

# St Bartholomew's News



19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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



We would like to wish all our families and children who celebrate Christmas a very Merry Christmas, we hope you enjoy your time with family and friends.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you enjoy the break from school. Please take care of yourselves.

**We will see all the children back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

It was lovely to see the children enjoy their parties and celebrations. The end of year performances by the bands, choirs, performing arts club and ukuleles were amazing and thank you to all of you who attended and supported the children. Most are now available to watch on the website. Please also follow us on our social media accounts.



Facebook - StBartsLeeds

Twitter – StBartsCofE



Instagram - stbartsarmley

## Updates:

- **Birthdays** – From January we ask that you do not send party bags in of any kind for your child's birthday. I know this may seem a harsh decision but we are unable to check the bags and some parents still send treats that some of our children are allergic to or that they cannot have. We also have parents who feel under pressure when it is their child's birthday as they feel they should provide party bags but are unable to and children can get upset if they do not bring them. We wish all our children a happy birthday and they get a cheerful 'happy birthday' song.

## After School and Breakfast Club:

**Breakfast Club must be paid on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for the half term**

**After School Club must be paid for at least weekly on a Monday for that week.**

Remember you should pay on Parent Pay and this can be done in advance if you chose to.

**Due to the amount of time chasing late payments is taking we will withdraw places where late payments are made and the places will go to someone on the waiting list.**

## REMINDERS:

- **Head Lice** - In a school head lice are often an issue – please take the opportunity over the holiday to check and if necessary treat your child's hair.
- **Coats/Jumpers** – Please label your children's coats/jumpers, it makes it so much easier if they misplace them

## 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

### Please Remember

- Lateness impacts your child's learning and wellbeing
- Your after school place will be withdrawn if your children are severely late regularly
- We may check if siblings are regularly off together
- We will conduct a 5-day welfare check when your child is off ill
- Requests for absence will only be considered if discussed with Mrs Wainwright in advance. The request form must be completed, and if they are for very exceptional circumstances, the correct paperwork and any evidence needed must be provided
- We may ask for medical information if your child is missing a lot of school through regular illness.
- Appointments – ideally should be made outside the school day but where they are unavoidable children must where at all possible come to school before their appointment and return afterwards so as little school time is missed as possible. We also need to see proof of the appointment.

Research shows that children with poor attendance in primary school generally do less well at high school and this impacts their life chances.

**PLEASE DO NOT BE OFFENDED BY OUR STRICT ATTENDANCE POLICES BUT CHILDREN ONLY LEARN AND REACH THEIR POTENTIAL WHEN THEY ARE IN SCHOOL ON TIME AND WE WANT THE BEST FOR THEM. PARENTS ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN DO ATTEND SCHOOL UNLESS THEY ARE TOO ILL TO DO SO. WE ALSO HAVE THE SAME EXPECTATIONS OF CHILDREN IN NURSERY**

### Last week's attendance (8<sup>th</sup> December – 12<sup>th</sup> December)

Nursery: 89.7%

Reception: 92.4%

Years 1 to 6: 94.4%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 6 – 95%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 7 – 96.6%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12 – 95.4%

If you need any support or to contact us during the holidays, please email or text Mrs Wainwright. I may not respond straight away but I will get back to you.

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### **School Dates 2025 -2026:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

School Opens at 8.30am

The Deep Class 15

The Deep Class 16

The Deep Class 13

The Deep Class 12

The Deep Class 14

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

School Closes at 3.30pm