

# St Bartholomew's News



6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was another great day in Class 6, it is lovely to teach again and spend time in class with the children.

**Worship** – Our current theme is perseverance and this week we reflected on how it is sometimes hard to keep going but we should not give up when things are difficult. We read the story of Jeremiah from the bible and how he did not give up when telling God’s words to the king.

We also reflected on our Big Question, ‘**Why is life like a race?**’ and how sometimes in life’s journey we have good and bad times but we can get through them and should ask for help if we need it.

We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**Resilience**’ which goes hand in hand with perseverance.

## REMINDERS

- **Attendance Raffles** – Next Friday we will be having our attendance raffles where children will go into the draw for being in school over 95% this half term, being in school every Friday, being on time every day and finally for being in school all next week (everyone has a chance to win this one).

**Remember we start again every half term so all children get a fresh start after half term to be in with a chance to win a prize.**

- **Parent Consultation** – These are coming up next half term, see dates at the end of this newsletter. Letters will be sent out after half term and we strongly encourage you to arrange to talk to your child’s teacher to see how they are doing in school, it is also a chance to see some of their work and ask any questions. If you cannot make it in to school we also offer a telephone option.

**Pyjama Day** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, will be Pyjama Day in school, when we will be raising funds for Zaruch. Zaruch is a charity which has supported many of our families with beds and bedding. Children can come to school in their pyjamas. We would like to remind parents that children still need to be dressed appropriately for school and in clothing that will keep them warm. Slippers should not be worn. We would like to ask for a donation of £1 and children will also have the opportunity to buy a drink of hot chocolate for 50p and a biscuit.



**School Social Media Pages** - Our school will no longer be posting on X, as we receive very little engagement from parents or the organisations we work with on this platform.

To ensure our updates continue to reach our community effectively, we will keep sharing news and information regularly on the school website, on Facebook at [@stbartsleeds](#), and on Instagram at [@stbartsarmley](#).

## 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 (26<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January)

Nursery: 93.8%

Reception: 94.7%

Years 1 to 6: 94.8%



**Attendance Winners for last week:**

KS1 – Class 4 – 95.7%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9 – 97.6%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14- 98.8%



**Well done to the best classes:**

KS1 – Class 1

Years 3 & 4 – Class 7

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** – This week we have continued to focus on 'Polar Bear Polar Bear' story. The children liked guessing what animal a teacher was describing and they had a go themselves in describing an animal. We drew our favourite animals paying attention to features like: ears, necks, patterns, beaks, trunks, tails, etc. The children did really well in drawing their animals. In Maths we measured the animals using stacking cubes, sang number songs and focussed on number two. In arts we painted our animals and made houses for them using junk modelling. In phonics we started to learn about rhyme and continued to clap syllables in our names and new learnt vocabulary.

**Reception** – This week in Reception we have been learning about the capital city of London. We have been learning all about London landmarks and have worked hard to build our own Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. We have talked about the Royal family and their job. In Maths we have been singing the song '5 little men in a flying saucer' and finding different ways to make 5. We have used double sided counters and dice frames to explore number bonds.

**Years 1 & 2** – This week has been a great week in Key Stage 1.

Year 1 children have really impressed their teachers during their phonics assessments and it has been fantastic to see how much progress children have made with their reading. We are really grateful to all parents and carers who encourage their children to read their books at home as many of these children have made more progress than expected. Children have also really enjoyed being Antarctic explorers in the provision areas.

Children in Year 2 have been extremely busy with 2 exciting workshops this week. Firstly, they really enjoyed their Great Fire of London History workshop where they had a visitor called William Petty from 1666 visit their classes to tell them all about what happened to him during the Great Fire. They used their investigation skills to look at different evidence from the past in order to find out about what happened. On Wednesday Year 2 children also had a great time with staff from the NSPCC who delivered workshops about keeping safe and helped the children understand what they can do if they are worried about things.

**Years 3 & 4** – This week, Year 3 have enjoyed reading and writing some junkyard poems, inspired by the book 'The Iron Man', which they have enjoyed looking at this half term. In Maths, we have been looking at length and measurement and have been looking at mm, cm and m. In History, we have enjoyed looking at features of Roman towns and have been designing our own. In art, we enjoyed using polystyrene tiles to make prints of Roman coins. This week, Year 4 have been performing a poem called 'Walking with my Iguana'. We have been looking at what makes a good performance and how we can use our voices and bodies to improve how it is received. In History, we have been looking at the Bronze Age and how it links to the Stone Age. In Science, we have enjoyed looking at the weather, and some classes have completed their absorption investigations after the rain spoiled it last week!

**Years 5 & 6 – Lessons** - 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>

**The Deep** - Thank you to all the children for their excellent attitude and behaviour during our visits to The Deep.

All five classes had a successful trip and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Pupils will now be using what they learned to inspire work across the curriculum, including projects such as recycled art.

**Homework** - Homework is set every **Monday** and must be completed by the **following Monday**.

Each week, children will be expected to complete:

- **Emile** homework – tasks set in *Grammar, Punctuation and Maths*
- **Oxford Owl** homework – tasks set in *Spelling* (Spelling homework is released each Monday)
- **Reading Plus** – children are encouraged to use this at home to further support their reading development

Children who complete **all** their homework will be rewarded with a **longer lunchtime on Friday**.

**Spring Homework Challenges** - Spring Homework Challenges have also been handed out to all children. These activities are linked to our Spring Term topics, and we would love to see children completing some of them at home—independently or with support. **Be creative!** We are excited to see the wonderful work the children produce.

**Click the link below to view the Spring Challenges!**

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/parents/homework>

**Year 6 SATs Week** - Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Reading
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning

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

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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**Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

**Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 2 Telephone Calls**

**Parent Consultations Year 3 to Year 6 Meetings**

**Parent consultations Class 8 Telephone Calls**

**Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 2 Meetings**

**Parent Consultations Year 3 to Year 6 Telephone Calls**

**Training Day – No Children in School**

Class 9 Tropical World Trip

Class 10 Tropical World Trip

Class 11 Tropical World Trip

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

Class 8 Harlow Carr Trip

**Training Day – No Children in School**

Seaside Visit - Class 5

Seaside Visit - Class 6

Class 7 Harlow Carr Trip

School Closes at 3.30pm