

St Bartholomew's News



7th November 2025

“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was watching the sunset with some of the children after clubs on Wednesday. We were all amazed by how fantastic it was, a real Wow moment. It gave us the opportunity to look at how beautiful the world around us is. Isaac took some pictures and wanted to share one with you.



Worship – Our current theme is Trust and this week we started to think about the people we trust. We are also introducing the new attribute this half term, ‘**intergrity**’ how it is important we chose to do the right thing.

Nursery Places – We have Nursery places available, if you have a child who is currently 3 years old or turning 3 between now and July 2026, please register them at the office in advance and when they turn 3 we will contact you nearer the time. If you need any further information, please see Mrs Drake.

Starting Primary School 2026 – Is your child due to start primary school in September 2026 if so you must Apply Now! Applications are open for Reception places to start in September 2026. You can apply online until Thursday 15th January 2026. If you need any help with applying, please see Mrs Drake. Please note that you must apply even if your child is attending our Nursery.

IMPORTANT

LATE PAYMENTS – WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITH THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PARENTS PAYING LATE FOR BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. WE WILL BE ISSUING SOME PARENTS WHO REGULARLY PAY LATE WITH LETTERS THIS WEEK STATING THEY WILL NEED TO FIND NEW CHILDCARE IN JANUARY. WE ARE SORRY IT HAS COME TO THIS BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO CONTINUALLY CHASE PAYMENTS.

REMINDERS:

- **PUNCTUALITY** – the amount of children late for school is increasing and this is not acceptable. Even a few minutes’ impacts on children and many feel anxious entering their classroom late. It is also difficult for us to manage having to take the children to class, it takes us away from what we should be doing. **CHILDREN MUST BE IN NURSERY BY 8.40AM AND THE REST OF SCHOOL BY 8.50AM.**
- **Children need to bring coats, jumpers and cardigans to school.** If possible label them with their name or ask us to, we are happy to help and it saves time and money if they misplace them. Thank you
- **Period products** – school has access to some free products for families who need support with this. They can be expensive so if you do need any support please see Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright.

Anti- Bully Week - It is Anti-Bullying Week next week on 10th-14th November and the theme this year is Power for Good. During this week, your child will be learning about bullying and where to go for help if they are worried about bullying. As part of this special week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November. Your child can wear odd socks to school on this day to remind us that we are all unique and that our differences should be celebrated.

Attendance

Well done to all the raffle winner last half term.
We start again this half term so everyone has a chance to go into the raffles.
Children need to be in to win!

Raffle Winners:

<i>Nursery – Camil</i>	<i>Class 1 Hoorain</i>	<i>Class 2 Jordan</i>	<i>Class 2 Pearl</i>	<i>Class 3 Saha</i>
<i>Class 4 Reggie</i>	<i>Class 5 Nela</i>	<i>Class 6 Jane</i>	<i>Class 7 Jackson</i>	<i>Class 9 Chelsea</i>
<i>Class 10 Wesley</i>	<i>Class 11 Chimamanda</i>	<i>Class 12 Duaa</i>	<i>Class 13 Gabriel</i>	<i>Class 14 Michalena</i>
<i>Class 16 Arhum</i>				

SIBLINGS – Sometimes families are ill together but this is not always the case. We have some families whose children are always off on the same days. We appreciate children may not want to come if their brother or sister is not but they must come to school if they are well. If you struggle with this because getting them to school in these circumstances is hard please let us know, we may be able to help.

Last week's attendance (20th October – 24th October)

Nursery: 89.4%

Reception: 92%

Years 1 to 6: 94.2%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Class 5 & 6 – 97.7%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10 – 98.4%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12 – 97.4%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 1

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14



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

<i>Class 1 Hoorain</i>	<i>Class 1 Zaynab</i>	<i>Class 1 Idriss</i>
<i>Class 2 Heaven</i>	<i>Class 2 Bianca</i>	<i>Class 2 Enya</i>
<i>Class 3 Harrison</i>	<i>Class 3 Darcy</i>	<i>Class 3 Hanan</i>
<i>Class 4 Harper-Rose</i>	<i>Class 4 Wealth</i>	<i>Class 4 Salwa</i>
<i>Class 5 Aiza</i>	<i>Class 5 Nela</i>	<i>Class 5 Orion</i>
<i>Class 6 Judy</i>	<i>Class 6 Ruqayyah</i>	<i>Class 6 Airah</i>

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We have had a wonderful start to this half term, all the children are settled and eager to learn. This week our work has revolved around Bonfire Night and the importance of staying safe. We have discussed about staying away from fires and fireworks and to wear gloves if possible when holding a sparkler and to keep it at arm's length when making patterns with them. We talked about the types of food people typically eat on Bonfire Night- jacket potatoes, chilli, pie and peas, bonfire toffee and toffee and chocolate apples. We also all made our own chocolate apples, stirring the apple through the melted chocolate, giving it a shake, dipping it in the sprinkles and finally placing it on greaseproof paper to dry. The best part eating it on the way home, delicious!

Reception – In Reception this week we have enjoyed listening to the story Goldilocks and the three crocodiles, a twist on one of our favourite traditional tales. We have described the crocodiles in the story taking turns to speak, listening carefully and looking at the person speaking. We have learnt all about Bonfire night and why it is celebrated. We have created some beautiful firework paintings and have made our own sparklers using paper straws and tissue paper. In Maths we have been exploring repeated patterns and creating our own using different objects.

Year 1 & 2- This week the children in Year 1 have learnt about bonfire night as part of their new topic of Fun Times and Festivals. They have looked at stories about bonfire night and firework poetry, exploring the different sounds that fireworks make. The children have created some fantastic firework chalk drawings in the areas of provision. Children in Year 2 have been looking at adverbs of time in English and have looked at a recount of a visit to a castle in preparation for their exciting visit to Skipton Castle next week. They have looked at the tenses of verbs and how recounts are written in the past tense. The children are really looking forward to their visits next week - thank you to all the families who have sent payment for the visit - it is very much appreciated.

Year 3 & 4 –This week, Year 3 have been reading fairy tales from other cultures with a female lead, and starting to create our own characters. In Maths, we have continued to look at formal methods to add and subtract, and in PSHE we have been looking at bullying, including what counts as bullying and what doesn't. In Geography, we have started our unit on megacities.

This week, Year 4 have been reading some spooky Victorian stories about lighthouses. We are also looking at lighthouses in our DT project this half term. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication, in particular our times tables. In Science, we have started to look at electricity and symbols for parts of a circuit. In PSHE, we have been learning that some drugs are harmful, and some like medicines, can help us.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In Music, we have really enjoyed starting the new interactive Music scheme, Yumu. Children have access to rehearsing and performing their own music at home – usernames and passwords are in the children's planners. In English, we have started our scary stories topic. 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>

HMP: Classes will be taking part in HMP Not-4-Me – bringing a real life replica Prison Cell to our school along with a day of education and understanding of the consequences of choices and behaviour.

Classes will be taking part on the following days:

Monday – Class 16

Tuesday – Class 13

Wednesday – Class 12

Thursday – Class 15

Friday – Class 14

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

A big thank-you to all the families that completed the secondary school applications by the 31st October deadline.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

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

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

Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 20th March 2026
Wednesday 1st April 2025
Thursday 2nd April 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
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