

27th February 2026

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

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the commitment that went into these homework projects. Amazing, well done!



The Water Cycle Model



A Dream Catcher

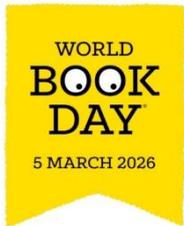
Worship – Our new theme is **Justice** and our new attribute is **Willpower**. Over the next few weeks please ask your children about these.

NURSERY PLACES – We still have places left in Nursery for 15 free hours.

By sending your child to our Nursery you give them the best start to their full time education. They start building the foundations of learning, develop social skills and friendships and they become familiar with the school environment and leaving the home and parents. If you want to discuss this, please contact Mrs Drake and she can provide details of what times are available or ask to speak to the Nursery teacher or arrange a visit.

REMINDERS:

- **Fasting** – If older children decide to fast please complete a form and discuss it with us. We are happy to support their decision but need to know so we can keep them safe. Thank you
- **Late Payments** – We are again having an increasing amount of parents pay late for dinners, breakfast club and afterschool club. This is not acceptable and makes much more work for the office staff. Payments must be made on time or places will be withdrawn and your child will have to have a packed lunch and the debt will be passed to Leeds City Council.
- **Parent Consultation** – If you have not already, please return your appointment request form, it is a good opportunity to discuss how well your children are doing and any areas that need improvement. This time, if teachers have any spare time between appointments they may give you a quick call if you have not returned your letter, this is to try and include everyone in their child's education.
- **Coats** – This week we have seen a slight shift in the weather (not sure it will last long- fingers crossed!), it has been warmer and the children have been able to play out. With this comes the usual coat issue, they take them off when they get warm and can forget to pick them back up. This is not a major issue if they have their name in their coats. All coats should be labelled, if not just ask and we will do it. It is difficult to find the owners of clothes that have no name, we have 500 children. Thank you.



World Book Day - World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5th of March this Year. As always we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from a book, or in their own choice of clothes. We have lots of exciting events happening in classes this year. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a workshop called The Extraordinary Adventures of Filolog. This focuses very much on story structure in a fun and exciting way! The day will open with an assembly where children are introduced to an extraordinary creature called Filolog. He has forgotten the detail of a story he is in – and needs help from the children to piece together different elements of his tale. The workshops will run over the Thursday and the Friday to ensure all children are able to participate. On Friday 6th March we will also be opening up the free book shop in partnership with the Children's Book Project, where children are able to enjoy choosing books to take home and keep.

This year with it being The Year of Reading we have an extra competition for the children to enter- 'Book in a box!' Please see the leaflet emailed for more details- good luck and have fun!

- 1st prize £10 Amazon voucher
- 2nd snuggle up and read bundle
- 3rd book

Neurodiversity Day - We are very excited to be holding a Neurodiversity Day in school on Wednesday 18th March as part of National Neurodiversity Week. During the day your child will take part in a sponsored silence to celebrate alternative methods of communication, learn a signed song, find out about different types of neurodiversity and take part in neurodiversity day activities. The sponsored event is being held to raise money to develop a supportive room in school that all children can benefit from. We are very excited about the day and will hand out sponsorship forms on the week beginning 2nd March. Thank you for your support!

Pyjama Day for Zarach - Thank you to everyone who contributed to the pyjama day to raise funds for Zarach. All of the children enjoyed their hot chocolate and biscuits and the day was a great success. We raised an amazing £619, which will enable Zarach to provide beds for 4 children. Thank you

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

It has been a better start to the new term. We really want the best for our children and it can only happen if they are here, every day not here is over 6 hours of learning lost that they cannot get back.

