

# St Bartholomew's News



22<sup>nd</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.*



We wish all our families who celebrate Eid next week a very Happy Eid. We hope you enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the children in early years with the chicks and ducklings, they were so excited and caring towards them.

**Worship** – Our current theme is service and this week we reflected on people who have jobs that serve and help others.

We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**commitment**’ and how this links to some jobs where people commit to helping others.

British Values – liberty - by helping others because you want to you are making a choice.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

It is with very mixed emotions that I inform you that Mr Waters will be leaving us in the summer. He has been an important part of our team and he will be sadly missed but he is moving to another Leeds school to become a deputy headteacher a role I know he will be fantastic at. Good luck Mr Waters.

### REMINDERS:

- **Outdoor Play Equipment** – Do not let your children play on the outdoor equipment at the beginning or end of the day. We have had a couple of accidents recently and one piece of equipment was broken. This is for use in the day by our children under supervision. Thank you.
- **Emergency Practices** – Your children may come home and tell you that they had a practice fire evacuation or lockdown. Do not be alarmed, these are to ensure that in a real emergency the children and staff know what to do to keep safe.

## 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 (11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May)

Nursery: 97.3%

Reception: 94.3%

Years 1 to 6: 96.2%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 3 – 97.7%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11-99.2%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 16 – 99%

Well done to the best classes:



EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 6

Years 3 & 4 – Class 8

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12

### Weekly Round Up

**Nursery** – This week we have continued to observe our ducklings. The children enjoyed watching them swim and splash in the water tray and this week we sadly must say goodbye to them as they are going back to a farm. Our focus story has been ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’. We have learnt about butterfly life cycle. We sorted the fruit into right colour bowls and made pattern caterpillars. We printed some caterpillars and made them using cubes and playdough. We had lovely conversations about favourite fruit from the story and revised healthy and unhealthy food. We hope our children have a lovely half term break!

**Reception** - This week in Reception we have been taking care of the chicks! We have spent lots of time checking they have enough food and water, singing to them and reading them stories. We were very brave when we stroked, and even held them making sure we kept really still and handled them gently. In R.E we have been talking about our wonderful world. We visited the Science garden and drew pictures of what we could see thinking about how we feel when we are in the natural world. In Maths we have been using the rekenreks to explore amounts within 10.

**Years 1 & 2** – This week in Science the children in Year 1 have been looking at different plants they can find in the local area. They have used their scientific enquiry skills to identify and classify the different plants into wild plants and garden plants.

In Year 2 children have been studying the progress of their bean plants. They have looked at the different parts of their plants now they have germinated such as the roots, stem and leaves. Children have also learned about how bulbs grow and how these differ from seeds. They have identified the different stages in the cycle of a growing bulb.

**Years 3 & 4** – This week, Year 3 have enjoyed reading some stories which contain morals. We have been thinking about what they teach us. In Maths, we have been looking at telling the time. In History, we have been using our oracy skills to determine who we think was responsible for Lord Darnley's murder. We have also continued looking in more detail at the Pillars of Islam in RE.

Year 4 - This week, we have been looking at the mummification process that Ancient Egyptians used. We have started to Mummify some tomatoes to see how they change over time. In Maths, we have been looking at angles and how to measure them. In English, we have continued to look at explanation texts and have been looking at how some household objects work. In art, we have enjoyed collaging a picture of Tutankhamun.

**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>

#### **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) – Year 6:**

After half term, our Year 6 pupils will begin their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons as part of the PSHE curriculum. These lessons are age-appropriate and focus on helping children understand relationships, growing up, and how to keep themselves safe. As part of the programme, there is a small component that covers human reproduction. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from this specific element of the curriculum if they wish.

If you would like to discuss withdrawing your child from the sex education component, please contact the school office and we will be happy to talk this through with you.

**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.

There will be a letter issued after half term detailing the final arrangements for both Flamingo Land trips.

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> July:**

*Class 13* and **some Year 5 children from Class 14**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:**

*Class 12* and **some Year 5 children from Class 14**

## School Dates 2025 -2026:

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 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Lineham Farm Class 13 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Lineham Farm Class 12 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School Closes at 3.30pm

*Below are the Leeds school holiday dates for 2026-2027 including our training days when children are not in school.*



## Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2026 – 2027

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
Summer Break		Tuesday 1 September 2026
Autumn mid-term	Friday 23 October 2026	Monday 2 November 2026
Christmas break	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2027
Spring mid-term	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter Bank holiday	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Easter break	Friday 2 April 2027	Monday 19 April 2027
May bank holiday	Friday 30 April 2027	Tuesday 4 May 2027
Summer mid-term	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2027
Summer break	Thursday 22 July 2027	

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