



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



"Let your light shine"

News in school

15.11.24

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

This week has been tumultuous in terms of political developments around the world. Numerous media reports talk about polarizing of groups within society in different countries.

Sometimes when faced with difficult challenges we often try to reduce things to simple terms, however when we do this, we run the risk of not seeing the person or people at the heart of the issues in their uniqueness and complexity. In our school this could be how we view pupils with SEND or those who are disadvantaged. We are encouraged to think about strategies which may work for a homogenized group although these pupils are not all the same or have exactly the same experiences.

The Christian view is that each person is unique and special, made in the image of the God who loves them and knows them as they are. Teaching encourages us to treat and respect everyone in the way we want to be treated. To do this we have to listen to the individual voices who cry out.

"At the heart of a deeply Christian vision... is the upholding of the worth of each person: all are made in the image of God and are thus innately worthy of dignity and honour" (p.9 FFA Sept 2024)

This week, all classes took part in the "World Kindness Day Collective Worship". Children have been set a kindness challenge. I have already received a kindness postcard from one of our children which made me smile for the rest of the day. Thank you 😊. Kindness is core in our school and I hope we can continue to look after each other and spread kindness throughout every day for the rest of the year.

Bikes

Please can you ensure that if your child is biking to school that they collect their bikes from the bike shed on their way out and do not bring them back into the playground. Children have been biking (at speed) across the playground to get to the park when the playground is full. This is a health & safety concern. If it is necessary for a bike to be brought onto the playground, it must be walked and not ridden.

Bingo 22nd November 6-8pm

Thank you to everyone who has already bought Bingo tickets, we have raised £35 online so far. If you wish to buy your Bingo books online, please click on the following link:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/123939385936471394>

You can also pay by cash at the office. Come and join us for a fabulous, fun, family night! See flyer below for more information.

New Date - Christingle Carol Service

Our Christingle Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Children are to be collected at 3.15pm from the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reception 2025 Application Process

A letter from Lincolnshire County Council has been sent to all parents/carers/guardians, via ParentMail, regarding how to apply for a Reception school place for September 2025. Applications can be made from Friday 15th November 2024 until Wednesday 15th January 2025. The easiest way to apply is online at:

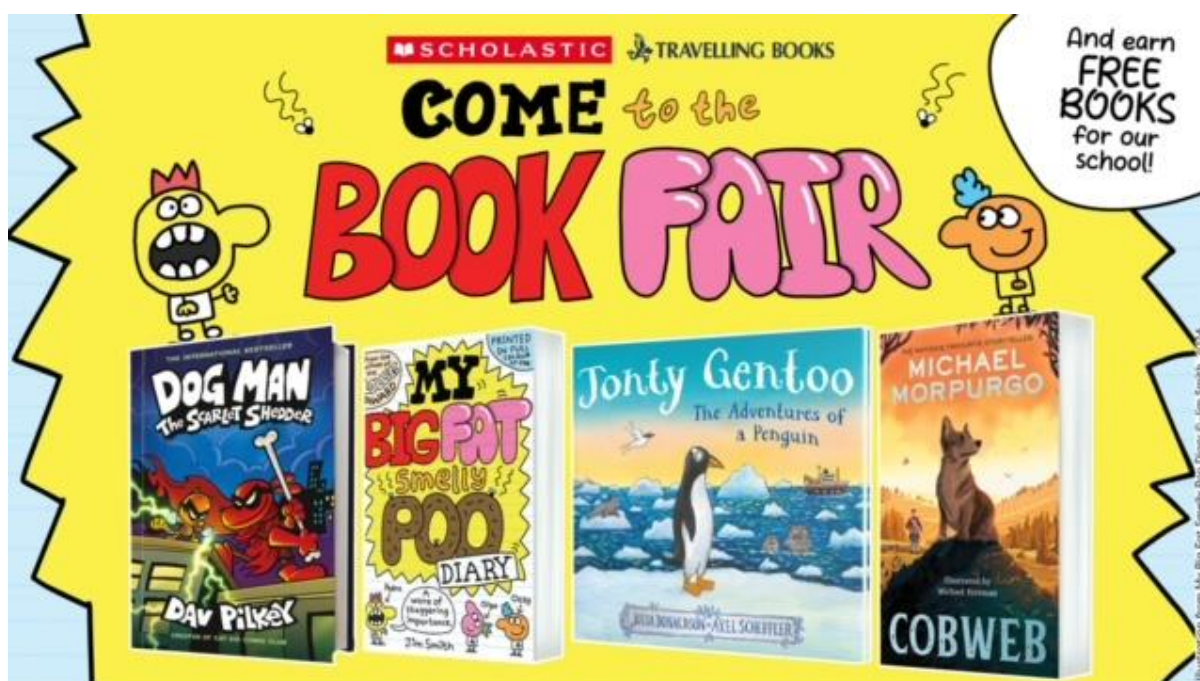
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

