

20th June 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the girls football team return to school following their amazing victory in the St Bart's Cup. Something Mr Needham has been waiting and preparing for (for years), definitely a highlight of his year. Well done to the team, they have been working hard practicing on a Wednesday after school for this.

Congratulations Girls



Year 2 – The children have had a fantastic time by the sea this week and what great weather they have had. It is great when we can get the children out to help with their class topics – and to have fun!

Worship – Our current theme is respect and this week we read the bible story about the Roman Centurion and how he respected everyone. We reflected on how we are all different but all the same in some ways and how no matter what you look like or what your beliefs are we should respect everyone.

We also reflected on our Big Question, **‘Who do you respect and why do they deserve it?’**

We have also discussed our attribute, **‘Commitment’** and how you should make sure you do what you say you are going to do.

IMPORTANT UPDATES – School Lunches

The cost of school dinners is going up from September to £2.90 per day for all children who pay. This is the cost that Leeds are now charging for a school dinner. The governors, due to reducing budgets made the difficult decision to stop subsidising school dinners and make sure our school money goes towards the children's education.

We appreciate this is a big increase and we will share our packed lunch guidelines for those who decide to send their children with a lunch from home.

REMEMBER – ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS, THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY.

If you think, your child may be entitled to free school meals in Nursery or Years 3 to 6 please ask Mrs Busby at the office who will be able to help you.

IMPORTANT UPDATES – Breakfast Club

The governors have also reviewed the costs of our childcare provision comparing it to other provisions and the amount it costs school to run. From September, we will be charging £2 per day for those children arriving from 7-7.30am and £1 per day 7.30-8am. The After School Club will remain the same next year.

Breakfast and After School Club September 2025

Application forms for breakfast club and after school club will be available from the office from Monday 23rd June and MUST be returned by Friday 27th June.

Please be aware that we will not be accepting late applications as we have very limited spaces and have to manage within staff ratios. We are very lucky we have staff who are happy to work very long hours to ensure we can keep very reasonably costed childcare going.

We will also not be able to accommodate regular requests for day changes, once we are full we cannot easily move days due to staffing. So please make sure you request the days and times you need. If your circumstances change we will do our best to help but we may not be able to immediately offer what you need so check you have other options.

LATE PAYMENTS – WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITH THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PARENTS PAYING LATE. WE ALLOCATE MONDAY FOR SORTING PAYMENTS AND HAVE NOT GOT TIME TO CHASE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT PAY ON TIME. IF YOU DO NOT PAY FOR THE PROVISIONS PROMPTLY, YOUR CHILD WILL BE REMOVED AND YOU WILL HAVE TO SEEK OTHER CHILDCARE. SORRY IF THIS SEEMS HARSH BUT WE ARE A SCHOOL DOING OUR BEST TO HELP OUR PARENTS AND THE OFFICE HAVE GOT TOO MUCH TO DO TO SPEND TIME TRYING TO GET PAYMENTS FOR THIS AND WE CANNOT AFFORD FOR PARENTS NOT TO PAY. FOR THOSE NOT PAYING FOR LUNCH YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A PACKED LUNCH UNTIL THE DINNERS ARE PAID UPTO DATE. AGAIN THE SCHOOL CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THESE OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND HAVE NOT GOT TIME TO CHASE THESE PAYMENTS.

REMINDERS:

- Children must continue to wear school uniform on hot days.
- If you want to contact school on a non-urgent matter, all the year groups have an email for the senior leader. Mrs Wainwright also has an email address you can use. We will always get back to you. You can also find us around and about every morning and after school if you want to chat to us then. You can also make an appointment if you need a meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us, it is easier to talk through any issues as they arise and sort out any issues before they become problems.

Courtside Cuisine Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 26th June, 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 Tuesday 24th June, 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.



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:

We expect all children in school up to and including Friday 18th July, let us have a great last 4 weeks before we all get 6 weeks summer break.

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

Last Week's Attendance

Nursery: 97.1%

School Age: 95.9%

All School: 96.2%



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 6 – 96.5%

KS2 – Class 15 – 96.4%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 4

KS2 – Class 15



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

Class 1 Femi

Class 1 Miracle

Class 2 Yusuf

Class 2 Zayaan M

Class 3 Hassanat

Class 3 Sarayu

Class 4 Izabella

Class 4 Aliyan

Class 5 Jackson

Class 5 Naomi

Class 6 Femi

Class 6 Arkanshu

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – Last week we opened seaside role-play for children. They loved selling and buying ice cream, putting on sun hats and sunglasses, sitting by the tray with sand where they made sandcastles or by the pool with fish. Our focus text was 'Rainbow fish'. We talked about being kind and sharing. We have learnt '5 little starfish' song. In Math's we counted sea creatures and matched them to the right numeral and match the pattern fish with the right pair. This week we have focussed on pirates. We have used the language of comparison and we were deciding which treasure chest has more or fewer coins. Our song of the week has been 'Over the deep blue sea'.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about special events in our lives. We have enjoyed sharing our experiences of our Birthdays, first day at school and new siblings. We have talked about our feelings during these special times. We have learnt about weddings and compared weddings from different cultures talking about similarities and differences. In Math's, we have continued to learn number bonds to 5 and to 10 using practical resources. In R.E we have been learning about special places. We went for a walk to the science garden. We took off our shoes, socks, and spent time listening to the sounds we could hear and thinking about how the garden made us feel.

Years 1 & 2 –What a wonderful week it has been in KS1! The sun has been shining and the children in Year 1 have loved accessing the outside provision, playing on the obstacle course and building dens. They also had a great time on Monday when we had a visit from the mini city. This was set up in the hall and included lots of role play areas you would find in a city centre such as a bakery, post office and hair dressers. Year 2 children had a fantastic visit to the seaside. The weather was definitely on our side and the children had a fun time building sandcastles and paddling in the sea, they especially enjoyed the ice creams! They were so well behaved and were a real delight to take on the visit.

Years 3 & 4 –This week, Years 3 and 4 are continuing to read the story of Macbeth. We have turned the story into a playscript and started to perform these, which has been great fun. In Geography, we have been investigating wind and solar energy and how it can benefit us in terms of being more sustainable. In PSHE, we have been looking at how to keep safe in the sun, which hopefully will be needed over the coming weeks! We have also started our new DT project, which is designing, making and evaluating wallets and purses.

Years 5 & 6 - Lineham Farm - We are very excited about our two residential to Lineham Farm next week. We are expecting to be returning to school at 2pm approximately for each residential (Wednesday and Friday depending on which residential your child is attending) and children can then be collected from that time onwards.

Swimming - There will be times when classes will not be swimming and there are also some changes to accommodate Lineham Farm. All classes will go swimming twice in a three-week period (to make it fair to all classes).

Swimming timetable next week:

Monday 23rd June: Class 12 will be swimming instead of Class 15

Tuesday 24th June: Class 14 will be swimming

Wednesday 25th June: Class 13 will not be swimming due to Lineham Farm

Thursday 26th June: Class 16 will be swimming

Friday 27th June: Class 13 will be swimming instead of Class 12 due to Lineham Farm

Flamingo Land - Year 6 had an amazing time on our two trips to Flamingo Land. Check out the photographs on our school website using the link below: <https://st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/blog/category/year-6>

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](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:

Week Beginning 23rd June 2025
Week Beginning 30th June 2025
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July 2025

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

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)
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