

St Bartholomew's News



17th October 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was going to church for Harvest. The children who led worship were fantastic and Mr Leadbeater did a great job. The KS2 choir were lovely and I was amazed by the KS1 choir. Well done!

Worship – Our current theme is **thankfulness** and this week in KS1 we reflected how you should, 'Count Your Blessings' and be thankful for the good things. The children were keen to share what they were thankful for in their lives.

KS2 went to church for Harvest, they celebrated how we should be thankful for the food we have and how some children in Leeds, England and around the world do not always have enough food.

JUST ONE THING! Our annual harvest collection – **it's not too late to send something in to school**



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.

REMINDERS:

- **DATA SHEETS** – Completed sheets must be brought back to school; we expect them all returned by Friday 24th October.
- **Asthma Plans** – If your child has asthma and has an inhaler in school they should have an asthma plan from a medical professional, this identifies triggers and how they should use their inhalers. If your child does not please arrange to discuss this with your GP and bring a copy to school.
- **Allergy Plans** – If your child has a diagnosed allergy and a plan to support this we need a copy of this. It explains their allergy and what we should look for and do in an emergency.

IT IS VITAL WE HAVE THE FULL AND CORRECT MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD

- Next week there will be an attendance raffle, prizes will be drawn for having over 96% attendance in the first term, for being here every Friday and for being in all next week.

World Religion Day for KS2 Years 3 - 6 - Friday 24th October will be World Religion Day at St Bart's. It will be a non-uniform day, but please encourage your child/children to wear something related to their religion or traditional dress. They can also bring in any artefacts they may have to present to their class.

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 (6th October – 10th October)

Nursery: 93.1%

Reception: 93.7%

Years 1 to 6: 94.9%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Class 1 – 95.3%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10 - 97.6%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 13 – 98.8%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 3

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12



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

Class 12 Esmae

Class 12 Amer

Class 12 Ayesha

Class 13 Kashish

Class 13 Amandeep

Class 13 Gabriel

Class 14 Joseph

Class 14 Karen

Class 14 Bilal

Class 15 Casper

Class 15 Daniela

Class 15 Niko

Class 16 Kylan

Class 16 Melika

Class 16 Emily J

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have been exploring a harvest vegetable: pumpkin. The children loved looking at different coloured pumpkins, describing and painting them. We have been ordering them according to their size and checking which ones are heavy and light. We opened them up and saw what was inside. In phonics we have read pumpkin stories and the children learnt pumpkin song '5 little pumpkins'.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been learning the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' using a story map and actions. We have enjoyed sequencing the story and describing the big bad wolf. We have continued to talk about where we live and have drawn our own maps of our journey to school. We have talked about the people who help us in our community and are looking forward to a visit from Little City next week. In Maths we have been continuing and creating repeating patterns using a range of different natural objects and loose parts.

Year 1 & 2- This week the children in Year 1 really enjoyed their walk around the local area as part of their History topic. They were looking at old and modern buildings and how the area has changed over time. The children looked at places important to our community such as the church, mosque, library and the leisure centre.

In Year 2 the children have continued their learning about their topic of Castles, Kings and Queens and have enjoyed reading the book 'The Paper Bag Princess'. They have orally rehearsed sentences to describe the princess and have then written compound sentences using 'and'. Remember that next week the children will be having a Kings and Queens day on Friday the 24th of October. Please refer to the letter that was sent out for further details.

Year 3 & 4 – Last week and this week, Year 3 have enjoyed taking part in some workshops in our school garden. We have been preparing the soil and doing some planting, as well as learning about vegetables. In English, we have been reading and writing Kenning poems, links to our class story Beowulf. In maths, we have enjoyed doing column addition and subtracting, including when there is an exchange. In History, we have explored Sutton Hoo and looked at the Anglo-Saxon artifacts that were found there.

Year 4 - Last week and this week, we really enjoyed our trip to Armley Mills. We took part in a role-play task, where we were transported back in time to be Victorian children in a classroom. We then explored the museum and found out more about what it was like to be a child in Armley during the time period. In English, we have enjoyed writing playscripts and in art we have been creating our own Lowry inspired pictures. In PSHE, we looked at stereotypes and what discrimination can look like.

Homework - This year, our homework is all done digitally and can be completed on a laptop, tablet or phone. Children are expected to complete 20 minutes on Times Table Rockstars and complete tasks on Oxford Owl. If you have any trouble getting on, please see the class teacher or speak to Mr Waters. Homework helps children secure what they have learned in school and sets good habits for later on in life, including high school.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In Geography, we have started our 'Rivers' topic. We have looked at the water cycle and how rivers are formed. We have used atlases to locate the largest rivers in the world. In Science, we have been learning about the phases of the moon. We are amazed to discover that when the new moon forms there is no visible moon in the sky.

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>

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. Mr Needham will be available on the two nights of Parental Consultations to help with applications.

School Dates 2025 -2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th November 2025

Thursday 6th - Monday 10th November 2025

Monday 10th November 2025

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

Friday 21st November 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 3rd February 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Thursday 26th March 2025

Friday 27th March 2025

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

Monday 15th June 2025

Thursday 18th June 2025

Friday 17th July 2026

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Class 3 Bikeability

Class 4 Bikeability

Class 5 Skipton Castle

Class 6 Skipton Castle

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

Year 2 -Classes 5 and 6 Great Fire of London workshops

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

Year 1 farm visits

Year 1 farm visits

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closed May Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATs Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

Year 6 SATs Reading

Year 6 SATs Arithmetic & Reasoning

Year 6 SATs Reasoning

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

Seaside visit - Class 5

Seaside visit - Class 6

School Closes at 3.30pm