

# St Bartholomew's News



24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

*Our Vision relates to the parable of ‘The Lost Sheep’ and we do not want any child to be left behind. To flourish and achieve their potential children need to be in school.*

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was welcoming the children back to the summer term. I hope this is a wonderful term and we get some better weather so we can enjoy playing and learning outside. I hope attendance continues to be as high as last half term. It was great, the best we have had for a long time and I thank you for that and hope it is as good this term. Being in school is essential for children to do their best and get the support they need.

**Worship** – Our new theme is **‘service’** and we will be exploring this theme over the half term and reflecting on how we can help others.

We will also be working on our attribute, **‘commitment’** and what this means.

**The St Bart’s way** – We are now working on how we behave at lunchtime in the dining corridor. Our children are fantastic but we are always looking at areas we can improve in and adding to ‘The St Bart’s Way’

## REMINDERS

- **Uniform** – We still expect children to wear their uniform in the summer term. If you need support with this, we may be able to help. We do have some good quality second hand uniform, please ask. In hot weather children must be dressed safely to protect them from the sun.
- **Sun Cream** – As the weather hopefully improves children need to wear sun cream to protect them. We do provide this when needed in school and will support the children applying it if required. We ask permission for this when you register your children but if you want to check you have given permission please check at the office.

## 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 Half Term’s Attendance

W/C	All School	Year’s 1-6	Nursery
23.2.26	96.5%	96.6%	93%
2.3.26	96.4%	96.5%	90.2%
9.3.26	95.9%	96.6%	91.9%
15.3.26	95.4%	95.5%	93 %
23.3.26	97.3%	97.3%	95.1%
30.3.26	95%	95.1%	95.3%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 3 -100%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 8 – 96%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 98.1%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 3

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10

Years 5 & 6 – Class 15



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

*Class 12 Melisa*

*Class12 Khyle*

*Class 12 Hokay*

*Class 13 Raphael*

*Class 13 Jack*

*Class 13 Lauren*

*Class 14 Ire*

*Class 14 Riley*

*Class 14 Aliza*

*Class 15 Mariah*

*Class 15 Souleymane*

*Class 15 Ethan*

*Class 16 Emily C*

*Class 16 Christian*

*Class 16 Mia*

### **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** – Welcome back to all. Our topic for this half term is 'Growing'. This week our focus story has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have learnt new vocabulary and phrases from the story. We described both the giant and Jack and wondered what would happen if things happened differently in the story. We explored beans and used them in Maths for counting. The children did observational drawings/paintings of daffodils. The weather has been so nice that we enjoyed the learning time outside, focusing on gross motor skills like riding bikes, climbing, and jumping. We have also opened our mud kitchen.

**Reception** - This week in Reception we have started our new topic 'what can we see and how does it change'. We have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a plant and are looking forward to planting our own seeds and watching them grow. We learnt a song to help us remember what a plant needs to grow. In drawing club we listened to the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed describing the giant and worked hard to write a sentence about him independently. In Maths we have been exploring doubles using counters and tens frames.

**Years 1 & 2** – Welcome back to an exciting new term in KS1. This half term the children in Year 1 will be covering the topic of 'Safari' where they will be looking at the continent of Africa, its people and the animals that live there. In Year 2 the children are beginning their new topic 'Land Ahoy' where they will be learning about famous pirates in History and reading lots of pirate stories.

Please can we remind families about children wearing trainers on PE days to ensure they are safe when completing sporting activities. Unfortunately, if children come in to school in sandals, boots or footwear that is unsafe for PE then they may have to miss out on the session. Equally if earrings can be taken out for PE days this would be greatly appreciated. The KS1 phonics screening check for children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> of June so it is vital that all children are in school this week and in the lead up to this, so they have chance to revise all the phonics sounds required for the check. We will be hosting an information session later this half term - information will be sent to families about this soon.

**Years 3 & 4** – This week, Years 3 have enjoyed starting their new topic in History, all about Henry VIII. We have learned about his wives and when the Tudor era was. In RE, we have started a topic about Islam, and have been looking at some artifacts to tell us more about the religion. We also enjoyed our gardening session, where Grow to School came in to continue to help us set up our school garden. Luckily, the weather was much better and we managed quite a bit of time outside.

This week, Year 4 have been starting a new topic about money in Maths. We have also been recapping fronted adverbials in English lessons. We enjoyed a trip out to Armley Library, where we took part in a workshop. In RE, we have been looking at spirituality and what that means for us.

Next week, Year 4 will be taking part in their cycling sessions with Bikeability. The following is when your child will be taking part:

Monday: Non riders from all classes

Tuesday: Class 9

Wednesday: Class 10

Thursday: Class 11

**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>

**Swimming** - We are very much looking forward to children taking part in swimming during the Summer Term. Lessons will begin next week.

- Monday – Class 15
- Tuesday – Class 12
- Wednesday – Class 14
- Thursday – Class 16
- Friday – Class 13

**Lineham Farm** - Lineham Farm will take place on **Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July**, and **Wednesday 1st July to Friday 3rd July**. If your child is attending Lineham Farm, a letter will be sent home next week confirming which residential they will be attending. If you have any further questions, please speak to **Mr Needham**.

**Flamingo Land** - Details of the **Year 6 Flamingo Land trips** will be sent out to families next week.

**Year 6 SATs Week** - Year 6 children are working extremely hard in the classroom as they prepare for 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:**

W/C Monday 27<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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

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

KS1 Our World Our Future Workshops

Phonics Screening Week

**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