

St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 12.1.24

Good afternoon,

"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all." – Jacqueline Kennedy



"The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest (people) of the past centuries." – Descartes

Just before Christmas, I had the pleasure of spending a few hours with the Church Ladies. I talked to them about St Bartholomew's, who we are and what we do. I am incredibly grateful to say that Janet Izatt, who has been raising money for the village for many years, raised £100 selling second hand books during December and has donated it to our library fund. Thank you so much Janet!

Since September, we have raised £34.21 via PTFA Easy Fundraising. If you haven't already signed up, please, please do as every little helps and it doesn't cost you anything. Details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Every lunchtime, I eat in the hall with the children, I really enjoy our conversations and it is lovely to see beautiful table manners and the support and encouragement that our older children give to our younger ones. However, I have noticed that many children are not eating the hot dinners that they are given. Please do ask your children about their meals and change choices accordingly. We are always happy to hear feedback too and will act on anything that we can to improve your child's eating and enjoyment in the dinner hall.

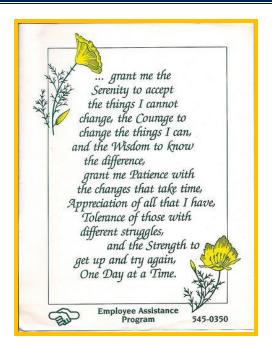
Please be aware that if your child is due to start school in September 2024 that the application process closes on Monday 15th January 2024. Applications can be made online at https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/apply-school/2, alternatively, please call the Education Team on 01522 782030.

If your child is in Year 5 you will have been sent an email via ParentMail which gives the details of how to register for your child to sit the 11+ at Spalding High School or Spalding Grammar School.

Your child will be bringing home their Termly Attendance Summary letter today, which informs you of their termly and year to date attendance percentage, as well as the number of lates and unauthorised lates received termly and year to date.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday. Take care, Miss Ingle

School worship



Bible verse of the week

Ephesians 4:2

"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love"

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 12.1.2024	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Ronnie-Rai	Joseph
Palm Class	Thomas	Harry
Oak Class	Sofia	Lyla
Willow Class	Daisy	Yadhavi

Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week and will receive the reward of taking Gerald to the park at playtime one day next week.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 th January 2024		Reception 2024 application process closes
7 th February 2024		Class Photos
7 th February 2024	3.15-	PTFA Valentine Disco
	4.30pm	
16 th February 2024		Year 5 Girls: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding High School
1 st March 2024		Year 5 Boys: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding Grammar School
26 th April 2024		Year 1 – Learn2Ride course
15 & 16 th May 2024		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability
26-28 th June 2024		Year 6 Residential

Please be aware that Lincolnshire County Council have amended the term dates for 2024-25. Tuesday 22nd April 2025 is now an Inset Day and Monday 2nd June 2025 is now a normal school day. Please see our school website for all term dates.

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the 'calendar' tab. If you wish to add an event to your own calendar, you can do so by clicking on the link and pressing the 'add to calendar' button.

Any Other Information/Reminders

PE Timetable Term 3:

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE	
Apple	Monday	Wednesday	
Palm	Tuesday	Thursday	
Oak	Thursday	Monday	
Willow	Friday	Tuesday	

Home School Agreement

If you haven't done so already, please complete the Home School Agreement 2023-24 form that can be found on ParentMail.

School Mobile Phone

We now have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: **07396725986** It will be turned off during the school day. It will only be available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

After School Kids Club

Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 10 minutes late collecting from after school clubs at 4pm there will be a charge of a full hour, per child, childcare cost.

Pencil Cases

Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing.

Severe Weather/Snow Closure

In the event of severe weather, we will always strive to ensure that the school remains open, but in the event that extreme weather conditions necessitate the closure of the school we will advise you of this in a number of ways. We will notify parents via email via Parentmail, update the school website and advise Lincs FM and BBC Lincolnshire radio stations so listen out to their broadcasts or log onto their websites. We will also post a message on the school's Facebook and 'X' pages.

School Opening

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to contact the school out of these hours, please call 01775 640357 and leave a message on our answerphone or alternatively email enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk.

PTFA 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!

£34.21 raised since September 2023

What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences.

This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

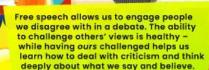
The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.



Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

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Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem.
Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

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Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, school and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the OEC area the water first near for diversity, equality and inclusion.

GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.



Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.



Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.



The National College NOS Online Safety*

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