

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

Happy half-term! What a busy term we have had. From farm trips, fireman visits, museum trips, pumpkin picking, discos, exceptional class learning, individual achievements, to sporting fixtures, this term has been full of enrichment, fun and togetherness.

We are continually striving to be the best we can be at St Bartholomew's. Over the next half-term, our focus will be on behaviour for learning. Ensuring that our children are inquisitive, independent learners who dream big and reach for high aspirations.

I am delighted to say that we have had the go ahead for our Pre-school! We are intending to interview prospective providers in November and will keep you up to date as we progress. We hope that this will help to serve our community and strengthen St Bartholomew's for many years to come.

Thank you to all who have supported us at events, transporting or have simply joined us for our collective worships – you are appreciated and St Bartholomew's is the school it is because of the parents, children and teamwork.

I hope that you have restful yet fun-filled half term holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone again for the exciting lead up to C-----! (It's too early to say it!)

Take care
Miss Ingle

Lord, we ask that you guide our team's efforts. We pray for a spirit of collaboration, where each member's strengths can create a unified whole. Help us to work together seamlessly and to learn from each other so that we may achieve our goals in a spirit of unity and shared purpose.

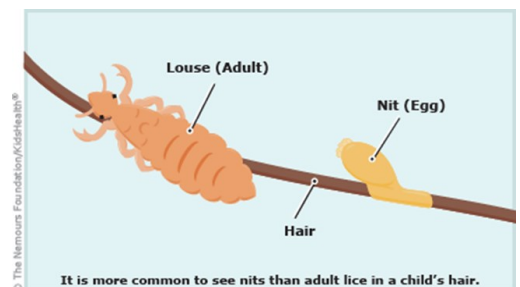
Amen

Autumn Festival: Our Harvest Festival Celebration and Procession of Light, was an incredibly poignant and special occasion in Church last Friday (13th October 2023). The children shared their knowledge and understanding of this important time of the year, particularly in our local area, through drama, prayer, poetry and song. We would like to thank those who came to celebrate with us and for all of the donations to AGAPE Foodbank for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Miss Cox



Headlice: We have had reports of cases of headlice in Oak and Palm classes, therefore please take this opportunity to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a period of time when the school is closed. We rely on parents vigilance and their commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Going forward, please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school.



Celebrated this week in Collective Worship:

w/e 20.10.2023	Fantastic award	Excellence award	Team Points award
Apple Class	Oliver	Ronnie-Rai	Woody
Palm Class	Esme	Evelyn	Sidney
Oak Class	Sofia	Leah	Joshua
Willow Class	Olivia	Lacey-Mae	Crystal

Attendance Winner of the Week:

Willow Class are the attendance winners of the week!



Team Point Champions—Term 1:

Yellow Team are the team point champions for term 1 and have earned a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 7th November 2023**.

Free School Meals: To apply for Free School meals please see the 'about' page on our school website where you will find a link as well as a step by step guide to the application process.

Cool Milk: Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>.

Flu Vaccinations: This week the school nursing team administered the annual flu vaccinations in the form of a nasal spray, to those children whose parents/carers/guardians had given consent. The school nursing team will be back in school on Thursday 23rd November to administer the flu vaccination to those children who were absent. If you wish for your child to receive the vaccination, please click on the following link to complete the online form indicating that you **give** consent for your child to receive this vaccination. Please enter the school code: **EE120551**. <https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme>.

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 2:

Monday: Apple Tuesday: Palm Thursday: Oak Friday: Willow

Indoor PE Timetable for Term 2:

Monday: Oak Tuesday: Willow Wednesday: Apple Thursday: Palm

School Photos: Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Wednesday 25th October 2023. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Elite Sports Tournaments: On behalf of everyone here at St Bart's, I would like to commend and congratulate the Year 3 and 4 children who have taken part in Elite Sports Academies Cross Football Tournaments this term. Our teams did brilliantly, for many of them it was their first time at a tournament as such, they played against lots of other schools and really dug deep. Our children showed grace, perseverance and resilience on both occasions. Congratulations to all who competed and a huge thank you to the adults who supported and cheered us on at the events.

