

St Bartholomew's News



23rd May 2025

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

Half term is here! It was our shortest half term of the year and included two bank holidays so it seems to have gone so quickly. We wish you all a happy May half term.

There are seven weeks left after the holiday and we would like to achieve the highest attendance of the year, let us see as many children in school every day as possible.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was presenting the Worship Council's report to the governors, they were very impressed with their report, and they did an amazing job. Well done!

We will be welcoming back Mrs Martin after the half term - She will for the rest of this school year be working in Year 2 with Miss Fitzmaurice, we hope she enjoys her return after having her lovely baby boy.

Worship – Our current theme is **friendship** and this week we looked at the story, 'The Five Friends' and how they supported each other and the children reflected and talked about their friends and how they support each other. This week's story related to our Big Question, **'What do you do to bring the best out of your friends?'** Friendship reflects the **British Values** of respect, tolerance and liberty.

Governors Update – We had our Pupil Support Committee this week and the governors discussed what we do in school to support our children, including what we do to support attendance and how we have very high expectations because being in school is vital for children to flourish and achieve. They heard about our behaviour policy and how it promotes positive behaviour. They had feedback from the School Parliament and Worship Council, which they were impressed to hear about. They asked about our uniform policy and were pleased we had made it as simple and affordable as possible.

We have also had a visit this week from Mr Warring the governor responsible for monitoring SEND and Maths in school. He spent time outside at lunchtime and spoke to children, looked at books and spoke to the leaders of those areas. He will have lots of positive things to feedback on and will help identify where we could get better.

REMINDERS

- Children must wear sensible footwear; trainers are fantastic as they are safe for play and PE.
- Remember to label your children's jumpers and cardigans or ask us to, they often come in them on a cool morning and have taken them off before the end of the day.
- Please remember holidays, day trips and days off due to the weather are not allowed. Children are expected to attend school every day.

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

Lasts weeks Attendance

Nursery: 96.3%

School Age: 94.2%

All School: 94.3%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 5 & 6 – 96.7%

KS2 – Class 16 – 99.7%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 2

KS2 – Class 8

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we watched, our caterpillars grow. They are no longer small caterpillar but big and hairy ones. Over the break, we expect them to make their cocoons and when we come back, we hope to see some butterflies. We also learnt about ladybirds. We made ladybird pictures, read the story: 'What the ladybird heard', and learnt a song: 'Ladybird Ladybird Fly Away Home'. In Maths, we counted spots on ladybirds and used positional language to talk about walk around the farm.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have continued our learning about life cycles. We have been watching our caterpillars carefully and cannot believe how much they have grown. We have talked about the life cycle of a sunflower and what plants and flowers need to grow. We have enjoyed listening to Jack and the Beanstalk and planting our own beans. We have worked really hard with our writing this week trying hard to remember our finger spaces and full stops. In Maths, we have enjoyed singing counting songs and explored different ways to make 5.

Years 1 & 2 – In computing this week children in Year 1 have been creating an E Book and have learned how to search for images of African animals on the internet. Once the children have selected the picture they want to use, they have used the copy and paste function on their laptops to add the picture to their E Book. In computing in Year 2, the children have been using the I Pads to create their own animated story about sea creatures racing to a treasure chest. The children have moved their animals a little bit at a time and then used software to merge them together to give the impression the animals are moving. They then added sound to tell the story.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at evidence to discover who killed Lord Darnley. In art, we have enjoyed painting our sculptures, inspired by Giacometti and our visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. In English, we have been writing persuasive letters. After half term, Year 4 will also be completing their times table check to see if they know their times tables. Please encourage your child to access Times Table Rockstars at home over the holiday. 10 minutes per day really helps with retention of key facts.

Years 5 & 6 – Flamingo Land - Thank-you to everyone who has made a voluntary contribution towards Flamingo Land. To those that have not paid, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £25 to help school cover the cost of the trip (the voluntary contribution can be paid as a whole amount, or paid in instalments). The voluntary contribution can be paid using Parent Pay, or card at the school office. It must be paid by Friday 6th June.

Year 6 Hoodies - We have now placed the order for Year 6 hoodies. The price of the hoodies has been set and payment can now be made by Parent Pay, or by card at the school office.

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 and Events 2024-2025:

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Tuesday 10th June 2025

Thursday 12th June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Monday 16th June 2025

Thursday 19th June 2025

Week Beginning 23rd June 2025

Week Beginning 30th June 2025

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Year 6 Flamingo Land Trip – See Letter for Details

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Training Day – No Children in School

Year 2 Seaside Visit – Letter to Follow with Details

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Year 5 Lineham Farm Week – See Letter for Details

Safety Week

Dixon and Farnley Transition Days (other schools will be arranged ask if not sure)

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Monday 7th July 2025 2pm

Tuesday 8th July 2025 2.30pm

Friday 11th July 2025

Tuesday 15th July 2025 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 16th July 2025 9.30am

Thursday 17th July 2025 5pm

Friday 18th July 2025

Transition Morning for all Children in School

Performing Arts & Choir Performance – Letter to Follow with Details

Rock Steady Concert for Parents - Letter to Follow with Details

School Reports

Year 6 Leavers Concert – Letter to Follow with Details

Leavers Service in Church

Year 6 End Of An Era Disco

School Closes at 3.30pm