

St Bartholomew's News



10th July 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 hearing about the children’s visit to their new class. It is an exciting time but can be daunting for children to move to a different area of school with new staff but we will make sure they have a great start in September.

It has also been a great week for attendance which is fantastic to see, especially when some schools struggle towards the end of term especially in very hot weather.

Worship – Our current theme is truth and this week we continued to explore these in class worship.

The St Bart’s Way – We have key expectations we call the ‘St Bart’s Way’ and the children have practiced walking through school quietly and sensibly in their lines this week including when walking to their new classes.

Another big thank you to the children, staff and you for managing in the very hot weather. It is not easy, but we do everything we can to keep children safe and in school. We will be looking at extending our air-conditioning to more downstairs rooms over the next year to help prepare us for future heatwaves.

REMINDERS - Attendance

We have one full week left in school and expect all children to be in until the end of term. One of the reasons we have training days on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July is because coming in to school for two days can seem pointless. By us breaking up on the Friday we avoid this but do expect parents to make sure their children are in every day right up to the end of the day on Friday 17th July. Thank you.

We return to school on Tuesday 1st September and all children must be ready to start back on that day, doors are open at 8.30am.

Research shows that children who miss days on the first week of a year are more likely to have poor attendance all year and children who have poor attendance in primary school are less likely to do well in high school.

Reminders:

- Good luck – We say good bye to Mr Emmerson and Mr Waters next week and we wish them good luck for their next adventure. We also say good bye to Mr Howard who has worked with Years 5/6 over the last few years and we wish him all the best.

Dinner Money September - The cost of school dinners is going up from September to £2.95 per day/ £14.75 per week for all children who pay. This is the cost that Leeds are now charging for a school dinner.

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – This week we continued with transition trips for our older children. We visited the library again and saw other parts of the school. On Thursday the children had a lovely time with their new teachers in their new classes. We talked to the children about the changes from next year and we celebrated our year by reading our favourite stories and singing favourite nursery rhymes. On Wednesday we hosted Come and Read session. Thank you to all the parents who came to spend time with their children and read stories to them.

Reception - This week in Reception we had something very exciting happen! The butterflies emerged from their Chrysalis!! It was amazing to see them spreading their wings and the empty cases they left behind. In Drawing club, we have been listening to the story 'Are the dinosaurs dead yet?' We enjoyed describing the T rex and drawing pictures adding lots of detail. In Maths we have been recalling number facts including doubles and number bonds to 10.

Years 1 & 2 –This week the children in Year 1 have enjoyed developing their printing skills in art. The children have been investigating different ways to print using a variety of objects and materials. They have looked at the artist William Morris and have designed their own printing blocks inspired by his work. The children really enjoyed using different coloured paint to create repeated images using their printing blocks.

In Year 2 the children have been using their oracy skills in their computing lessons. The children have been working all half term on creating their own PowerPoint presentation on different types of sea life. They have included interesting facts and photographs of a range of sea creatures and really enjoyed sharing their final pieces with the rest of the class. The children were encouraged to speak in a clear loud voice and use expression to keep the audience engaged. They all did a great job!

Years 3 & 4 –This week, Year 3 have been using money in Maths to solve problems. In English, we have been writing biographies about William Shakespeare. We have enjoyed our final Ukulele sessions of the year and have learned lots of notes this year. In Geography, we have continued looking at sustainability and have looked at how wildlife spaces can be created to support animals.

This week, Year 4 have been looking at the rules of speech in our writing sessions. We have also enjoyed summarising paragraphs of our class story. In Geography, we have been looking at preservation and looking at how turtles can be supported. In Science, we have been looking at endangered species and conducting some of our own research. In PSHE, we have looked at moving on in preparation for next year.

Years 5 & 6 – Lineham Farm - An amazing week was had by all at Lineham Farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed every activity, and the experience was truly memorable. Throughout the week, they gained so much from the opportunities provided, developing their confidence, independence and teamwork skills. We, along with the Lineham Farm staff, were incredibly impressed by the children's positive attitude, excellent behaviour and willingness to embrace every challenge. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of themselves.

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>

Dates for Year 6 Families:

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

- **Daytime at 1:30pm & Evening performance at 6:00pm**

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**

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:

Friday 17th July 2026

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Dates 2026 -2027:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 2nd October 2026

Training Day – No Children in School

Friday 23rd October 2026

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 2nd 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 18th December 2026

School Closes at 3.30pm