Miss Cox

Pencil Cases: Half term holiday is a good time to ask your child if they need any of their stationery for their pencil cases replenishing. Please be aware that children use their glue sticks in most lessons and therefore run out frequently.



Children in Need: On Friday 17th November 2023 we will be having a non-uniform day in order to support Children in Need. The theme this year is 'SPOTACULAR'. Children are invited to come to school in spotty clothes. If your child does not have spotty clothes – they may wear pyjamas, onesies, or Pudsey themed clothes. Children can come dressed in anything from the list above and bring in a £1 donation for charity.



We will be selling wristbands, badges and pens for £1 each. We have Pudsey bands that are made from a stretchy material and come in 3 different colours. We have some bands with punched out Pudsey shapes. We also have pin badges, available in 2 different styles and Pudsey pens, also £1. All funds will go to Children in Need. The merchandise will be available to buy from Apple Class from 8:35am each morning and at playtimes/lunchtimes. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send the money into school with them.



Term 2 Breakfast Club: Bookings for attending our Breakfast club can be made via ParentMail.

Term 2 After School Clubs: The following clubs take place during term 2 and can be booked via ParentMail; they are free and run by staff/parents. Childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15pm to 4pm, 3.15pm to 5pm, or 4pm to 5pm if your child is attending a free club first. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Available clubs are:

Monday	Yr 5 & 6 Netball (Miss Cox)
Thursday	KS2 Science (Mrs Peach)
Friday	Year 2-6 Chess (Mrs Willerton)

PTFA News: **Easy Fundraising** is a great source of funds for the school which could raise £££s for the PTFA. A range of retailers, holiday companies, Ebay, Tesco and many more donate a percentage of money spent when parents / carers / guardians spend money. It costs the consumer absolutely nothing at all. Parents/carers/guardians need to click on the easy fundraising link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

- Register an email and password
- Nominate your cause
- Download a reminder tool to browser so when purchases are made through a partner a reminder is sent.

Make the purchase and a percentage goes to St Barts!

Why Join St Bart's PTFA?
The PTFA Needs → YOU!

- 1. CHILD BENEFITS**
Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically
- 2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS**
PTFA performs support for school teachers and administration which in turn creates a positive & caring atmosphere in the school
- 3. MAKE CONNECTIONS**
Get to know the teachers & staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school!
- 4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU**
Socialising with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding!

School Meals: Menus for term 1 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. Reception and KS1 parents/carers/guardians must order meals directly from Willoughby Foods Ltd to take up the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) offer. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will be ordered an option 1 main meal and an option 1 pudding unless parents log on and amend. **The order deadline for ordering for term 2 week 1 is 3pm on Tuesday 26th October 2023.** If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch as the meals delivered to school are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available. See menus for term 2 at the end of this newsletter.



Welcome Service: Our new Reception children were officially welcomed into our school family during the Reception welcome service. The children received a bible that will remain with them throughout their journey at St Barts. After the service, we invited our new parents into school to share lunch with their children. Thank you for joining us, the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Governors: It has been another fantastic start to the academic year. The governors have already had their first full meeting together and been in school for various visits to see staff and pupils. I was fortunate enough to have time this year to attend the harvest celebration service at church, which was a fantastic opportunity to see the children perform poetry, sing songs and tell stories. The cake after was a thing of marvel, especially the size of the carrot cake slices!! The governors are working hard in the background completing tasks such as safeguarding and subject specific visits, as well as supporting with the general day to day activities as needed. We are really lucky to have so many people who give their time so freely to the benefit of the children, through being a governor, the PTFA or other roles. We really appreciate the effort from everyone who gives their time to St Bart's to help let its light shine!

On behalf of the governing body, I hope that you all have a truly fantastic October break, and look forward to seeing you in November.

Best wishes, Phil Callow, Chair of Governors

Reading Rocks Club:

This first term has flown by! I have loved seeing the children use the library and hear about the wonderful reading they are all doing at home. We have new Year 6 Librarians for this academic year. Meet Josie, Molly and Lacey. These wonderful girls have taken on their library responsibilities with a bang and are already running the 'Reading Rocks' club on a Friday lunchtime for Apple and Palm class. They have also been doing an excellent job of announcing which class has collected the most golden tickets for that week.



Fairy Tale puppet making with cookies!



