

St Bartholomew's News



14th November 2025

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed was teaching in class 7, they were great and so keen to learn, I do not get chance to go in classes much and it is always a joy.

Worship – Our current theme is trust and this week we looked at a quote from the Bible;

‘Two people are better than one ...
If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.’
Ecclesiastes 4.9.10

We reflected on how working together with someone you trust and having someone you can rely on is better. We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**integrity**’ and how friends should be trustworthy and do the things they say they will.

Free School Meals – Children are all automatically entitled to a free school meal from Reception to Year 2. However, the sooner you apply for free school meals the better for you and for school. For example, children would be eligible for free milk from year 1, you may qualify for free play scheme places if the scheme is one which is funded through the government. For school it means we can access more funding to support children in school as it is one of the main ways the government allocates money to schools.

You can apply for free school meals as soon as your children come to school and we can help with this. If your older children receive free school meals or you think you may be entitled speak to Mrs Busby and she will be able to advise you.

We really need your support with this. Thank you

REMINDERS

- **NUT FREE** – We are a nut free school and children cannot bring nuts of any kind including any nut products. This poses a serious risk to some of our children who have allergies some severe. We expect your co-operation with this due to the high risk it causes.
- **SCHOOL STREETS** – Strawberry Lane is becoming very busy again and this is putting children and other pedestrians at risk, parents are driving up the street at times they should not, some much too quickly and parking on kerbs, blocking the gates and road.
YOU CANNOT DRIVE ON STRAWBERRY LANE BETWEEN 8.15-9AM AND 3-3.45PM
- **Flu Vaccinations** – If you still wish for your child to have the flu vaccination you can still fill the online form in up to Sunday 16th November.
- **PE KIT** – We have over recent years tried to make our uniform as simple and cheap as possible and now allow children to wear their polo shirt or a red t-shirt for the day they have PE. We expect they then wear tracksuit bottoms, leggings, shorts (weather depending) which are black or grey. They can also wear a black hoodie on PE days.

THEY SHOULD NOT COME IN FOOTBALL KITS/DESIGNER/LABELLED SPORTS CLOTHES.

We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Pine Cones - Years 3,4,5 & 6 are needing pine cones for their Christmas crafts, we would be grateful for any you can bring into class.

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.

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 (3rd November – 7th November)

Nursery: 92.3%

Reception: 90.8%

Years 1 to 6: 95.3%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Class 6 - 98%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10 - 98.4%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 99.2%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 3

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12



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

Class 7 Aiza

Class 7 Kiki

Class 7 Aroush

Class 8 Jesse

Class 8 Zarah

Class 8 Dennis

Class 9 Rebecca

Class 9 Toro

Class 9 Chelsea

Class 10 Noah

Class 10 Wesley

Class 10 Hurain

Class 11 Haider

Class 11 Amaan

Class 11 Ibrahim

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We have been very busy this week in Nursery. On Monday it was Odd Sock Day. We looked at our odd socks and the children decorated their own socks using paint, collage materials and crayons. We have also talked about being kind to others and the children have been choosing a different friend to play with every day. On Tuesday the children learnt about Remembrance Day and we are all very proud of them as the children sat beautifully during the 2-minute silence. On that day, the children looked at poppies, painted them and made poppies using red playdough. In phonics we have listened to animal sounds and in Maths we have been sorting objects into colours and counting them.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been listening to the story 'The true story of the 3 little pigs' a traditional tale with a twist. We have been using our imagination to think of different materials we could use to build a house for the pigs. We came up with some amazing idea including strawberries, marshmallows and ice cubes! We talked about if the materials are sturdy or flimsy. We have been learning about remembrance day and why we wear poppies. We have created our own poppies and took part in the 2-minute silence on Tuesday. In Maths we have been singing a new counting song about 5 little peas. Ask us to sing it at home.

Year 1 & 2- What an exciting week we have had in Key Stage 1. Year 1 children had an amazing time during their celebration day. The children learned about how lucky we are to be such a diverse school and they enjoyed talking about their own cultures and religions. They enjoyed a talk from Miss Riyat who shared her experiences of Diwali. They learned songs that told the story of Diwali and made their own diya lamps to use in worship. Children in Year 2 had a fantastic time at Skipton Castle. It was wonderful to see how much they have learned about castles as they impressed the tour guides with their knowledge of castle defences! They were able to see what a medieval castle was like and the different rooms they had such as the kitchen, great hall and the dungeon.

Year 3 & 4 –Year 3 - This week, we have continued reading fairytales with a strong female lead and have been challenging gender stereotypes. We have also finished our unit on addition and subtraction and will be completing our end of unit tests to see if there are any areas we need to revise. In Geography, we have continued looking at megacities and have looked at where the first city was to reach a population of 1 million. In Science, we enjoyed a rock hunt around the local area, looking at what types of rocks we have near us.

Year 4 - This week, we have been writing parts of a spooky story. In Geography, we enjoyed using clay to build our own Olympic stadium. In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and division and have been building up our knowledge of the 3, 6 and 9 times table. In Science, we have been building circuits, following on from looking at their symbols last week.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - We have learnt about the significance of remembrance and what poppies symbolise. In PSHE, we have completed anti-bullying activities and celebrated our own uniqueness, including wearing odd socks on Monday.

HMP Not-4-Me was a great experience – visiting a real life replica Prison Cell and learning about the consequences of choices and behaviour. 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

School Dates 2025 -2026:

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

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

Class 7 Coal Mining Museum

Class 8 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