



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 10.5.24

Good afternoon,

I would just like to congratulate all of the Year 6 pupils who are facing their Statutory Tests next week. They have proved to be resilient and focused individuals and are approaching next week with smiles and lots of enthusiasm! Just to remind you of how brilliant you all are, I am sharing a little uplifting poem. I thought it was an appropriate sentiment to share with you. We are all so very proud of you.

SATS TESTS

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

All we ask is that you try your very best now and always and achieve what we know you can. You've got this! Good Luck! We would also like to thank Miss Illingworth and Mrs Szydłowski for their very thoughtful gift to all of Year 6 to keep them calm and relaxed. Year 6 are looking forward to enjoying their day of archery and swimming next Friday.

A huge thank you to the Price family for selecting some books from our wish list and buying them for our Library. We are very grateful.



Measles

We have been advised that the number of measles cases in England has increased significantly since October 2023. Can I remind parents/carers/guardians, children and staff that they can protect themselves by ensuring they have had two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. If you are unsure of your vaccination status, please check your Red Book or speak to your GP surgery. It's never too late to catch up!

Stay Safe Partnership's Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

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Keeping Safe LSCP/SLP Primary Survey 2024

The Lincolnshire County Council have extended the survey to include voices from KS2 children aged 7-11 which is now open. The survey focuses on students' online usage and experience of bullying with a focus on online bullying. This has in turn helped them focus their preventative education messages. As they now offer a full Online Safety Curriculum to children Year 2 to college, they would like to get more children's voices to inform their work. The more students answering the survey across the county, the clearer picture they can gather to help protect students while they enjoy the many benefits of using the internet. They ask for your support in getting all KS2 aged students to complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/MukAFsSzNUovphD68>

Miss Ingle and Mrs Davison

School worship

Dear God, thank you for allowing us to comprehend the difficulties that other people face. Thank you for letting us share in their hardships, so that we can help them to overcome their challenges in life and we shall share in others so that nobody feels alone, because together we can use your strength to help one another.

Amen.

Bible verse of the week

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13:13

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 10.5.2024	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Jaxson	Gracie
Palm Class	Tommy E	Caitlin
Oak Class	Amara	Lottie
Willow Class	Molly C	Vova

Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 & 16 th May		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability

24 th May		End of Term 5
5 th June	6-7.30pm	Online Safety Q&A Event for Parents/Carers/Guardians - Primary
19 th June	6-7.30pm	Online Safety Q&A Event for Parents/Carers/Guardians - Secondary
21 st June		Order deadline for uniform orders for Sept '24
1-3 rd July		Year 6 Residential - Castleton
16 th July	9-4.30pm	Whole School Trip
Please be aware that Lincolnshire County Council have amended the term dates for 2024-25. Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 is now an Inset Day and Monday 2 nd 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.		

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.

Any Other Information/Reminders

PE Timetable Term 5:

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

Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. This term we have dropped to 95.2% I know that this term brings chilly weather and wet mornings, which in turn means more colds and coughs are about, however, if your child has a cold, they should still be in school please. If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can. Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE: *"It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."*

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Careers Event

We are asking parents/carers/guardians to come forward who would like to help with holding a careers event at school to raise aspirations. We have had an amazing offer from a development Chef and would love to be able to include many more. Please contact the school office if you feel that you could contribute.

Book Wish List

We are constantly trying to update our school Library so the child have the opportunity to read new and exciting books. With this in mind, Mrs S has sourced a 'Book Wish List'. It has been created by our local book shop 'Bookmark' in Spalding. They have been extremely kind and made an area on their website where you can click on a book and purchase it online and have also offered us a discount. We felt it was not only important to purchase new books for our children but also support a local small business. When a few books have been purchased they will then contact Mrs S to go and collect them. If you feel like you would like to purchase a book for our Library, or know someone that would like to, then please follow this link:



<https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/st-bartholomew-s-ce-primary-school-wishlist?>

Bookmark have informed us that if you select a book from our list on their website and buy via the website then a delivery cost will be added. If you see a book you would like to purchase please email them directly or call the shop. They will then have the books delivered to the shop for free and I will collect them.

Working Party Due to the current economic climate, we are looking for ways to cut down on costs over the year. We currently spend a reasonable amount of money each month for the upkeep of the school playing fields and hedges. We are looking to source our own ride on lawn mower for our wonderful caretaker to use for the grassed areas. In addition, we wondered if anyone would be prepared to join a working party 3 times a year to cut the hedges. If you think that you could help with this, please email the office and let them know. Every little helps! Thank you!

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!

£36.98 raised in the last 30 Days!

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9AM TILL 3PM



£20 PER DAY

FOR EXTRA TIME (3 TILL 4PM)

ADD £4.50 PER DAY

AGES 4-11 - PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND DRINK



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS



The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST



Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS



At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES



If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS



Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS



Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

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