

St Bartholomew's News



3rd October 2025

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

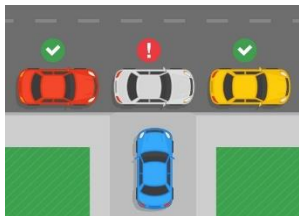
Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was working with this year's Worship Council. They have become involved very quickly, have started to grow in confidence and are coming up with some very thoughtful ideas. Thank you to the children.

Worship – Our current theme is **thankfulness** and this week we were thinking about children who do not have enough food or fresh water and how we should be thankful for what we have. We also introduced our new Big Question, **how much does thankfulness cost?** Well done to the worship council who thought up this question. We have also discussed our attribute, '**Optimism**' this runs alongside our theme and being thankful for what you have and focussing on what is good in our lives. Being thankful is also a choice we make, reflecting the value of liberty. The children also know that saying thank you is being respectful, another important value.

JUST ONE THING! Our annual harvest collection. We are asking if you could donate just one item, packet or tin per child or family. This means no one is bringing a lot but by bringing one item we will still have a lot of food to help others. The worship Council are managing this collection this year and have made posters for classes and will be collecting and sorting the food ready to give to local charities. This links well to our worship theme of thankfulness.



REMINDERS:



WHEN PARKING TO COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVEWAYS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AROUND SCHOOL.



At the beginning and end of the day children should not be playing on any of the equipment. It is only for use in school time when staff are able to supervise and make sure the children are safe and using it properly.

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS AT THESE TIMES AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

DATA SHEETS – PLEASE RETURN THE DATA SHEETS EVEN IF THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES.

We **must** have at least **two contacts** for each child and have the most up to date contact information in case of an emergency. Your email address must be the right one or you will not receive the emails we send and this is now our main way of communicating as we work to being paperless.

It is vital we have the correct and most up to date medical information about your children.

If we do not have them by half term, we will presume all the current information we have is correct.

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

Last week's attendance (22nd – 26th September)

Nursery: 90.7%

Reception: 95.6%

Years 1 to 6: 95.6%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Class 5 – 97.7%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 7 – 98.2%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12 – 98.1%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 5

Years 3 & 4 – Class 8

Years 5 & 6 – Class 15



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

Class 1 Fatima

Class 1 Dante

Class 1 Maryam E

Class 2 Zoya

Class 2 Sidra

Class 2 Sara

Class 3 Ahad

Class 3 Elijah

Class 3 Amen

Class 4 Hadiya

Class 4 Elayna

Class 4 Reggie

Class 5 Dawood

Class 5 Anoushka

Class 5 Cezary

Class 6 Aihan

Class 6 Mujtaba

Class 6 Willow

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have learnt all about autumn. We have explored autumn items and learnt to describe them. We looked at simple patterns and made ABAB patterns using seasonal objects. Our story of the week has been 'Owl Babies' and we have learnt the 'All the Leaves Are Falling Down' song. The children have created amazing owl pictures using paint, collage and pencils. We have also opened up a pizza restaurant where children enjoyed ordering and serving food.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been talking about where we live. We have enjoyed finding our houses on Google earth and have enjoyed looking at local landmarks such as Elland Road, the Church and the Mosque. As the weather is changing we have been talking about signs of autumn. We have enjoyed leaf rubbing and printing with leaves talking about what happens during autumn and the different colours we can see. We have enjoyed listening to the story the three little pigs and have been sorting materials into sturdy and flimsy. In Maths we have been practicing to count carefully touching each object as we say the number and understanding the number we say tells us the amount.

Year 1 & 2- In History this week the children in Year 1 have continued investigating different types of houses. They have thought about the house they live in and have learned the names of different homes - including flats, terraced, semi-detached and detached houses. They have been looking at buildings in their local area and have used the words old and modern to describe them, looking closely at the bricks, windows and the style of the buildings. In History in Year 2 the children have been learning about life in a Norman castle. They have looked at the different people who worked in the castle and learned about how hard it was to do some of the jobs including the cook, carpenter, candle maker, gardener and soldier. The children decided which job they thought they would be good at and completed an application form for the job to give to the Lord of the castle.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 have been reading some non-fiction texts about Anglo Saxons. We have been looking at the features and writing glossaries. In RE, we have been looking at different Sun Gods. In Science, we enjoyed learning about pollination, which linked to the workshops we took part in last week. In Maths, we have started to add and subtract mentally, using base ten to help us. In PSHE, we have been looking at the cost of smoking and realised what an expensive habit it is!

Year 4 - In English, we have been looking at biographies. We have read biographies about Charles Dickens, who we are looking at this term. In Science, we have been looking at why certain animals may hear better and have tested different apparatus to see what effects this. In History, we have been looking at Victorian punishments, and whether we think they were fair. In Maths, we have moved on to mental addition.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In History, we looked at the Suffragettes and what they were known for. In Music, we are continuing to rehearse and perform Livin' On a Prayer. In Science, we have been learning about day and night and why there is a day and night.

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 10 th October 2025	Class 10 Armley Mills
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Class 11 Armley Mills
Friday 17 th October 2025	Class 9 Armley Mills
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School opens at 8.30am
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Class 7 Coal Mining Museum
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Class 9 Coal Mining Museum
Friday 21st November 2025	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 19 th December 2025	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 th January 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 13 th February 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 23 rd February 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 20th March 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 20 th April 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 4th May 2026	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 12 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Reading
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Arithmetic & Reasoning
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Reasoning
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 1 st June 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 12th June 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 17 th July 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm