

St Bartholomew's News



5th June 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.

Welcome back to the last half term, six weeks left by the time you read this. Time flies! Let’s make it a fantastic end to the year and there will be lots going on and we will be saying goodbye to another group of Year 6. We would also like to see the best attendance of the year.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was hearing about how amazed some visitors were with how well the children behaved when we practiced a lockdown. They were amazed and said it was that quiet they would not know children were in school.

Well Done to Everyone – You may have seen the article in the YEP over half term which identifies some of the best primary schools in Leeds. Once again we are proud to feature in this article.

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/education/14-best-rated-leeds-primary-schools-this-half-term-key-stage-2-data-8641485?page=3>

Worship – Our new theme is **truth and truthfulness** and this will be our new focus this half term.

Breakfast Club – From September all primary schools are expected to offer a free 30-minute breakfast club to all children from Reception to Year 6 before the start of the day. This will be in addition to our existing paid club for parents who need childcare from 7am. The new club will start at 8am and it is expected children to be here on time. We will be closing the gate and door at 8.10am so children will need to be here. More information will follow and you will need to complete a booking form as we need to know numbers for staffing and food. The bagel scheme has been stopped by the government so school will be providing toast at 8.30am for children who want it.

REMINDERS/UPDATES

- **Breakfast Club/After School Club** – from the 15th June letters and forms will be available to register for September. You will need to ask the office for a form. This will include the new breakfast club.
- **Parent Survey** – please take a few minutes to complete our survey (link below) if you have not. We value your opinions and always want to be better. Please remember these are anonymous so raising any serious or personal concerns must be made directly to the school and cannot be dealt with effectively through this survey. Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/MBxCB90K0V>

I would just like to respond to one comment on the surveys already completed about sports days. Unfortunately, we cannot use the field any more for health and safety reasons so we have to use the limited space in the playground. This means there is not enough space to invite parents and carers.

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 (18th May – 22nd May)

Nursery: 89.95

Reception: 89.9%

Years 1 to 6: 95.1%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 95.3%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 98.5%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 95.1%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 3

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10

Years 5 & 6 – Class 16

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – Welcome back. We hope you have had good break. We cannot believe it is the last half term. Our topic is Superheroes. This week we have looked at animals with superpowers and our book of the week has been 'Superworm'. We have been ordering worms by size, painted worms and looked for them in the garden. We have learnt a new song: 'Wiggly Woo'. Our older children went to the school garden and looked for various plants, minibeasts and vegetables. Once we were back in our classroom, we drew what we had observed and found in the garden. In phonics we practised oral blending of simple words, e.g.: c a t - cat, h a t - hat, l e g - leg.

Reception - This week in Reception we have continued our topic 'What can we see and how does it change?' After finding lots of bugs in our garden we have been really interested in minibeasts. We have been learning about bees and how they collect nectar and make honey. We found out that honey bees have two stomachs! One for nectar, one for food. We have created our own bee puppets and done some fantastic paintings. In Maths we have been recalling ways to make 5.

Years 1 & 2 – Welcome back to our final half term. We have lots of exciting new topics to look forward to. Year 1 children will be covering the topic 'Our World Our Future' where they will be thinking about how they can look after our planet and about their aspirations for the future. The children will be learning about inspirational people and those who have worked hard to achieve their goals. They will learn about the importance of recycling and other ways they can look after the planet to create a world where we can all thrive in the future.

In Year 2 the children are continuing with the 'Land Ahoy' topic, focusing closely on the seaside. They will learn about the physical features of the coast and how it is different from Leeds. The children will look at the continents and oceans of the world in relation to where they live. This will be further enhanced when they visit the seaside at Scarborough later in June. Phonics Screening will start next week.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 have been enjoying reading the story of Macbeth in English. In Geography, we have been learning about sustainability and how we can become more environmentally friendly. In RE, we have been looking at charity and why Muslims give some of their money to good causes. In Science, we have been looking at the skeleton and naming bones.

This week, Year 4 have been looking at newspapers and starting to write our own, based on a recent alien visit at school! In History, we have been finishing our topic on Ancient Egypt and have been looking at our mummified tomatoes from before the holidays. In Science, we have enjoyed classifying animals and in Maths we have been looking at shape and position.

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 - We anticipate returning to school at approximately **7:15pm**

- **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**.

Reminder: Travel Arrangements - To allow sufficient travel time, children will need to arrive at school by **7:45am**, ready to depart shortly after **8:00am**.

On arrival, children should enter via the **main entrance** and make their way to their classroom. Staff will be available to guide them if needed.

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

School Dates 2025 -2026:

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 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 th 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 th March 2027	Tuesday 30 th 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 nd October 2026
Friday 27 th November 2026
Friday 11 th December 2026
Friday 5 th February 2027
Friday 18 th June 2027