Golden Tickets

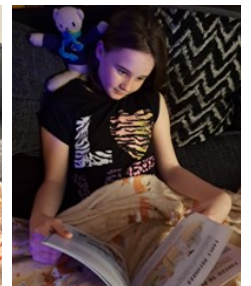
These can be posted in the library post box when you visit the library. This could be when you change your book, do some research, have a lesson with a teacher or just to sit and read quietly. There is always a running total on the wall in the library and the class with the most tickets at the end of the term wins a golden coin for the vending machine. I am pleased to announce that **Oak Class** are this terms winners!! Well done ☆ □

Reading Rocks club.

This will be open to anyone in Oak & Willow next term. No need to sign up just come and see us in the library from 12:30 pm on a Friday. I'm sure our Librarians already have something wonderful planned for you to do!

Weekend Book bags

Thank you to everyone that has sent in photos of their children with the weekend book bags. It's been wonderful to see so many smiley faces. As well as academic benefits, reading for pleasure provides social and emotional gains and increases empathy and social skills. It improves health and well-being and promotes imagination. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home as much as possible. Apple and Palm please read 5 times a week and Oak/Willow 3 times.



Book Fair

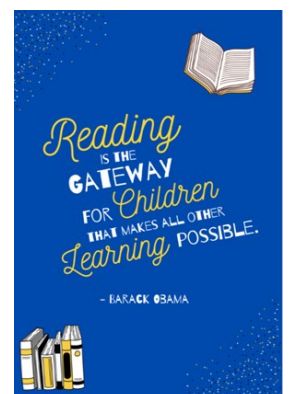
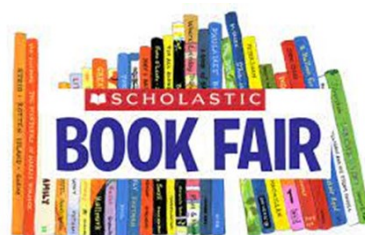
We are very excited that the book fair will be returning to school for Parent's evening this year. The children will have some time during school to go and browse the books before parent's evening. Please support us by purchasing books. It's a great time of year to do so with Christmas coming up. We are given a percentage of money raised from the sales which will then buy books for our vending machine for the children to win. We have five £5 vouchers to give away that can be used at the Book Fair. Miss Ingle spoke to the children a few weeks ago to tell them that anyone reading the correct amount of time for their class will have their name put into a hat and a chance to win one of the vouchers!

Good luck 🍀

A big thank you to Mrs Gough and Mrs Huggins for their hard work age categorising our books for free readers.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.

Mrs S



Safety Week: Every year at St Bartholomew's, the children learn about a range of aspects on how to stay safe. This includes a number of visitors who come and speak to the children about what their job entails and what they do to help people stay safe. Safety Week was launched on Monday 16th October by Mrs Davison, who discussed safety in school and what the different coloured lanyards mean that adults in school wear.

This year, we have had online safety workshops in Palm, Oak and Willow class. This is an important safety issue to discuss as technology becomes more and more prominent in our lives. The children in KS2 were surprised to hear, by their visit from PCSO Holland, that they can be held criminally responsible at the age of 10 and how actions have consequences!

Other visits have included a paramedic teaching CPR and what is available in an ambulance. Firefighters discussed safety fire rules in our own homes and KS1 had a lovely visit from a mole and Molsom's Opticians. Oak class had a Car and Helmet Safety Workshop as a reminder of how important it is to wear a seatbelt and a helmet when riding our bicycles on the road. Willow discussed aspects of Substance Abuse at an age appropriate level.



"The firefighters visit was my favourite because I learnt that we need to really think about what electrical items we're turning off at home to keep us safe."

CB

"I have learnt that firemen rescue animals"

JJN

"This is cool!"

JJH

"Trev the paramedic taught us how to help people by using CPR – we learnt the ABCs (airways, breathing, chest compressions)."

