

St Bartholomew's News



5th September 2025

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

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the start of term. It is lovely to welcome all the children and parents back to school.

We hope this year is even better than last year's fantastic year at St Bart's

If you have any questions or need any support, please let us know.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing all the children return to school after the summer holiday. It is always fantastic to see the children in their uniforms, excited to see their new classes and teachers and catch up with old friends.

Meet the Teacher - We are opening our doors after school on Tuesday 9th September between 3.30 and 4.30pm if you want to call in to see your child's new classroom and meet their teacher. If you cannot make this, we will be offering a tour of school one evening later this half term if you want to look round.

Worship – Our current theme is Thankfulness and this week we started to talk about what this means. We have also introduced our attribute for this half term, 'Optimism' and what this means – always looking on the bright side!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

LATE PAYMENTS

WE HAVE HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF PARENTS PAYING LATE THIS WEEK WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE.

If you do not pay for the provisions promptly your child will be removed and you will have to seek other childcare. The office has got too much to do to spend time trying to get payments for this and we cannot afford for parents not to pay as the staff need paying.

For those not paying for lunch you will be expected to send your child with a packed lunch until the dinners are paid for up to date.

IF BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ARE NOT PAID UP TO DATE BY MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER YOU WILL RECEIVE A CANCELLATION LETTER AND FROM THE 15TH SEPTEMBER YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE PLACE WILL BE GIVEN TO SOMEONE ON THE WAITING LIST

UPDATES

- **Year Group Information** – Next week you will receive a Phase Quick Guide with lots of information about your child's year group. Please check your email if you do not receive a paper copy or ask at the office for one.
- **School Streets** – The restrictions on Strawberry Lane are still in place and it is illegal to drive on there between 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm. Only certain exceptions are allowed. It does not matter if we are not on duty out there. **You will be fined if caught by the council wardens or police.**
- **Flu immunisations** - These will be available in November in school and this year includes nursery children. Next week you will receive some information about this. You need to sign up for this on line. If you need help please ask Mrs Drake at the office.
- **Lost Clothes** - At this time of year children start to come in jumpers, cardigans and coats, often new. These need to be labelled and if you ask we can do this. We do check these sometimes and will put their names in if they do not have them. The weather quickly changes and children take these items off and they can be misplaced.
- **Uniform** – We do have a stock of second hand uniform if you need support with uniform we try to help.
- **PE T-Shirts** – We have decided PE T-shirts are no longer needed. Children can wear their normal t-shirt with suitable trousers/shorts/leggings and trainers. If you want them to wear a PE t-shirt they still can but we are no longer providing them. Children cannot wear any other t-shirts for PE such as football tops.

REMINDERS ATTENDANCE – OUR ATTENDANCE QUICK GUIDE IS ATTACHED TO THIS WEEKS' EMAIL

- Any absences for special circumstances or extended absences from school must be requested in advance and discussed with Mrs Wainwright before you go.
- Holidays of any kind (weeks abroad/long weekends/day trips) are not allowed in school time and you will be fined for any 5 days' absence in a ten-week period. They do not have to be in the same week.
- Family emergencies must also be discussed and requested.
- Taking children out of school in term time for any unauthorised reasons will affect places in holiday activities and Breakfast Club and After School Club

Attendance

We expect all children to be in 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
The target for children is 95% and above this year.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Thursday 25th September 2025

Friday 10th October 2025

Thursday 16th October 2025

Friday 17th October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

Friday 21st November 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 20th April 2026

Monday 4th May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 12th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Year 3 Anglo Saxon Workshops

Year 3 Seed Gathering Workshops

Class 10 Armley Mills

Class 11 Armley Mills

Class 9 Armley Mills

School Closes at 3.30pm

School opens at 8.30am

Class 7 Coal Mining Museum

Class 9 Coal Mining Museum

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

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Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closed May Bank Holiday

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm