

# St Bartholomew's News



8<sup>th</sup> May 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 working with my handwriting group, they have really tried hard and I wish them luck in their Year 6 tests.

**Worship** – Our current theme is **service** and this week we been continuing to talk about helping others and this is something our children are really good at. They are always keen to help other children and staff.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

**ATTENDANCE** – excellent attendance at school is the first thing that children need to achieve well and enjoy school.

Without this they always struggle to catch up and keep up with the work and maintain strong relationships. Last term was fantastic and we want to end with amazing attendance this year. Children must be in school every day unless too unwell – no other reason, this includes on a Friday and Monday and the days before and after a holiday or training day. If they are too unwell for school, they should not be out during the day unless at a medical appointment.

THANK YOU

### REMINDERS:

- **Emergency Practices** – schools are expected to practice for different emergencies so please be aware we will have these regularly.
- **Toys/Special Objects** – children should not bring personal items to school unless this is for a specific purpose agreed by a teacher. We are having an increase in this happening and this is causing some children to be very upset if they get broken or lost. **Thank you for your support with this.**
- **Reports** – all children will receive a written report before the end of term and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with their teacher if you want to do this.
- **Transition Morning** – all the children will be visiting their new class and teacher on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Reception to Year 6 will come to school as normal, Nursery parents of children joining Reception in September will get information about this morning separately. This can be a nervous time for children but usually a very exciting one.

## 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 (27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May)

Nursery: 92%

Reception: 93%

Years 1 to 6: 94.7%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 1 – 97.5%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9- 96.4%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 -98.8%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 2

Years 3 & 4 – Class 7

Years 5 & 6 – Class 16



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

*Class 7 Aiza*

*Class 7 Zaynab*

*Class 7 Pablo*

*Class 8 Ryszard*

*Class 8 Adam*

*Class 8 Zakes*

*Class 9 Fraser*

*Class 9 Miral*

*Class 9 Aayan B*

*Class 10 Demilade*

*Class 10 Sreejith*

*Class 10 Amira*

*Class 11 Ayesha*

*Class 11 Prince*

*Class 11 Hamza*

### Weekly Round Up

**Nursery** – This week our focus story has been Titch. We have talked about our families, brothers and sisters and we looked at ourselves as babies and how we have changed. Thank you to all who sent in a baby photograph - the children really loved sharing them with their peers. We measured all the children and talked about who is the tallest and who is the shortest. We have been learning about dental hygiene. The children had a go in brushing fake teeth and talked about what is good and what is bad for our teeth.

**Reception** - This week in Reception we have been very excited to see how our sun flowers have begun to grow! Tiny shoots have started to grow through the soil. We have noticed that some cheeky birds have eaten some of the seeds! This excitement has inspired us to create our own books. We have been creating non-fiction books about what plants need to grow and have created our own adventure stories using lots of different characters. In Maths we have been exploring number bonds to 10 using double dice frames and counters.

**Years 1 & 2** – This week the children in Year 1 have enjoyed reading the story 'The Ugly 5' by Julia Donaldson. They have looked closely at the different characters from the story such as the vulture and the warthog and thought of adjectives to describe them. They have then looked at comparing animals using adjectives ending in 'er' and have written some fantastic sentences using these words.

In Year 2 the children have been enjoying their new story called 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. They have used their oracy skills to discuss the vocabulary in the story that relates to pirates and have used their retrieval skills to answer questions about the events in the story.

**Years 3 & 4** – This week, Year 3 have enjoyed studying the lyrics from 'What a Wonderful World' in our poetry sessions. We have enjoyed singing along and changing the lyrics about our perfect worlds. In History, we have enjoyed looking at the Tudors, and turned our attention to learn about his children. In Art, we have been making sculptures and painting them. We are looking forward to a trip to the sculpture park next term. In RE, we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam.

This week, in Year 4 we have looked at how Ancient Egyptians believe in the afterlife. In PSHE, we have been looking at first aid and how we can safely treat head injuries. In RE, we have been looking at Christian artwork and thinking about what it represents. In French, we have enjoyed talking about our hobbies, including things we like and dislike.

**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>

**Flamingo Land** - Thank-you to the families that have used **ParentPay** to give consent for their children to attend the trip and who have paid. If you have not yet set up ParentPay, please see **Mr Needham** or alternatively **Mrs Busby** in the school office.

### **Flamingo Land Visits – June:**

- **Monday 8th June:**  
*Class 15 and some Year 6 children from Class 14* will be visiting **Flamingo Land**.
- **Thursday 11th June:**  
*Class 16 and some Year 6 children from Class 14* will be visiting **Flamingo Land**.

Please note that **there will be no swimming for Classes 15 and 16 during this week.**

## Lineham Farm:

### Monday 29th June – Wednesday 1st July:

Class 13 and some Year 5 children from Class 14

### Wednesday 1st July – Friday 3rd July:

Class 12 and some Year 5 children from Class 14

**Year 6 SATs Week - Thank you to all of the children for their hard work in the lead-up to SATs next week. We are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and determination they have shown.**

Children should approach next week with confidence, knowing they are prepared and ready to do their very best. We will keep the week as calm and as normal as possible to help them feel settled and supported.

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:

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs Reading
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs Arithmetic & Reasoning
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs Reasoning
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 8 Harlow Carr Trip
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	KS1 Our World Our Future Workshops
W/C Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Phonics Screening Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 15 & Year 6 children from Class 14 Flamingo Land Trip
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 16 & Year 6 children from Class 14 Flamingo Land Trip
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>Training Day – No Children in School</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Seaside Visit - Class 5
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Seaside Visit - Class 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 7 Harlow Carr Trip
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 7 Sculpture Park Trip
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class 8 Sculpture Park Trip
Monday 29th June – Wednesday 1st July	Lineham Farm Class 13 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Wednesday 1st July – Friday 3rd July	Lineham Farm Class 12 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm

Training Days 2026-2027
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2027

## School Dates 2026 -2027:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2027

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027

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**School Closed Good Friday Bank Holiday**

**School Closed Easter Monday Bank Holiday**

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

**School Closed May Bank Holiday**

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

**Training Day – No Children in School**

School Closes at 3.30pm