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Here are some examples of how the children felt about safety week and what they have learned:



“In my view of Safety Week it has been amazing. I have really enjoyed learning all about the different things and learning how to be safe”

LB

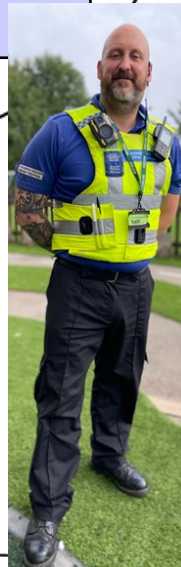


“We learnt lots about Online Safety too. We should be really careful what we post online and think about how we would like to be treated. We might end up being banned ourselves if we are unkind and make the wrong choices.”

CS

“How many prisoners have you got?”

ER



“If a car is going too fast, will you stop them?”

BP

“On Safety Week I learned about that a zebra crossing is when cars have to stop when you pass”

EJ

“The helmet lesson taught me that I need to check my helmet fits properly, following the three easy steps so that I am safe on my bike at all times ”

SV



Please [click here](#) to view the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Autumn e-newsletter

Class News

Apple Class: Apple Class have had an amazing first term! The Reception children have learnt all the set 1 sounds and are working on blending sounds to read words. We use the virtual classroom in school and at home to support gaps in children's sound knowledge and we are so thankful to the parents who use our QR codes at home in order to support their child's development. The majority of the Year 1 children are working on set 3 sounds and progressing well through our Phonics scheme. The children are working their socks off and we are so proud of them.

We enjoyed a trip to Ketton Pumpkins this term. The children learnt about pumpkins, picked and measured pumpkins and also met some farm animals. We had a wonderful time and have included a QR code for you to scan and watch a video of our trip.

Our mud kitchen has been very popular this term. The area has been enhanced with autumn themed resources such as conkers, acorns, pinecones and pumpkins. The children have developed their creative skills by making pumpkin pie, conker cake and mud milkshake. Yummy! Thank you to everyone who sent in natural resources for us to use.

Apple Class managed to fill up one of their pom pom reward jars this term. When the children receive a pom pom (for showing our core values, producing amazing work or generally being a superstar), they vote for a reward by placing the pom pom in a jar of their choice. The first jar that got filled was a trip to the park. We had such fun and developed our gross motor skills and friendship skills while we were there. Well done Apple Class! 😊

Have a lovely holiday and see you next term.

Miss Cannon, Mrs S and Mrs Elwes



Pumpkin Trip Movie
12.10.23



School Website: Our school website can be found at www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk where you will find lots of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters, learning links, school lunch menus.

Palm Class:

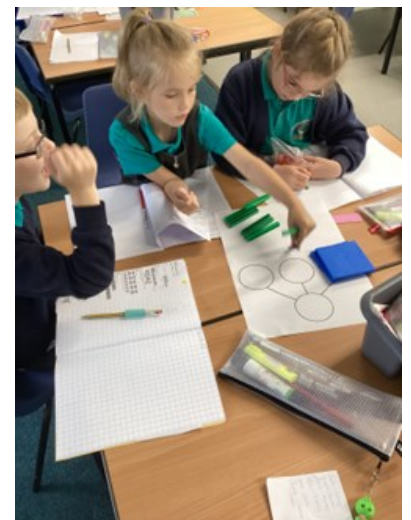
At the start of the new year Palm class were visited by a troll who left a book about himself for the children to read. Throughout the term, we have been learning about the troll's life and friends and finding exciting adjectives to describe him. At the end of learning about the troll, Palm class drew their own troll and wrote beautiful narratives about their troll.

In maths, Palm class have been revising their place value and have just started to learn their addition and subtraction. Year 2 have focused on numbers to 100, whereas year 3 have focused on numbers to 1000. Pupils within Palm class enjoyed working together to practise their place value and partitioning of numbers in a practical activity, this term, using our ten frames.

In D.T. this term, Palm class have explored different types of fruit and vegetables, looking at healthy eating and expanding this by creating delicious pumpkin scones. First Palm organised their fruits and vegetables, and then visited pumpkin fields to watch them being harvested. Palm have then cut up pumpkins with adult supervision and then baked this in scones. Many said they were delicious, others explained that they were not keen on pumpkin.

During the end of term, Palm class have partaken in the Harvest festival, singing a beautiful song about vegetables as well as reading a poem together. Palm class have worked extremely hard in preparation for the Harvest Festival and on the 13th of October they performed beautifully. Well Done, Palm.

