

St Bartholomew's News



11th July 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was judging St Bart's Got Talent. And we have talent!! The children entering from Reception to Year 6 were fantastic. The confidence they have to perform in front of lots of other children and staff is amazing. I, the other judges and all the staff loved it. Well done to all the children who entered. Have a look at the website next week to see the entries and winners.

Worship – our current theme is **RESPECT** and this week we reflected on people's differences and reflected on how despite our differences we all deserve and should show respect.

We also reflected on our Big Question, **'Who do you respect and why do they deserve it?'** The children can talk about who they respect and why.

We have also discussed our attribute, **'Commitment'** and what a range of examples we have in school of our children showing commitment we have had this term, including; Year 6 and the effort they put in to their SATs, Year 1 who worked hard learning their phonics, all the children in Year 5 who tried new things at Lineham Farm and the children who entered St Bart's Got Talent and the time they have put into rehearsing for it. We are also very proud of all our children and the commitment they show in their lessons.

What we are doing to make things better - Over the summer anyone passing school will see the work going on as we have the next stage of the roof replaced, no more leaks for those classes when it rains!

REMINDERS

- **SCHOOL STREETS** – The council's restrictions on Strawberry Lane are still in place whether we are standing on duty or not and will continue next year. **By driving up in a morning 8.15-9am or after school 3-3.30pm you are breaking the law and can be fined.** The council can send wardens or local police to check at any point and you will be fined if seen driving on Strawberry Lane unless you have a pass.
Please do not drive on Strawberry Lane at these times, it is for the safety of our children!!
- **REPORTS** – Your children will be bringing their reports home today, make sure you check their bags if they do not give them to you. The letter with them explains that if you want to discuss your child with their teacher you can request a call next week. If needed you can ask for one of our SENDCOs to call you. We hope you are pleased with their year at school.

Raffle Tickets – We will be selling raffle tickets from Monday 14th July for a chance to win 3 tickets to Flamingo Land and some other prizes the tickets will be 20p each, the raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th July.

Tax Free Child Care – We are now registered with tax free child care, if this is something you are interested in using to pay for breakfast club and after school please speak to Mrs Busby in the office.



Milk - We will be providing children in Years 1-6 with the opportunity to have milk in school for the autumn term. Nursery and Reception children already receive it free of charge. For children entitled to benefit related free school meals this will be free but you must still complete a form for the autumn term requesting this for your child, for all others it must be ordered and paid for in advance for the term. The cost for the autumn term will be £22.50. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 30th June. **All forms must be completed and returned to the office by Monday 14th July. Payments can be made by ParentPay or card at the office as we no longer accept cash in school. If you would like to pay by ParentPay, please call or message the office to let us know then we can add it to your account.**

We cannot accept late payments, as we need to order the milk in advance. Once this has been paid, we cannot provide refunds.

Attendance - Next week your child will come home with their attendance certificate from this year. We expect children's attendance to be over 95% to ensure they make the most progress and for them to reach their full potential. Anything below needs to be improved, anything below 90% is a serious concern and will significantly impact their learning and we will need to speak to you and put plans in place to see how it can be improved. We can often help!

Holidays in Term Time – No holidays in term time will be authorised and will if 5 days or more are taken lead to a fine, this does not have to be 5 days together. Taking holiday's in term time will affect your place in BC/ASC and whether you are eligible for play schemes.

Special Circumstances - Any other absences must be requested and discussed in advance or they will not be considered for special circumstances. There are very few circumstances that we will authorise but they must be discussed with Mrs Wainwright in advance.

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>		
Nursery: 89.9%	School Age: 93.3%	All School: 93.3%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - What an exciting week it has been in Nursery! As part of our transition weeks, our older children visited the library, where they listened to stories and learnt the library rules. They also visited the Book Bus, where they could choose stories and look at books with their friends. Our Nursery activities included: sorting vehicles into air, land, and water categories; creating a tally chart of how we come to school; learning about the number 3. We sang songs about vehicles, such as 'The Wheels on the Bus' and 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. We looked at non-fiction books about vehicles and painted our favourite vehicle.

Reception - This week in Reception we have been talking about how things have changed and things that happened a long time ago. We have enjoyed listening to dinosaur stories and spent lots of time looking at photos of dinosaur skeletons and models in museums. We have drawn some very detailed pictures of our favourite dinosaurs. We have talked about animals that are in danger of becoming extinct. We really enjoyed our sports afternoons, working with our team to complete different activities including dribbling and controlling a ball, balancing a ball on a bat and completing an obstacle course.

Years 1 & 2 - Children in KS1 have had a fantastic week of sport in the sunshine. They have really enjoyed their sports afternoon with the PE coach, taking part in a range of races that focused on running, balancing and ball skills. All children were very supportive of one another and showed great team spirit. It has really been an incredible year in KS1 with some special experiences such as visits to the farm, seaside and castle and we have really enjoyed watching the children develop in confidence and flourish with their learning. The KS1 team would like to wish all families a safe and happy summer holiday.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, we've been treated to fantastic performances from Rocksteady, the choir, and our performing arts club—our pupils loved seeing their friends shine on stage. In Design & Technology, we put the finishing touches on our purses. After completing them, we evaluated our designs and discussed what changes we might make if we were to create them again—a great opportunity to reflect and improve our skills. In Science, our focus has been on healthy eating. The children explored what makes a balanced diet and why it's important for our wellbeing. In RE, we have been learning about the significance of the pilgrimage to Hajj, deepening our understanding of different faiths and traditions.

Years 5 & 6 – End of an era - Year 6 have only one week left at St Bart's. A letter has been sent out regarding the musical and the disco.

Swimming - A big thank-you to all the children for their efforts this academic year. There will be no swimming lessons next week.

Lessons - Click on the following links below to catch-up on the latest news in Years 5 & 6:

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

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

Homework - Children still have the opportunity to complete a variety of tasks set for the Summer Term – children have received a paper copy. Children can even complete homework tasks over the Summer Holidays and bring work back to school in September.

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:

Tuesday 15 th July 2025 2pm & 6pm	Year 6 Leavers Concert – Letter to Follow with Details
Wednesday 16 th July 2025 9.30am	Leavers Service in Church
Thursday 17 th July 2025 5pm	Year 6 End Of An Era Disco
Friday 18 th July 2025	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 21 st November 2025
Friday 20 th March 2026
Friday 12 th June 2026
Monday 20 th July 2026
Tuesday 21 st July 2026