

13th March 2026

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

Firstly, we would like to wish all our families who celebrate EID next week a Happy Eid. We hope you enjoy this special time with your family and friends and look forward to hearing all about it on Monday 23rd March.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing what a good time the children had this week with the Science workshops and visiting musicians. It was also great to see them following the St Bart's Way as they walked to and from the hall. Maybe this has inspired some children about their future careers. Thank you to the staff who organised these activities.

Worship – Our current theme is justice and this week we continued with discussing what justice means and how it does not always mean people are treated the same but everyone should be treated fairly.

We also reflected on our Big Question, **'Is what you want, what you need?'**

We have also discussed our attribute, **'willpower'** where we should not give up on something, we should keep going.

British Values – If you are being 'just' and 'fair' you are being respectful and you are making choices, which reflects out liberty, our freedom to choose.

REMINDERS:

- **Clubs – including teacher led clubs and all sports clubs** – these finish at 4.30pm and anyone collecting the children should wait at the front door and the children will be brought outside. You should not use the radio as this is for After School Club only. Please do not collect your children before 4.30pm as they are missing the club and we do not have the staff to collect them.
- **Summer term sports clubs** – Mr Blackburn will be organising these and if your child is given a place please make sure they attend every week. We have waiting lists for most of these and it is not fair if those allocated a place do not turn up.
- **Packed Lunches** – We are looking at packed lunches as increasing amount of children are bringing items that are not allowed or very unhealthy lunches. We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and are also expected to check children's packed lunches are in line with the food standards.

Friday 20th March from 1.30pm (training day) – Art exhibition in St Bartholomew's Church - An exciting and creative event is taking place on Friday 20th March at 1.30pm in St Bartholomew's Church. Art work from year groups 4, 5 and 6 will be on display in church. Refreshments and a craft workshop will also be available. The children's art is based on sustainability creating sea creatures based on the artist Angela Hesaltine Pozzi and textile art in the style of the Brazilian artist Jose Francisco Borges. There are other pieces of art on display in church from artists in the community based on International Women's Day. Come along and celebrate the creativity of our budding artists. Each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Hope to see you there!

RSHE Consultation - We will be holding an information session for parents about the relationships, sex and health education curriculum on Thursday 26th March at 2.45pm and 5pm. Come along to find out more about the RSHE curriculum that we teach at St Barts. All families are welcome to attend.

Neurodiversity Day Wednesday 18th March - Your child should have their sponsor form now for a sponsored silence that is taking place on Wednesday 18th March. The proceeds will go towards creating and resourcing breakout spaces in school. Thank you in advance for your support.



Milk - We will be providing children in Years 1-6 with the opportunity to have milk in school for the Summer term. Nursery and Reception children already receive it free of charge. For children entitled to benefit related free school meals this will be free but you must still complete a form for the Summer term requesting this for your child, for all others it must be ordered and paid for in advance for the term. The cost for the Summer term will be £18.00. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 16th March. **All forms must be completed and returned to the office by Monday 30th March. Payments can be made by ParentPay once you have filled in the form please. We cannot accept late payments, as we need to order the milk in advance. Once this has been paid, we cannot provide refunds.**

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 (2nd March – 6th March)

Nursery: 90.2%

Reception: 98.2%

Years 1 to 6: 96.5%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 2 – 99.6%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11 – 99.2%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 16 – 97%



Well done to the best classes:

EIFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 4

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.

Class 1 Thomas

Class 1 Alicia

Class 1 Prince

Class 2 Pearl

Class 2 Saifleen

Class 2 Kaleb

Class 3 Rauri

Class 3 Harrison

Class 3 Astell

Class 4 Layton-Lee

Class 4 Miracle

Class 4 Ahad

Class 5 Kairo

Class 5 Sienna

Class 5 Dawood

Class 6 Daniyal

Class 6 Theo

Class 6 Aiza

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have read 'Whatever Next' story. As the bear from the story goes to the moon, we have started learning about the space, the moon in particular. This week has been a Science week and apart from learning about planets, the moon and the sun, we have been exploring the materials and what happens to them when placed in the water. We wondered whether materials would float or sink and change their shape or consistency. We did a rainbow experiment using skittles and warm water and watched a rainbow appear on the plate. We have learnt Space song: 'Zoom to the Moon' and for our gross motor skills we have danced with scarves to 'Winter' and 'Spring' by Vivaldi.

Reception - This week in Reception we have continued to learn about animals that live in Africa. We listened to the story 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We made predictions about what animals we might see in the story using our knowledge of Africa. We sorted animals into Africa and not Africa thinking about hot and cold places around the world. In Maths we have been learning about repeating patterns. We have continued repeating patterns using colours, shapes and sounds.

Years 1 & 2 – This week the children in Year 1 have been practising their typing skills in computing. They have looked at the different keys on a laptop and what they do. The children have done really well to remember the names of the keys that are not letters, such as enter and shift.

In Year 2 the children have been using the PowerPoint programme to create a presentation about the city of London. The children have been learning how to add new slides and experiment with font size, type and colour. They have looked at how to add pictures of famous landmarks to their PowerPoint.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a couple of visitors coming into school: we took part in a musical percussion workshop and a Science workshop linked to Science Week.

Year 3- In RE, we have been looking at religious leaders and how they were inspirational to others. In Maths, we have enjoyed completing some work on fractions and in English, we have started reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii', which links to our geography topic on earthquakes and volcanoes.

Year 4 - In English, we have been finishing our survival guides about life in the rainforest. In DT, we have been practising our chopping, slicing and cutting skills ready to make our Brazilian dish in the coming weeks. In geography, we have been looking at levels of rainfall around the world and comparing it to the UK.

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>

Year 6 Hoodies - Payments can now be made on Parent Pay, or by card at the school office, for ordered hoodies.

Year 5 Bikeability - Thank-you to all families who have completed the consent form for Bikeability – Cycle North will bring a range of bikes for children to use, including bike helmets too. Your child will be taking part in Bikeability over the next two weeks, but we are not certain when, so if it is easier, just let your child use a bike and helmet provided by Cycle North.

Lineham Farm - Thank-you to all families who have returned the Lineham Farm reply slips. Further details will be sent before the Easter holidays.

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

Year 6 SATs Briefing - We will be holding a SATs briefing on Wednesday 1st April at 5pm. Families will have the opportunity to attend in person, or to join online. The briefing will explain arrangements for SATs week and what children will expect during the week. Children are welcome to attend too.

Details will be sent by email and you will be able to confirm online if you are attending in person, or online.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Tuesday 17th March 2026

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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

Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Wednesday 1st April 2026

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

RSE Consultations 2.45pm & 5pm open to all families

Class 11 Tropical World Trip

Year 1 Farm Visits

Thursday 2nd April 2026
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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

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