At the end of this term Palm class have been learning about health and safety, getting lots of visitors from paramedics and firefighters, as well as learning about online and road safety. Palm class have been awesome when visitors have come in and have learnt a great deal this week.



Miss Swain and Mrs Amatt



St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page:

Our school Facebook page is very popular! We have 206 likes and 249 followers. This is amazing for such a small school! Please make sure you give us a like and a follow to keep up to date with news and activities in school.



Oak Class: What a busy term we have had in Oak Class! It was an absolute delight to welcome the children back to school in September and to see so many smiling faces. The children were fascinated by their new learning environment and are developing new friendships. I am so proud of each member of Oak Class for demonstrating resilience, determination and perseverance to achieve, succeed and truly 'let their light shine'.

The children have learnt all about Queen Victoria as we have begun our in depth study of the Victorian Era. They have been fascinated by the formidable monarch's reign, the impact she had on society in Britain and have even designed their own wallpaper inspired by William Morris. Our 'Sound' topic in Science has proved fascinating, as the children have learnt about sound particles travelling, explored pitch by making their own panpipes and even had a brief venture into sound-proofing. From creating hashtags in English about our daredevil stunt-woman Annie Edson Taylor who was the first woman to venture over Niagara Falls alone, the children have been inspired by her imagination, determination and foolhardiness with beautifully written diary entries and letters.

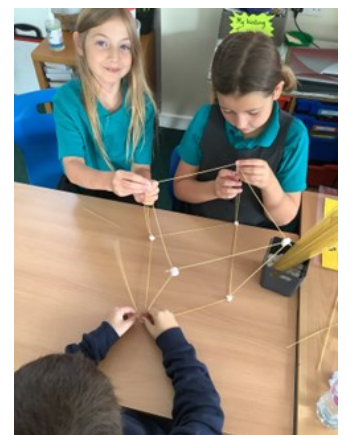


Finally, the children voted for their Pom-Pom's reward this term to experience a French Café in school. They dressed in the colours of the French Flag, 'le tricolore': rouge, blanc et bleu, shared in a traditional 'petit déjeuner' (breakfast), learnt how to order their food in French using the appropriate vocabulary, played French Garden games and explored vocabulary surrounding safety and people who keep us safe as we came to the end of Safety Week in school.

The children are engaging with our curriculum and I look forward to watching them develop in confidence in pursuit of their personal goals and aspirations. On behalf of the Oak Class Team, I would like to thank our parents and carers for your support, and I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break.



Miss Cox, Mrs Morris and Mrs Thorley



Class X Pages: Please look at the school's Twitter and class pages on the school website (www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) which showcases the children's learning in and out of school, alternatively follow your class page via Twitter. Please feel free to leave a comment!



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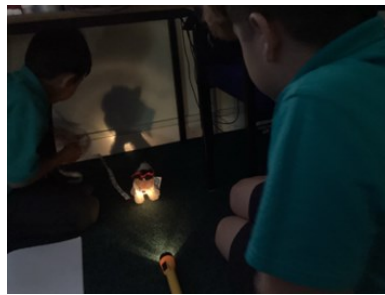
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Willow Class: Willow class have been extremely busy this term settling in to Year 6. We all really enjoyed a visit to Peterborough Museum back in September, to learn more about the impact of World War Two on people's lives in Britain. The children put out fires and scooped up incendiary bombs! They also experienced spending time in an actual air raid shelter which had been used during the war. Willow class really enjoyed the day and we learnt lots!



In class, Year 6 have spent the term investigating light. The children conducted an investigation to see what happens to shadows when an object is close to a light source or further away. They used a teddy, a tape measure and a torch and gathered data in a table by applying their maths skills and measuring the size of each shadow created. The results were discussed and the children produced a graph to demonstrate what happened. A conclusion was then written to explain what the data demonstrated. We learnt that the closer the object is to the light source, the larger the shadow.



To end the term, Willow have had a fabulous week learning all about how to keep themselves safe during Safety Week. The children attended an Online Safety Workshop and were taught all about malicious content and the law attached to it. They have been visited by fire fighters and learnt about not overloading sockets and what to do in the rare event of a house fire. Willow class also learned how to do CPR when Trevor the paramedic visited. Lots of learning on how to stay safe.



