

St Bartholomew's News



26th September 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was spending the day in Launchpad, I had a lovely day.

Worship – Our current theme is thankfulness and this week we continued with reflecting on the wonderful world we live in and the things we are thankful for; the trees, mountains, oceans, rain, the sun and much more. We have also discussed our attribute, 'optimism' and trying to focus on the positive things in the world.

IMPORTANT UPDATES – the St Bart's Way

The children are working hard this year to follow the **St Bart's Way**. The focus this term is how we line up and walk round school including down the stairs, the staff have to follow these expectations too! The second is how the children sit and listen in class. Please ask the children about this and encourage them to follow these expectations. They are doing really well with these in school. Look on our website for the posters we use in school.

REMINDERS

- **PUNCTUALITY** – Children must come to school on time, it has a negative impact on them being late and is difficult for school to manage, stopping us do what we should be doing and impacting the learning of others.
- **Scooters and Bikes** – Make sure children dismount and walk round school with their scooters and bikes. It is a busy school and riding round school is dangerous. This includes older children and adults collecting and bringing the children to school. Thank you.
- **Recipe Station** – Will be outside the main entrance every Wednesday between 3pm-3.30pm, come along and pick up some ingredients and a recipe to make at home.

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

Friday is a school day not the weekend!! Our attendance on a Friday is higher than every other day. If we notice a pattern for your child/children, we will have to stop authorising absences on a Friday and this could lead to over 5 days in a ten-week period and a fine.

Last week's attendance (15th to 19th September)

Nursery: 93%

Reception: 94.7%

Years 1 to 6: 94.1%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Class 3 – 96.9%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11- 99.2%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 96.2%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 4

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12



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

Class 12 Deborah

Class 13 Patrick

Class 14 Jersey

Class 15 Willow

Class 16 Ola

Class 12 Baran

Class 13 Elaine

Class 14 Safiri

Class 15 Rahel

Class 16 Micheal

Class 12 Noble

Class 13 Ravy

Class 14 Tamara

Class 15 Lakshmi

Class 16 Kile

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week in Nursery we have been talking about our families. The story of the week has been 'My Mum and Dad Makes Me Laugh'. We shared some family photographs. We have learnt 'Finger Family' and 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes' songs. We also looked at patterns: spots and stripes. We made lots of crafts using those patterns. We made patterns using scarves and pencils while dancing to the classical music. We also talked about what makes us happy or sad.

Reception – This week in Reception we have continued to retell the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' using our story map. We have thought about how Goldilocks might have felt whilst walking in the woods. We have looked at photos of the woods and explored conkers, acorns, pine cones and sycamore seeds. We have enjoyed painting and drawing woodland animals. In our topic lessons we have continued to talk about our families and have really enjoyed looking at all the family photos shared on Learning Journals. In Maths we have been subitising amounts. This means knowing how many there are without counting. We have created our own dot cards using counters.

Year 1 & 2 - In Art this week the children in Year 1 have really enjoyed investigating different mediums such as oil pastel, pens and crayons. They have tried hard to create different textures and effects and have decided which ones they like the best. In Year 2 in Art the children have been learning about creating backgrounds and foregrounds. They have learned that the background is the part of the picture that looks the furthest away and the foreground is the part that looks the closest. The children used their oracy skills to develop their vocabulary when describing the background and foreground of different paintings.

Year 3 & 4 – Year 3, This week, we have had an exciting week with two visitors coming into school. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Anglo-Saxon day, where we took part in a workshop, looking at artifacts from the time period we are looking at in History. On Thursday, we enjoyed a seed gathering workshop, where we looked at the ways different seeds are dispersed, which links to our Science topic.

Year 4, In English lessons this week, we enjoyed re-writing a different ending to Oliver Twist after finishing reading it. In History, we looked at Victorian crimes and how criminals were punished. We enjoyed our experiment in Science, where we tested whether high or low frequency sounds travel further. In Art, we continued to look at Lowry and how he uses perspective to make buildings look nearer or further away.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Science, children have enjoyed researching planets. Well done to one pupil in Year 5 who designed and built their own model of the solar system – it is in the 5/6 phase area proudly on display! In History, children have continued to look at activism – their focus this week has been the Luddites.

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

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

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

Homework - Homework is given on **Mondays** and must be completed by the **following Monday**. Each week, children will be expected to complete homework on **Emile** (with tasks set in **Grammar, Punctuation and Maths**) and **Oxford Owl** (tasks set in **Spelling**). Spelling Homework will be set from Monday. Children will also be encouraged to use **Reading Plus** at home to support their reading development. There will be a **Homework Club** every **Monday lunchtime** for children in **Years 5 and 6**, giving them the opportunity to complete homework during the school day. Children who complete all their homework will be rewarded with a **longer lunchtime on Friday**.

Thank-you to the children who have completed some of the Autumn Term homework tasks – their work is now on display in the Years 5/6 area.

Year 6 SATs Week - Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 11th May 2025. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 11th May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Tuesday 12th May: Reading
- Wednesday 13th May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 14th May: Reasoning

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applying for secondary school is 31st October. Please click on the following link for further guidance and links to applying for secondary schools.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Please contact school and speak to Mr Needham if you require any support in applying for secondary schools.

School Dates 2025 -2026

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

Monday 11th May 2026

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Thursday 14th May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 12th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

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

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School Closed May Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATs Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

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