

St Bartholomew's News



25th 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.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was welcoming new children to school and seeing how well our children helped them settle. It shows our children truly follow our vision of nobody is left out.

Worship – Our current theme is **Generosity** and this week we thought about the bible story, The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41–44). This taught us that some people may not give as much to others but can still be the most generous because they gave as much as they had.

We also reflected on our Big Question, **should you always be generous?**

The St Bart's way – The children are working really hard in lessons to show fantastic listening when the adults or other children are talking.

British Values – Listening to those who are talking, like the St Bart's way says is a great way to show respect.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who came to have a coffee and cake at our Macmillan coffee morning. It was lovely to see you and the money goes to such a fantastic cause. Thank you to all the staff too who enjoyed the cake too. It really reflected our current theme of generosity.

REMINDERS:

- **Sports and activity clubs** - they finish at 4.30pm. Please do not come to collect your children early. It disrupts the club and we do not have the staff to keep going to collect them. Thank you
- **Jumpers/cardigans** – as the weather continues to be unpredictable what starts as a cool day can end up to be a very warm day and children are taking jumpers and cardigans off. Unfortunately, they do not always remember where they put them! We try our best but some are getting lost and if they do not have names on it is very tricky to identify whose they are. Please put names in them or ask us to, we are happy to help.
- **Mrs Stead (Mrs Lee)** has now left to enjoy her retirement. The office staff will be busier and we ask you are patient with us as we get used to this. Thank you.



Theme Day Menu Thursday 1st October – We will be offering everyone who is entitled to a free school meal who normally brings a packed lunch, the opportunity to try our theme menu next Thursday. You can still send your child with a packed lunch as well. If you do not want your child to have a school dinner on this day, please contact the school office to opt out.

Holiday Scheme – School will be running a holiday scheme in October half term, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October. This is a paid holiday scheme the cost is £10 per day. If you are interested in your child attending, please ask for a form at 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



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 – Class 6 – 97%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 7 - 99%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14 – 97%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 4

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10

Years 5 & 6 – Class 11



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

Class 11 Michelle
Class 12 Bella
Class 13 Nancy
Class 14 Musa
Class 15 Joseph

Class 11 Jared
Class 12 Aroush
Class 13 Aahil
Class 14 Elaine
Class 15 Amandeep

Class 11 Abobaker
Class 12 Natan
Class 13 Immanuel
Class 14 Kirad
Class 15 Ibrahim

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have learnt all about Autumn. We have explored autumn items and learnt to describe them. We looked at simple patterns and made ABAB patterns using compare bears and seasonal objects. Our story of the week has been 'Owl Babies' and we have learnt 'All the leaves are falling down' song. The children have created amazing owl pictures using paint, collage and pencils.

Reception –This week in Reception we have continued to learn the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears using a story map. We have enjoyed retelling the story using masks in the home corner. We have worked really hard to sequence the pictures from the story and have talked about how the characters were feeling throughout. We had lots of fun exploring porridge oats, pouring filling and using them to make marks. In maths we have been subitising dots, knowing how many without counting.

Years 1 & 2 –This week in Year 1 the children have been learning about different emotions in PSHE. They have looked at how people react to different situations and how they can sometimes tell how others are feeling from looking at their facial expressions.
In Year 2 children have been learning about how they can look after their bodies in PSHE. They have learned about the importance of being active and having enough sleep. The children looked at different fruits and vegetables and understood that they help keep our bodies healthy because they contain vitamins.

Years 3 & 4 – Year 3, In English, we have been writing the endings to our scary stories, using suspense and descriptive language to keep our readers engaged. In Science, we have been learning about plant pollination and exploring how pollen is transferred to help plants reproduce. **Year 4**, In PSHE, we have been thinking about how we can become the healthiest versions of ourselves. We have discussed the importance of making positive choices to support our physical and mental wellbeing.

Class 9 will be visiting **Armley Mills** on **Thursday 1st October**. Thank you to all families who have already made a voluntary contribution via ParentPay. If you are experiencing any difficulties using ParentPay, please speak to the school office. The office can also assist with providing consent for the trip and arranging any voluntary contributions.

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 – This week in Science, we created models of the circulatory system to help us understand how blood travels around the body. Using their oracy skills, pupils then presented their findings and explained how the circulatory system works to the rest of the class.

In History, we examined a range of primary sources to analyse the state of the war in 1940 and develop our understanding of how the conflict was unfolding at that time.

In Art, we have begun sketching our wartime landscapes, carefully considering perspective, detail and atmosphere in our drawings.

In French, we have been learning the names of items commonly found in our pencil cases and practising using this new vocabulary in conversation.

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:

Thursday 1st October 2026

Friday 2nd October 2026

Thursday 15th October 2026

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Thursday 22nd October 2026

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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

Armley Mills Trip Class 9

Training Day – No Children in School

Armley Mills Trip Class 10

Parent Consultation 3.30-6.30pm Nursery – Year 2 Meetings

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