In DT we have been learning about gears and pulleys. We have studied toys, then designed and made our own using mechanisms.



Mrs Davison, Mrs Peach and Miss Illingworth

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

18th NOVEMBER 2023

10AM - 1PM

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WEST PINCHBECK

CARDS GIFTS CRAFTS BOOKS TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS

FREE ENTRY

Details from 01775 640296

Charity No. 18332

St Bartholomew's Church News:

Thirsty on a Thursday: The Church is open every Thursday between 9.30—11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

Remembrance Sunday Service in St Bartholomew's on 12th November, 10.30am. All welcome to join us.

St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Services:

Carol Service - Sunday 17th December 2pm. Traditional Carols and Readings, followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. All welcome.

Midnight Mass - Sunday 24th December 11pm.

Christmas Day Worship - 25th December 10am. Welcome the Birth of Jesus. A Service suitable for all ages. Bring along one of your Christmas Presents to show everyone.

Helping the Environment

Clothing Recycling: Our clothes recycling container is situated in the bike shed. If you wish to use it and the gates are locked, please let the school office know and a member of staff will open the gates for you. This facility is available term time only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Your donations need to be deposited in a bag, however, please can we ask that you do not leave bags by the locked gates. This is a community facility and therefore is available for the wider community to use.

Battery Collection: Remember to bring in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. You can return your battery box or use the big battery collection box in the bike shed.

Pen Recycling: Remember to bring in your old pens, felt pens and markers for recycling. There is a recycling box in the bike shed. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted. We cannot accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects.

Ink Cartridges: Remember to bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the bike shed. Please note toner and laser cartridges are not accepted as part of the programme. We will regularly inform you of the money we raise from your used cartridges.

Up and Coming Events

- 31.10.23 Secondary School Application process closes
31.10.23 Term 2 Begins
1.11.23 Apple Class: Fun with Fred Day
6&7.11.23 Scholastic Book Fair
7.11.23 Term 1 Team Point Champions Non Uniform Day
15.11.23 Reception 2024 Application process opens
17.11.23 Children in Need Day
20.1.23 Willow Class—Christmas Unwrapped
29.11.23 Apple Class—Tallington Farm trip
1.12.23 **PTFA Non Uniform Day** (donations for Christmas Fayre)
1.12.23 **join the PTFA in decorating the school**
9.12.23 Track Play (cancelled)
13.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day
13.12.23 Christmas Lunch Day
(book via Willoughby Foods website)
13.12.23 PTFA Disco (3.15-4.30pm)
14.12.23 PTFA Christmas Fayre (2.30-5pm)
15.12.23 Panto Trip

Parent Mail App: The App is available for Android 4.4 devices and above and Apple iOS 8 and above devices. To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search “ParentMail”. Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent. In order to download the PMX App you will need iOS 7.0 or higher.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding is our top priority here at St Bart’s and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the safeguarding information that is available on our website. The safeguarding tab includes a range of information about safeguarding in school, safeguarding at home and a list of useful contacts if you require advice and support. Please also see the safeguarding and child protection policy for further information about how we safeguard children and staff in school.

Term Dates 2023-24

- Term 2: Tues 31st Oct—Wed 20th Dec 2023
Term 3: Wed 3rd Jan—Fri 9th Feb 2024
Term 4: Mon 19th Feb—Thurs 28th Mar 2024
Term 5: Tues 16th April—Fri 24th May 2024
Term 6: Mon 3rd Jun—Fri 19th July 2024

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 31st October 2023**

Best wishes
Miss Sophie Ingle, Head Teacher

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that every year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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Lunch Menu w/c 30th October '23