Thank you and keep it up

Last week's attendance (9th February – 13th February)

Nursery: 86.1% Reception: 93.3% Years 1 to 6: 93.5%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 1 -95.5% Years 3 & 4 – Class 9 & 11 – 96% Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 96.9%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 3 Years 3 & 4 – Class 9 Years 5 & 6 – Class 15



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

Class 12 Khaleesi
Class 13 Emmanuel
Class 14 Jethro
Class 15 Ethan
Class 16 Obay

Class 12 Mubashir
Class 13 Cyara
Class 14 Sam
Class 15 Deva
Class 16 Nela

Class 12 Duaa
Class 13 Ahmed
Class 14 Emily
Class 15 Carylsta
Class 16 Phoebe

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have started our new topic- 'adventures above and under the clouds'. We have started with our focus text - 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We read the story and learnt to describe the characters from the story. We have learnt a Goldilocks song and have used props like masks and puppets to retell the story. In Maths, we looked at sizes and matched bears to the right -sized beds, chairs, and bowls. We talked about being healthy and have done some exercise to stay healthy.

Reception – This week in Reception we have continued our topic where can we go and how can we get there. We have listened to the story 'Coming to England', about Floella Benjamin and how she travelled from Trinidad to England. We have really enjoyed comparing the different countries and looking at photographs thinking about how Trinidad is different to where we live. We have shared our experiences of travelling to hot countries and talked about the different types of clothes we wear in hot and cold places. In Maths we have been counting to bigger and counted all the way to 30. We have looked at counting staircases to help us understand that we add one more each time as we count.

Years 1 & 2 – In Year 1 this week the children have read the story of 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. They have enjoyed looking at a crime scene of the Giant's castle and picking out the key objects from the story and trying to work out what had happened. Children worked hard at using their oracy skills to decide who the good and bad characters are in the story, giving reasons for their ideas.

In Year 2 the children have been learning about our capital city - London. They have looked at non-fiction texts to find out about famous landmarks and used their inference skills to make predictions about the different landmarks. It is wonderful to see many children remembering what they had learnt from the Great Fire of London topic to identify places such as St Paul's Cathedral.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 have started their new topic about volcanoes and earthquakes. We have been reading information texts in English about them and starting to write our own. In Maths, we have been measuring in mm, cm and m. We have also enjoyed continuing our Science topic about forces.

Year 4 -This week, we have enjoyed learning about a survivor of a plane crash in the Amazon Rainforest. We have enjoyed writing survival guides in English. In Geography, we have been looking at the climate in the UK and how it can differ across the country. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions and how to convert mixed and improper fractions. In DT, we are starting our new project on food technology and have been looking at the chef Jamie Oliver.

Years 5 & 6 – Secondary School Applications - On Monday 2nd March Year 6 pupils and their families will find out which secondary schools they have been allocated a place at. The process of emails offering places being sent will begin from 8am on 2nd March and continue over the course of the morning. Parents who applied via a paper form will be contacted via letter, which may take a few days to arrive. Parents who applied via the portal can see their offer from 8am. For any queries, please email startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk

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>

Year 6 Hoodies - The deadline for placing an order for a Leavers' Hoodie is Friday 27th February. The price of the hoodie will be set and Parent Pay will be updated next week so payments can be made.

Lineham Farm - A letter registering your child's interest to go to Lineham Farm (either Monday 29th June until Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 1st July until Friday 3rd July) was sent on Friday 13th February. The deadline for registering your interest in your child attending is Friday 6th March.

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>

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Thursday 5th March 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Wednesdays 18th March 2026

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Thursday 19th March 2026

Thursday 19th March 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 20th April 2026

W/C Monday 27th 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

Thursday 4th June 2026

Friday 12th June 2026

Monday 15th June 2026

Thursday 18th June 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Thursday 25th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

World Book Day- Dress as a word or character from a book

Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 2 Telephone Calls Except Class 5

Parent Consultations Year 3 to Year 6 Meetings and Class 5

Parent Consultations Class 5 & 8 Telephone Calls

Neurodiversity Day

Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 2 Meetings Except Class 8

Parent Consultations Year 3 to Year 6 Telephone Calls Except Class 5

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

Bikeability Week

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

Class 7 Sculpture Park Trip

Class 8 Sculpture Park Trip

School Closes at 3.30pm