

St Bartholomew's News



17th 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.

The end of another year and it seems to have gone so quickly, though some days have seemed very long. We would like to thank you for your continued support of your children and the school. We are very proud that we have fantastic children and an amazing school.

We wish you all a very happy summer.

WE WILL SEE EVERYONE BACK ON TUESDAY THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and hope they have a fantastic break. I would like to wish Mr Waters and Mr Emmerson well and hope they enjoy their new adventure.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was watching the Year 6 children in their end of year performances and seeing how they have flourished in to amazing young people and I am very proud of them and wish them all well on their journey to high school.

REMINDERS

- **Attendance Certificates** – All children should be bringing their attendance certificate from this year home. Please take the time to read this.
- **Parent Survey** – Attached with this email is the summary of results, the full report is on our website and we will work on the areas identified next year.
- **Free Breakfast Club** – If you signed up for the club your child should be here at 8am on Tuesday 1st September. We look forward to seeing them. Please bring them to the red door at the side of the main entrance.
- **Activity Clubs** – There will still be sports clubs and some clubs run by teachers. Information and letters will be sent out in September.
- **Thank you** – A big thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended one of the leavers concerts and church service.

Attendance

We are continually trying to improve attendance and we thank you for your support with this, in a primary school it is parents who encourages and supports their children to come to school.

Attendance this year has been:

94.7% for the whole school

95.1% for Year 1 to 6 (the DFE measure)

91.7% for Nursery and 93.6% for Reception – THESE ARE CRUCIAL YEARS WHEN CHILDREN LEARN THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR FUTURE LEARNING.

Children can only flourish and achieve when they are in school and good attendance is vital. We hope next year to continue to improve attendance and meet the target the government has set for us of 95.1%.

Years 1 and 2 in September:

What a fantastic year we have had in KS1. We would like to wish all our families a lovely summer break and will look forward to seeing you all in September.

Information for September

- Doors open for children to arrive in school at 8:30am and close at 8:50am. Children in Year 1 enter through the Year 1 classroom door (next to the shelter). Children in Year 2 through their classroom doors.
- Pick up when school finishes are at 3:20pm. Year 1 (Class 4) from the shelter and Year 1 (Class 3) from the classroom door. Year 2 collect from their classroom doors.
- PE days are as follows:
 - Class 3 - Monday and Thursday
 - Class 4 - Monday and Tuesday
 - Class 5 - Wednesday and Thursday
 - Class 6 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Children can come in their PE kit on PE days. This must include shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms (no skirts or dresses) and trainers. If at all possible, please remove your child's earrings for PE days.

Years 3 and 4 in September:

Drop off: Children in Years 3 and 4 are all dropped off at our side entrance next to the Nursery playground. Any messages adults have can be passed to the member of staff on duty at this gate, which will be passed to class teachers. Drop off is between 8:30 - 8:50. We ask that children in KS2 walk upstairs independently.

Collection: Children in Year 3 are collected from this same entrance next to the Nursery playground between 3:20 - 3:30.

Children in Year 4 are collected from the main playground between 3:20-3:30. We ask that parents stand the other side of the fence so we can see children off safely.

PE days:

- Class 7 - Mrs Rawlins - Monday and Wednesday
- Class 8 - Mrs Fields and Mrs Parker - Tuesday and Friday
- Class 9 - Mrs Hartnett and Mrs Schofield - Tuesday and Thursday
- Class 10 - Mr Blackburn - Thursday and Friday

Snack: In Year 3, children don't receive a snack at breaktime. However, to support their transition into Year 3 and 4, you are more than welcome to send in a fruit item for them to consume mid-morning.

Years 5 and 6 in September:

Start of the School Day

Children in Years 5 and 6 should enter school through the side entrance in the rear Year 1/2 playground. Any messages for class teachers can be passed to the member of staff on duty at the entrance and will be relayed accordingly.

Children should arrive at school between **8:30am and 8:50am**.

End of the School Day

Children will be collected from the following exits near the Year 1/2 playground:

- **Class 11 & Class 13** – Hall corridor door next to the library
- **Class 12** – Side entrance in the rear playground
- **Class 14 & Class 15** – Hall doors

Mr Needham, or another member of staff, will be in the area at the end of the school day to provide support and assistance where needed.

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

Training Day – No Children in School

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

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