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	BONFIRE NIGHT
Spiced Chicken Bar Legumes with Feta Sprouts, Peas & Garlic Bread	Beef Pork with Steamed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & GF Gravy	Beef Pesto with Salad	Hot Dog w/ Chili with Baked Beans
Vegetarian Bar Legumes with Feta Sprouts, Peas & Garlic Bread	Cheese Topped Peppers filled with Lentils & Vegetables served with Carrots	Cheese & Tomato Pesto with Salad	Vegetarian Hot Dog in a Bun with Baked Beans
Beef Lamb Mince, Cherry Tomatoes, Mashed Cucumber, Cakes & Fruit	Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Herb Bread & Fruit	Cheese Sandwich, Cucumber Slices, Bread, Apricot & Yoghurt	Sausage Roll, Cherry Tomato, Homemade Muffin & Fruit
Jacket Potatoes with Bean	Jacket Potatoes with Cheddar Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Traditional Bolognese	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise
Banana Cake or Fruit	Peach Slice or Outland or Fruit	Fruit Jolly or Fruit	Hot Dog Topped with Ketchup or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 6th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Traditional Lasagne, Rice, Green Beans and Peas	Macaroni Cheese, Broccoli and Crusty Bread	Roast Chicken, Steamed Potatoes, Carrots and Beans with GF Gravy	Beef & Egg Pasta, Sweeteners and Garlic Bread	Fishcakes with Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Baked Beans
Sweet & Sour Beans with Rice and Peas	Cauliflower Cheese, Broccoli and Crusty Bread	Cheese & Bean Lattice, Steamed Potatoes, Carrots and Beans with GF Gravy	Vegetables in a Homemade Tomato Sauce, served with Pasta, Sweeteners & Garlic Bread	Vegetable Fingers, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Beans
Cheese Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Tuna & Mayonnaise Sandwich, Cucumber Slices, Jelly and Fruit	Sausage Roll, Vegetable Sticks, No Yoghurt and Fruit	Beef Bolognese, Carrot Sticks, Herb Bread	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Rice, Homemade Muffin & Fruit
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Sweet & Sour Chicken	Jacket Potatoes with Meatballs	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Beans
Ice Cream and Muffin or Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Anderson Topping or Fruit	Fruit Jolly or Fruit	Apple and Pear Crumble with Custard or Fruit	No Yoghurt or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 13th November '23

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Pudsey's Picnic
Smoking Chicken with Rice and Sweeteners	Cheese & Tomato Pesto with Baby Potatoes and Salad	Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Herbless Potatoes with Broccoli and GF Gravy	Traditional Lasagne, Peas and Crusty Bread	Beef Sandwich Pesto
Smoking Beans with Rice and Sweeteners	Vegetarian Pizza, Baby Potatoes and Salad	Vegetarian Lasagne, Mashed Potatoes, Herbless Potatoes with Broccoli and GF Gravy	Vegetables and sweet Lasagne with Peas and Crusty Bread	Cheese Sandwich Pesto
Beef Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, No Yoghurt and Fruit	Cheese Sandwich, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Homemade Muffin and Beans	Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Gingerbread & Fruit	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich with Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, No Yoghurt and Fruit	Pasty Free Pesto
Jacket Potatoes with Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with Traditional Bolognese	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Traffic Light Salad	SULTAN FREE Pesto
Ice Cream and Muffin or Fruit	Banana Muffin or Fruit	Banana Chocolate Muffin Cake or Fruit	Peach Slice or Outland or Fruit	Pudding Cake

