

St Bartholomew's News



19th 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 listening to the Year 2 children about their visit to the seaside. They were so excited and had lots of fun.

Worship – Our current theme is **truthfulness and** this week we reflected on the bible story about Esau and Jacob and what the consequences of not telling the truth were.

We also reflected on our Big Question, ‘**Should you always tell the truth?**’

We have also discussed our attribute, ‘**Integrity**’

The St Bart’s way –

British Values – Respect – and how telling the truth is being respectful. Liberty – you have to choose to tell the truth or not.

URGENT - Free School Meals September – The government have changed the rules for September and this may mean changes for you if your children receive free meals in Years 3 to 6 and Nursery or you may be entitled for the first time. You will receive a letter today from school. **It is important you read this information and complete and return the form if you think you may meet the new threshold.** If you already get benefit based free school meals, you do not need to do anything, as the Welfare and Benefits Service will carry out a check to see if you are still entitled. **Forms MUST be returned to the office by Monday 13th July.**

Please see Mrs Busby with any questions.

Healthy Holidays - Bookings for Healthy Holidays will be live next week and parents will be able to register their child/ren for a place on the scheme. As the scheme is funded by the Government, attendance affects our funding, so we would ask that you do not book places for your child/ren if you do not intend them to come. From September, in line with the new legislation around Free School meal eligibility, the criteria for Healthy Holidays will change and not all children who are in receipt of the new benefit related free school meals will be eligible for a place- some of the children who currently attend will no longer be able to. Please also note that the timings of holiday scheme are 8:45am- 4pm.

Parent Survey – Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. I can already identify areas we need to look at next year. If you have not completed this, please take a few minutes to do this at the weekend. The survey closes on Monday. Please remember we cannot address individual questions through this survey, it is anonymous, please see a member of staff about specific incidents or questions.

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

REMINDERS

- **ATTENDANCE** – We break up on **Friday 17th July** all children must attend every day up to then. We want to end the year with great attendance.
- **The Breakfast Club and After School Club September** - request forms must be in by 4pm Tuesday. Any late requests will be considered when we see if we have places left. If you have any questions, please ask.
- **Jumpers/Cardigans** – make sure your child’s clothes are labelled and if you want us to do it, just ask. As you can imagine children are taking them off when warm and do not always remember where they put them. Thank you.
- **Reception Open Evening** - We are holding an open evening session on Tuesday 23rd June for children who are moving into Reception in September. The open evening will begin at 3.45pm and end at 5.30pm. You can drop in at any time between these times. This will be an informal session and will give you an opportunity to meet the Reception teachers and look around our environment

Headlice - Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.

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

Children can only learn when in and catching up lost learning is difficult.

Last week's attendance (8th June – 12th June)

Nursery: 93.9%

Reception: 96%

Years 1 to 6: 94.3%



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 2 – 98.2%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11 – 100%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 94.7%

Well done to the best classes:



EIFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 4

Years 3 & 4 – Class 11

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12



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

Class 1 Ziorachim

Class 1 Jack

Class 1 Niyorah

Class 2 Simona

Class 2 Jordan

Class 2 Lillianna

Class 3 Khadijah

Class 3 Hanan

Class 3 Amal

Class 4 Eliana

Class 4 Akim

Class 4 Karson

Class 5 Cezary

Class 5 Max

Class 5 Hassanat

Class 6 Damian

Class 6 Jasper

Class 6 Reuben

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week in Nursery our topic has been 'Superfamily'. We have talked about different types of families, drawn families, and created families with playdough. In Maths we practised matching the correct amount of objects to the right numeral. We practised positional language while placing small world toys in the right position. We have read a few books about families and sang the 'Finger Family' song. We had a caterpillar delivery so now we will be observing how caterpillars grow. The children have made cards for Father's Day this week. We wanted to wish all dads, grandfathers, and uncles a Happy Father's Day.

Reception - This week in Reception we have been excited by the arrival of 5 caterpillars in our classroom! They are very tiny at the moment and are busy eating and growing. We have enjoyed painting our own caterpillars. We have continued to learn about life cycles and have been thinking about the life cycle of a human. We have talked about how we have changed since babies and really enjoyed looking at ourselves in the mirror. In Maths we have been finding one more and one less using a range of different resources.

Years 1 & 2 – We want to congratulate all of our Year 1 children who have all completed their Phonics Screening Check. We are so proud of all of the children and the progress they have all made with their reading. Families will find out their child's score on the check as part of the final end of year reports.

The Year 2 children had a wonderful time this week on their visits to Scarborough. They were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their time on the beach, building some very impressive sandcastles!

Years 3 & 4 –Year 3 - This week, we have enjoyed following instructions to play different games on Scratch, in preparation for creating our own games. In Maths, we have been looking at statistics, and have been reading and drawing bar graphs. In English, we have enjoyed reading Macbeth and in music we have enjoyed the final half term of our ukulele lessons. Class 7 also enjoyed their trip to Harlow Carr, where they looked at types of trees and how to classify them.

This week, Year 4 have been looking at the Mayans, and where in central America they settled. In PSHE, we have been looking at different types of savings and bank accounts and where is best to put our money. In DT, we have continued to investigate canopic jars: what they were used for, what materials they were made out of and what shapes they were. In PE, we have been looking at orienteering in OAA.

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**.

Dates for Year 6 Families:

End of an Era Year 6 Musical - Year 6 will be performing their *End of an Era* musical on **Tuesday 14th July:**

Daytime at 1:30pm & Evening performance at 6:00pm - A separate letter will be sent out closer to the event on how to book a place at either the daytime or evening performance.

Leavers' Service at Church - We will be holding our Year 6 Leavers' Service at church on **Wednesday 15th July** at 10:00am. All parents and families of Year 6 children are warmly invited to attend.

Year 6 Leavers' Disco Celebration: Thursday 16th July 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Further details will follow closer to the event.

Guard of Honour - To mark their final day, Year 6 will finish at **3:30pm on Friday 17th July**. They will be the last children to leave the school, giving families and the wider school community the opportunity to gather and say a final goodbye.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Wednesday 24th June 2026
Thursday 25th June 2026
Monday 29th June – Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 1st July – Friday 3rd July
Friday 17th July 2026

Class 7 Sculpture Park Trip
Class 8 Sculpture Park Trip
Lineham Farm Class 13 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
Lineham Farm Class 12 & some Year 5 children from Class 14
School Closes at 3.30pm

School Dates 2026 -2027:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 2nd October 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 27th November 2026
Friday 11th December 2026
Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 5th February 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Friday 26th March 2027
Monday 29th March 2027
Friday 2nd April 2027
Monday 19th April 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027
Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Friday 18th June 2027
Thursday 22nd July 2027

School Opens at 8.30am
Training Day – No Children in School
School Closes at 3.30pm
School Opens at 8.30am
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Training Day – No Children in School
School Closes at 3.30pm
School Opens at 8.30am
Training Day – No Children in School
School Closes at 3.30pm
School Opens at 8.30am
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