoyed watching them grow their feathers and have sang songs and read to them in their cage. We also received some caterpillars and have been keen to watch them getting bigger each day. We have continued our learning about life cycles and have sequenced the life cycle of both chicks and caterpillars. In Maths, we have been subitising amounts and have been exploring different ways to make 6.

Years 1 & 2 – In Math's this week children in Year 1 have been continuing their work on finding fractions - this week finding a quarter. They have practically investigated finding a quarter of different shapes and pictures and then have moved on to finding a quarter of a number. At home, they could practice further by doing practical tasks such as cutting their food up into quarters, making sure the quarters are the same size. In Year 2 the children have worked very hard understanding how to tell the time on an analogue clock. They have focused on 'quarter past' and 'quarter to' times and then some children have been able to move on to telling the time in intervals of 5 minutes. This is a really challenging topic for children so any extra practice at home would be really useful.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, we have been looking at how to write persuasively and writing letters about not littering. In History, we looked at how Elizabeth I expanded the empire. In PSHE, we looked at the ever-changing world of payments types and thought about ways we can pay for things in shops and online. In Art, we have taken home our clay sculptures and continued to look at different art forms we can sculpt with.

Years 5 & 6 – Year 6 SATs Week - A big thank-you to all the children for their hard work in SATs week. The children were amazing and they applied themselves magnificently! We are very proud of them all!

The children in Year 6 have plenty to look forward to, including their trips to Flamingo Land. A reminder that we are taking voluntary contributions for Flamingo Land – we would really appreciate voluntary donations from all children.

Year 6 Hoodies - A reminder that the deadline for ordering a hoodie is Wednesday 21st May. Prices for the hoodies will then be set and you will be informed of the cost.

Lessons - You can keep up to date with what we are learning in lessons on the school website – click on the links below:

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/blog/category/year-6>

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/blog/category/year-5>

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