

St Bartholomew's News



12th 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.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing how excited Year 6 were about their visit to Flamingo Land, I hear they had a fantastic time.

Worship – Our current theme is truthfulness and this week we thought about things that can be true, not true or possibly true.

We also introduced our Big Question, ‘Should you always tell the truth?’

We have also discussed our attribute, ‘integrity’, doing the right thing.

REMINDER

PARENT SURVEY – We would appreciate it if as many parents/carers as possible complete the survey, the more results and feedback we get the better. Please remember if you have a specific concern that needs dealing with this is not the right place, please come and see us. We really do want your opinions and do always look at how we can make changes and improve.

Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/MBxCB90K0V>

Breakfast and After School Clubs – September

We will again be providing both Breakfast Club and After School Club in September. We try our best to provide all that need it affordable childcare and ask you complete the forms and request only the days and times you need so other children can attend when they need it. **We only have limited staff and places.** Thank you.

We are also starting the new free Breakfast Club for any children in Reception to Year 6 that the government has introduced. This is from 8am to 8.30am. You will receive information about these today.

Booking forms for all these provisions are available from the office from Monday 15th June

THEY MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY 4PM TUESDAY 23rd JUNE.

Halal Meals – The amount of children having the Halal option has dropped since we started this. It may be due to more vegetarian options or the fact if you choose Halal you cannot have anything else on the day it is available. This is Leeds Catering policy as they have to order this specifically for the right number of children in advance.

You will receive an email next week and will be asked to complete a form if you want your child to continue with or start having the Halal option. If there are not enough children choosing this, it will be removed from the menu as Leeds need enough children to make it feasible.

Passports – If you need to request a member of staff to sign a passport application, you must make an appointment to discuss this prior to putting the member of staff’s name down. We will be looking at our policy for signing passport applications, as we have a large number of families booking holidays in term time.



World Cup Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 26th June, if your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day please pay by ParentPay, payment must be made by Friday 19th June, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.90. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

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

PLEASE DO NOT LET ATTENDANCE SLIP AT THIS TIME OF YEAR EVEN IF THE WEATHER IS HOT (WE WISH) OR THE CHILDREN ARE TIRED. CHILDREN MUST BE IN EVERY DAY TO THE END OF TERM AND WE WANT TO SEE AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE AND PRIZE.

Five weeks left let's make it the best attended five weeks of the year!

Last week's attendance (1st June – 5th June)

Nursery: 95.3%

Reception: 97.3%

Years 1 to 6: 95.6%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 2 – 99.3%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10 & 11 – 97.6%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 & 15 – 97.7%

Well done to the best classes:



EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 1

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9

Years 5 & 6 – Class 13

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we have read 'Supertato' stories and explored the vegetables. We have found some vegetables trapped in various places around the Nursery and the children had great fun guessing who was behind this: 'Spiderman', 'Gingerbread Man', 'Goldilocks', 'Evil Pea'. The children did observational paintings of the vegetables and used them as printing tools. We also made our very own Supertato. The children cut the vegetables and placed them in water so they could make their own 'vegetable soup'. During phonics this term we introduced wordless books to our older children. The children really enjoy describing illustrations, most children are able to find a title and a blurb and can say what happened at the beginning and at the end of the story.

Reception - This week in Reception we have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar. We are excitedly waiting for the arrival of our caterpillars and are looking forward to watching them form their chrysalises and emerge as beautiful butterflies. In Maths we have been exploring grouping and sharing and talking about equal amounts. We have used our knowledge of equal and not equal to find odd and even numbers. We have been working really hard with our writing this week and have been practicing using fingers spaces and full stops.

Years 1 & 2 – This week children in Year 1 have been learning about the life of David Attenborough as part of their 'Our World Our Future' topic. They have used their oracy skills to ask questions in preparation for writing an interview with him. In Year 2 the children have been reading the short chapter book 'Swashbuckle Lil' about a female pirate. They have sequenced the events in the story and have written a description of the villain Stinkbeard. Next week Year 2 are looking forward to their seaside trip. Please can all children arrive at school on time as we want to leave as soon as possible so we can enjoy a full day on the beach.

Years 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 have enjoyed their final Grow to School session, where we have continued to plant and tend to the things growing in our school garden. In Geography, we have been looking at how we can make school more sustainable and in Science we have been planning an investigation into how our skeletons support movement. In English, we have been writing letters in role as characters in Macbeth and in Maths, we have continued to look at our topic of time.

This week, Year 4 have been writing up newspaper reports, looking carefully at the features required. In DT, we have started to plan what our Egyptian Canopic jars will look like and in PE, we have enjoyed playing rounders. In Geography, we have been looking in detail at an American state and writing up a fact file about it. In Maths, we have been looking at statistics and different types of graphs and charts.

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>

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**

Letters have been sent home regarding the **Lineham Farm parents' information session**, which will take place on **Wednesday 24th June at 5:00pm**. We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible attending the session, as it will provide important information and an opportunity to ask any questions ahead of the visit.

Homework: Homework is given on **Mondays** and must be completed by the **following Monday**. Each week, children will be expected to complete homework on **Emile** (with tasks set in **Grammar, Punctuation and Maths**) and **Oxford Owl** (tasks set in **Spelling**). Spelling Homework will be set from Monday. Children will also be encouraged to use **Reading Plus** at home to support their reading development. Children who complete all their homework will be rewarded with a **longer lunchtime on Friday**.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

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

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