Lunch Menu w/c 20th November '23

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice and Mashed Potatoes	Creamy Potatoes and Broccoli Bake with Sweeteners	Beef Pork with Steamed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots and GF Gravy	Traditional Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Sprouts and Green Beans	Hotdoggers with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Herb Bread
Sweet & Sour Beans with Rice and Mashed Potatoes	Vegetarian Lasagne with Sweeteners	Cheese Topped Peppers filled with Lentils and Vegetables, served with Carrots & Cabbage	Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, with Pasta Sprouts and Green Beans	Vegetarian Sausages, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Herb Bread
Beef Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Homemade Banana Muffin and Fruit	Cheese Sandwich, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, No Yoghurt and Fruit	Sausage Roll, Cherry Tomatoes, Cheese Wedge and Fruit Pot	Cheese Sandwich, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Homemade Muffin and Beans
Jacket Potatoes with Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise and Sweeteners	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Cheddar Cheese
No Yoghurt or Fruit	Banana Chocolate Cake or Fruit	Jelly or Fruit	Fruit Salad or Fruit	Fruit Crumble and Outland or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 27th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato and Basil Pasta with Broccoli	Roast Beef, Potatoes and Baked Bean Mash with Green Beans	Beef Chicken, Steamed Potatoes, Carrots, Swede and GF Gravy	Beefburger in a Bun with Salad and Ketchup	Vegetarian with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Herb Bread
Vegetables in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Sprouts and Broccoli	Cheese, Vegetable and Mashed Potato Pie with Green Beans	Beef Mince with Steamed Potatoes, Carrots, Swede and GF Gravy	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Salad and Ketchup	Vegetarian Muffin, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Herb Bread
Cheese Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, No Yoghurt and an Apple	Crossant, Main Slice, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Pot and Mini Flaggjack	Beef Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Bagel, Salads and a Cookie	Tuna Mayonnaise Roll, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Bread, Apricot and a Homemade Muffin
Jacket Potatoes with Sausage & Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Traffic Light Salad	Jacket Potatoes with Traditional Bolognese	Jacket Potatoes with Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Vegetable and Pesto Sauce
Banana Muffin or Fruit	Banana Fruit Sponge or Fruit	Banana Yoghurt or Fruit	Cookie or Fruit	Banana Leaf or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 4th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pasta with Salad	Traditional Lasagne with Peas and Garlic Bread	Homemade Cottage Pie with Carrots	Shepherd's Pasty, with Herby Peas Potatoes and Beans	Jumbo Fish Fingers, Mayonnaise Potatoes and Ketchup
Vegetarian Pizza with Salad	Vegetable & Lentil Lasagne with Peas and Ketchup	Sweet Cottage Pie with Carrots	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Herby Peas Potatoes with Beans	Cheese Topped Crispy Potatoes with Sweeteners and Ketchup
Cheese Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Homemade Flaggjack and an Apple	Beef Sandwich, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Banana Muffin and Fruit	Crossant, Main Slice, Mince Flaggjack	Cream Cheese Bagel, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Cheese Sandwich, Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Yoghurt & Single Seed Mince
Jacket Potatoes with Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Homemade Causant	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with Sweet & Sour Chicken
No Yoghurt or Fruit	Homemade Carrot Cake or Fruit	Fruity Jelly or Fruit	Apple Sprung with Custard or Fruit	Ice Cream & Muffin or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 11th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Traditional Bolognese with Rice and Peas	Chicken Burger in a Bread Roll, with Mini Corn on the Cob and Ketchup	Lentils, Mince or GF Gravy with Herbless Potatoes, Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Carrots	Macaroni Cheese with Green Beans and Crusty Bread	Fish Fingers, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Baked Beans
Vegetables in a Homemade Tomato Sauce with Rice and Peas	Vegetarian Burger in a Bread Roll, with Mini Corn on the Cob and Ketchup	Beef Mince in GF Gravy with Herbless Potatoes, Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Carrots	Cauliflower Cheese with Green Beans and Crusty Bread	Vegetarian Muffin, with Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Beans
Beef Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Sausage Roll with Carrot Sticks, Herb Bread and Fruit	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich with Cucumber Slices, Cucumber and Herb Bread	Tuna Mayonnaise Roll with Crunchy Vegetable Sticks, Yoghurt and Herb Bread	Cheese Sandwich, with Vegetable Sticks, Fruit Pot and Mini Flaggjack
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Vegetables and Chickpea Curry	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Sausages and Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise
No Yoghurt or Fruit	Peach Slice or Outland or Fruit	Chocolate Muffin or Fruit	Apple Flaggjack or Fruit	Ice Cream or Fruit

Lunch Menu w/c 18th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Beef Pizza with Beans	Macaroni Cheese, with Broccoli and Crusty Bread	Fish Fingers, Crispy Caked Potatoes with Peas
Cheese and Tomato Pasta with Beans	Cauliflower Cheese, with Broccoli and Crusty Bread	Vegetarian Fingers, Crispy Caked Potatoes with Peas
Cheese Sandwich, Cherry Tomatoes, Jelly and a Piece of Fruit	Tuna & Mayonnaise Sandwich, with Cucumber Slices, Homemade Muffin and Fruit	Sausage Roll, Vegetable Sticks, No Yoghurt and Fruit
Jacket Potatoes with Beans	Jacket Potatoes with Sweet & Sour Chicken	Jacket Potatoes with Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato Sauce
Ice Cream and Muffin or Fruit	Banana Leaf or Fruit	Fruit Jolly or Fruit