

St Bartholomew's News



18th September 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 or adult to be left behind, we all work together and respect everyone. We believe all our children can flourish and achieve their potential to enable them to succeed in the future.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to meet the teacher and took the opportunity to see where their children spend so many hours each day.

The children were very excited to show parents and carers around and it was lovely to see you.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was spending time in classes whilst they were reflecting on our theme, 'generosity' in worship. It is lovely to hear how well our children understand how to be generous in and out of school.

Worship – Our current theme is generosity and this week we reflected on how we all have skills and talents we can use to be generous with and help others.

We also introduced our Big Question, '**Do you always have to be generous?**' Well done to Worship Council for thinking of this question, it certainly will get people thinking.

We have also discussed our attribute, '**ambition**' we want all our children to have ambitions, it maybe something they want to achieve this week, this year or when they are older.

The St Bart's Way – we are working really hard to ensure all our children and staff walk up and down stairs following the St Bart's Way. This keeps everyone safe.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- **Mrs Stead (Mrs Lee)** – Sadly Mrs Stead has decided to leave us. She is retiring and will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best.

REMINDERS:

- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Please call in for coffee and cake with us next Friday. If you drop your children off as normal and come to the main entrance. It will be £2 for a drink and a piece cake.

Around the World Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 1st October, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay on ParentPay, payments must be made by Monday 28th September, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.95. 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



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 1 & 6 – 98.3%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 8 – 96.8%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 100%

Well done to the best classes:



EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 3

Years 3 & 4 – Class 8

Years 5 & 6 – Class 12



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

Class 7 Tyreece
Class 8 Aliyan
Class 9 Lois
Class 10 Alima

Class 7 Deontay
Class 8 Dawood
Class 9 Oscar
Class 10 Tyler

Class 7 Aihan
Class 8 Sienna
Class 9 Gassan
Class 10 Zarah

Class 9 Logan

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - It has been wonderful to welcome our Nursery children and their families. The children have been settling in really well. We have been exploring both indoor and outdoor areas of the Nursery and getting to know each other. The children really enjoyed painting, making sandcastles, moulding the dough and making new friends. Our first topic is 'Marvelous me'. We will learn about your child likes/dislikes, the children will describe themselves and talk about emotions.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been talking about the word belonging and how we belong in different groups including our family, our friends and our class. We have really enjoyed listening to family stories looking at the family photos that have been shared on Learning journals. The children have made an excellent start in phonics and are working really hard to orally blend simple words.

Years 1 & 2 – This half term we have lots of exciting learning planned for the children in Years 1 and 2. In Year 1 this week the children have enjoyed the story of The Highway Rat and have written sentences to describe the characters from the story. In Year 2 the children have started their topic of Castles, Kings and Queens. They have looked at the different features of medieval castles and have learnt lots of new vocabulary to describe the defence systems such as portcullis and moat.

Thank you to all parents/ carers who have removed their child's earrings for PE lessons. This helps us ensure the safety of children during sporting activities. Please can appropriate footwear such as trainers also be worn for PE as we have some children wearing slip on shoes and ankle boots which can be dangerous during these lessons.

Key Stage 2 -Children have made an excellent start to KS2, and we have been extremely impressed with their attitude, effort and behaviour over the past three weeks. They have settled quickly into new routines, approached their learning positively, and represented the school brilliantly. We are very proud of the mature and responsible way they have conducted themselves.

Years 3 & 4 – Lessons: Year 3 -In RE, we have enjoyed creating colourful Rangoli patterns as part of our learning about different faiths and cultures. In Science, we have been planting cress seeds in organic soil and learning about what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

Year 4 -In English, we have started exploring how speech is used within writing and how punctuation helps readers understand dialogue. In History, we have been comparing the different types of homes people lived in during Victorian times and discussing how life has changed over the years. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and developing our understanding of how to compare and order numbers.

Website - To keep up to date with the exciting learning and experiences taking place in Years 3 and 4, please click on the links below to view our latest news and blog posts:

- [Year 3 News](#)
- [Year 4 News](#)

These pages are regularly updated with information about classroom learning, educational visits, special events, and pupil achievements.

Homework: This year, we will be continue using technology to support homework.

Children are expected to:

- Complete **21 minutes on Times Tables Rock Stars** each week.
- Complete their **spelling task on Oxford Owl**.
- Read their **school reading book every night**.

Most families will have access to a device that can be used to complete these tasks. If you experience any difficulties accessing the online platforms, please contact Mr Needham, or pass on a message to the member of staff on duty during morning drop off. Children who are currently in a phonics group will receive a paper-based homework sheet instead.

Homework will be set on **Monday** and should be completed by **Friday** each week. Login details for the online platforms will be provided during the first few weeks of term. Children who consistently complete their homework will be rewarded with an additional break towards the end of each half term.

Years 5 & 6 – Lessons: In History, we have enjoyed learning about the key events of World War II and organising them into a timeline to help us understand the sequence of events and their significance. In Science, we have created our own models of the circulatory system and explained how blood travels around the body, transporting oxygen and nutrients to keep us healthy.

Website - To keep up to date with the exciting learning and experiences taking place in Years 5 and 6, please click on the links below to view our latest news and blog posts:

- [Year 5 News](#)
- [Year 6 News](#)

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Homework: Children are expected to read their reading book at home every evening. Each week, children will be set homework on Emile (Grammar, Punctuation and Maths) and Oxford Owl (Spelling). Homework will be set on Monday and must be completed by the following Monday.

A Homework Club will run every Tuesday lunchtime for pupils in Years 5 and 6, providing an opportunity to complete homework during the school day.

Children who complete all of their homework will be rewarded with either an extended morning break or an extended lunchtime on Friday.

Secondary School Applications -A reminder that the deadline for applications for secondary school places is **31 October**. You can find useful guidance and submit your application using the link below:

[Leeds Secondary School Applications](#) If you have any questions or would like support with the application process, please contact the school and speak to **Mr Needham**, who will be happy to assist.

School Dates 2026 -2027:

Friday 2nd October 2026

Tuesday 20th October 2026

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Thursday 22nd October 2026

Thursday 22nd 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

Training Day – No Children in School

Parent Consultation 3.30-6.30pm Nursery – Year 2 Meetings

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School Closed Good Friday Bank Holiday

School Closed Easter Monday Bank Holiday

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