

St Bartholomew's News



16th October 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.

Free Breakfast Club – If you would like a place in our free breakfast club which starts at 8am please see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson for a form.

Breakfast Club Reminder: Free breakfast club starts at 8am please ensure your child does not arrive before this time. The doors to breakfast club close 8.10am if your child arrives after this time, they will not be able to attend and as they are not schools' responsibility, you will need to stay with them until school starts at 8.30am.



Bonfire Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 5th November, if your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day please pay by ParentPay, payment must be made by Monday 2nd November, 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&3 – 93.6%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10 – 99%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 15 -100%



Well done to the best classes:

EYFS & Years 1 & 2 – Class 4

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9

Years 5 & 6 – Class 13



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

Class 1 Nana

Class 2 Flavianny

Class 3 Niyorah

Class 4 Idriss

Class 5 Eshaal

Class 6 Kayla

Class 1 Kenzo

Class 2 Sahib

Class 3 Favour

Class 4 Estherlyn

Class 5 Lily

Class 6 Alizah

Class 1 Leighton

Class 2 Ayaan

Class 3 Firas

Class 4 Maryam E

Class 5 Wealth

Class 6 Amen

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – In Nursery we have had great fun exploring colours and textures. We are doing lots of finger gym activities to help us develop our fine motor skills. You can help with this by letting your child use clothes pegs to pick up things at home. Other activities are ripping up paper, covering a ball in tape and your child peel it off and threading pasta onto string.

Reception – This week in Reception we have started learning a new story 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have compared the characters from the story to the other traditional tales we have read this half term and thought about ways we can describe the wolf. We have really enjoyed exploring all the Autumn objects the children found on their Autumn hunts! We have used the leaves gather to make autumn art work. We have enjoyed drawing and painting pumpkins this week and are looking forward to exploring the inside of the pumpkins next week!

Years 1 & 2 –This week children in Year 1 have been enjoying their art lessons. They have been using paint to mix different colours and have explored primary and secondary colours. The children have practised adding white and black to different colours to create shades and tints and know how to make colours lighter and darker.

In Year 2 the children have been looking at the artist Leonid Afremov. They have explored how he used colour to create vivid backgrounds and foregrounds. The children have used a range of materials such as oil pastels and water colours to create their own backgrounds and then have done the same to add colour to a picture of a castle. Once these two pieces are combined, they will have created their finished piece of artwork.

Reminder that children in Key Stage 2 will be attending church next Wednesday 21st October for worship for Harvest.

Years 3 & 4 – Year 3 - In English, we have been writing our own kenning poems, remembering that each line contains only two words. We have enjoyed choosing creative word combinations to describe different people, animals and objects. In Maths, we have continued to develop our skills in column addition and subtraction. We have been working carefully through calculations, using the correct methods to solve a range of problems.

Year 4 - In English, we have been exploring *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. We have developed our comprehension skills by discussing characters, themes and key events from the story, before writing engaging biographies of Oliver Twist. We have worked hard to use ambitious vocabulary and organise our writing effectively. In Computing, we have continued to develop our word-processing skills. We have practised formatting text, using headings, changing fonts and layouts, and presenting our work professionally. We are becoming increasingly confident in creating well-organised digital documents and using a range of editing tools effectively.

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 to towards the end of each half term.

Years 5 & 6 - In English, we have been finalising our historical narratives, focusing on the experiences of evacuee children during the Second World War. We have written vivid accounts describing the train journey from home to the countryside and the emotions of meeting host families for the first time. We have worked hard to use descriptive language, dialogue and historical detail to bring our stories to life. In Science, we have been learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. We explored how a balanced diet and regular exercise help us to stay fit, healthy and energised. Through discussions and practical activities, we developed our understanding of the choices we can make to support our physical wellbeing.

Lotherton Hall - We are delighted that Years 5 and 6 will be visiting **Lotherton Hall** during Autumn 2. Classes will attend on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 4th November:** Class 15
- **Thursday 5th November:** Class 14
- **Monday 23rd November:** Class 12
- **Thursday 26th November:** Class 13
- **Friday 4th December:** Class 11

The visits will provide an exciting opportunity to support and enhance learning beyond the classroom. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00 per child** towards the cost of the trip. Contributions can be made via **ParentPay**. Whilst no child will be excluded from the visit because of an inability to contribute, please note that the trip may not be financially viable if insufficient voluntary contributions are received. **A sincere thank you to all the families who have already made a voluntary contribution. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.**

Please use **ParentPay** to provide consent for your child to attend the trip and to make payment. If you have not yet set up **ParentPay**, a login and password will be provided. If you experience any difficulties, please contact **Mr Needham** or **Mrs Busby** in the school office.

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.

Year 6 SATs Week - Year 6 SATs week will begin on **Monday 10 May 2027**. It is vital that all Year 6 pupils attend school throughout the week, as the tests are set nationally and must be completed on the specified dates.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

- **Monday 10 May:** Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- **Tuesday 11 May:** Reading
- **Wednesday 12 May:** Arithmetic and Mathematics Reasoning
- **Thursday 13 May:** Mathematics Reasoning

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that Year 6 children arrive at school on time each day and avoid making any appointments during SATs week wherever possible.

School Dates 2026 -2027:

Tuesday 20th October 2026

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Wednesday 21st October 2026

Thursday 22nd October 2026

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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

Monday 10th May 2027

Tuesday 11th May 2027

Wednesday 12th May 2027

Thursday 13th May 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Friday 18th June 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

Parent Consultation 3.40-6.30pm Nursery – Year 2 Meetings

Parent Consultations 3.40-5.30pm Years 3-6 Calls

Classes 5 & 6 Kings and Queens Day

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Photograph Day

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

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School Closes at 3.30pm

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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

SAT's Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

SAT's Reading

SAT's Arithmetic and Mathematics Reasoning

SAT's Mathematics Reasoning

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

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