

St Bartholomew's News



15th 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.

We have had some very sad news this week, Mrs Gavin the previous headteacher sadly died earlier in the week. Most of you will remember her as she was head for many years prior to her retirement in 2019. It does not seem long ago she was leading our school with a great commitment to St Bart’s. Many of the staff worked with Mrs Gavin and she will not be forgotten, many of us started teaching straight from college and stayed. Our thoughts go to her loving family and friends at this time.

Well done to all our Year 6 children who have worked hard all year and tried their best this week. A thank you to all the staff as well as this is as stressful for them as the children and they have all done their utmost to prepare the children for this and their move to high school. I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend.

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 (4th May – 8th May)

Nursery: 97.3%

Reception: 93.6%

Years 1 to 6: 95.4%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 3 – 95.4% Years 3 & 4 – Class 9 – 98.6% Years 5 & 6 – Class 12-98.3%

Well done to the best classes:



EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 5

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 Zaynab

Class 1 Alicia

Class 1 Anjola

Class 2 Nihlat

Class 2 Ellise

Class 2 Myla-Rose

Class 3 Musa

Class 3 Ahad

Class 3 Nikol

Class 4 Aizah

Class 4 Japjodh

Class 4 Dion

Class 5 Hussain

Class 5 Keira

Class 5 Benji

Class 6 Zahran

Class 6 Jasper

Class 6 Maja

Here are two of our Headteacher award winners, it is lovely to see the children when they have done so well.



Zaynab Class 7



Mirjal Class 9

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have continued with our growing topic. We got excited as we have received 5 eggs and have had ducklings hatched already. The children have learnt about the lifecycle of a duck. We have sang 5 little ducks song while playing in the water tray. We have been exploring 3D shapes and learnt what cube, cone, pyramid and sphere are. We have enjoyed the activities outside, like playing bat and ball, riding bikes, making pictures with shapes and building dens.

Reception - This week in Reception we have had a very exciting delivery! Some real chick eggs! We have spent lots of time watching them and waiting for them to crack. We have talked about why they are in the incubator and how it keeps them nice and warm like the mummy chick would by sitting on them in the nest. Our sunflowers have begun to grow and we have spent lots of time looking at them closely and making observational drawings. In Maths we have been exploring number bonds to 10 using counters and 10s frames.

Years 1 & 2 – This week children in Year 1 have been impressing their teachers with their phonics work. We have covered all sounds in phase 5 now so children are well prepared for their phonics screening check. They have been using all the sounds they have learned in phonics to help them write words in sentences - even using split digraphs in words such as 'cake' and 'time'.

Can we remind parents that there is an information morning on Monday the 18th of May at 9am to give out information relating to the phonics screening check after the holidays.

In Year 2 the children have been continuing to focus on telling the time in Maths. We are so impressed as many children were able to tell the time using quarter past and quarter to the hour. We have also looked at comparing different units of time and thinking about days, months and years.

Next week Year 2 have their rainbow day on Wednesday - details have been sent out about this. On Friday 22nd of May Year 2 are having a visit from the fire service. This will be an exciting opportunity for children to see a real fire engine up close and find out about the role of a firefighter.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 have enjoyed reading some persuasive texts and looking at how the author makes the reader convinced to do things. In Maths, we have been looking at money and have been making amounts using pounds and pence. In RE, we have continued looking at the Pillars of Islam and in History, we have been looking at Francis Drake and whether we thought he was a hero or not.

This week, in Year 4 we have been looking at telling the time in Maths. We have also enjoyed reading an explanation text about how household items work. In PE, we have been practising our athletic skills. After half term, Year 4 will be sitting their times table check test. It is on an iPad and reflects what children do on Times Table Rockstars. Any support and extra time given to this could greatly help your child.

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 - A huge thank you to all the children in Year 6 for their effort, dedication and resilience throughout SATs week. They approached each challenge with determination and gave it their absolute best. We are incredibly proud of them as a cohort!

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Year 2 Rainbow Day
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 1 st June 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Class 8 Harlow Carr Trip
Friday 5 th June 2026	KS1 Our World Our Future Workshops
W/C Monday 8 th June 2026	Phonics Screening Week
Monday 8 th June 2026	Class 15 & Year 6 children from Class 14 Flamingo Land Trip
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Class 16 & Year 6 children from Class 14 Flamingo Land Trip
Friday 12th June 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Monday 15 th June 2026	Seaside Visit - Class 5
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Seaside Visit - Class 6
Friday 19 th June 2026	Class 7 Harlow Carr Trip
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Class 7 Sculpture Park Trip
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Class 8 Sculpture Park Trip
Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Lineham Farm Class 13 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Wednesday 1 st July – Friday 3 rd July	Lineham Farm Class 12 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Friday 17 th July 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm

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

School Dates 2026 -2027:

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 2nd October 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 23 rd October 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 2 nd November 2026	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 27th November 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 11th December 2026	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 18 th December 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th January 2027	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 5th February 2027	Training Day – No Children in School
Friday 12 th February 2027	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 22 nd February 2027	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 26th March 2027	School Closed Good Friday Bank Holiday
Monday 29th March 2027	School Closed Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Friday 2 nd April 2027	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 19 th April 2027	School Opens at 8.30am
Monday 3rd May 2027	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May 2027	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 7 th June 2027	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 18th June 2027	Training Day – No Children in School
Thursday 22 nd July 2027	School Closes at 3.30pm