Whole School Trip

The whole school trip in July 2025 will be to Lincoln Castle. Further details can be found on the Parent Consent form which can be found on ParentMail. Payment can also be made via ParentMail. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to let you know that the Scholastic Book fair will be back in school on the 11th December. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books and during parents evening the following week you will be able to purchase them. This is a great opportunity to buy books for Christmas. The more books we sell the more free books school receives. This then keeps our vending machine stocked for the children to win during the year. This is a cashless event, so please bring a cashless form of payment ie card, phone. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you and take care
Miss Ingle 😊

Bible verse of the week

Ephesians 4:32 –

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

School worship

Dear God,

Help me to be kind through my words, actions and attitude. Please show me if one of my family members (or friends) needs me to be extra kind to them today. Thank you, God, for inspiring us to be kind through your love for the world.

Amen

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.

St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Coffee Morning: in Church, 23rd November. 10am - 1pm. Refreshments including Bacon Rolls and Toasted Sandwiches. Tombola, Books, Wood Turned items, Crafts and more. An opportunity for some Christmas shopping, locally, and to support the Village Church. All welcome. Donations for Tombola appreciated. Contact Wendy - 07946052418

Attendance winner of the week

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

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 15/11/24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Bonnie	Sienna
Darwin	Daniel and Tommy E	Woody and Evelyn
Franklin	Penny	Pippa

Any Other Information/Reminders

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running a reverse advent calendar this year and all donations will be sent to Agape Food Bank. A cardboard box will be available every day in December (until Monday 16th December) in each classroom for your child to add one item during this time. Donation suggestions: Christmas-specific **non-perishable food items**, Christmas crackers, colouring books, stationery, tinned fruit or veg, potatoes, pasta, rice, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, toiletries, baby items.

Nightingale Nativity

Nightingale will be presenting their Christmas Performance, The Bossy King, on Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm and Wednesday 4th December at 2.30pm. **We ask that the children return to school for the evening performance, in full uniform at 5.30pm ready for a 6pm start. For those parents not attending the evening performance, please collect your child at 6.30pm from the main entrance.** Tickets are available from the school office. This is a very popular event and therefore entry will not be possible without tickets.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 13th December for a donation of £1 towards the newly named Haven Domestic Abuse Service (previous SoLDAS, Boston Women's Refuge). Christmas jumpers can be shop bought or home decorated. If anyone would like to donate any Christmas jumpers that their children have grown out of, we would be happy to receive them in school.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

The whole school will be sitting down to Christmas Lunch on Friday 13th December. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via Willoughby Foods Ltd by Tuesday 3rd December 3pm. The menu is on the school meal tab on our website.

PTFA Christmas Disco

The PTFA will be holding the Christmas Disco on Friday 13th December at 1.15pm to 2.30pm. There will be no charge for this event, however the children can bring spending money in a named purse and disco clothes to change into.

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

The PTFA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre that is being held on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those children who travel home by taxi and attend Afterschool Kids Club will be able to attend with a nominated member of staff from 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Parent Evenings

This term we will be holding our parent evenings on Monday 16th December (3.30-6.30pm) and Tuesday 17th December (3.30pm-6pm). Appointments can be made with your child's teacher via ParentMail. Please contact the school office if necessary. Your child's books will be available, in the school hall, for you to peruse before or after your appointment.

Panto Trip

The whole school will be attending the panto at the South Holland Centre on Wednesday 18th December. If you haven't done so already, please complete the permission form and make payment via ParentMail.

Whole School Party

On Thursday 19th December children are required to bring a 'party food' lunch to enjoy in the school hall with staff. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) please complete the form on ParentMail indicating if you would like a 'party' lunch provided.

Class Parties

On Thursday 19th December children are required to bring a 'party food' lunch to enjoy in their classrooms with their class staff. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) please complete the form on ParentMail indicating if you would like a 'party' lunch provided.

Christingle Carol Service

Our Christingle Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Children are to be collected at 3.15pm from the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 page.

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 Szydowski 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 Szydlowski to go and collect them. If you feel 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 it will be collected from them.

Health Care Plans

In order that we can provide the necessary care required to those children who have on-going health care needs, we require parents to complete a 'Health Care Plan' form via ParentMail. This document is used to detail the on-going health issues and, if applicable, the medication that each child requires. If you haven't done so already and your child has health care needs, please complete the form via ParentMail. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their child's Health Care Plan.

Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 96.44%. 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.**

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2:

	PE	Outdoor PE
Nightingale	Monday	Wednesday
Darwin	Thursday	Tuesday
Franklin	Friday	Thursday

School Mobile Phone

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from 19th August 2024.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued. This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for a better future

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.

Pencil Cases

Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing, especially glue sticks, which are frequently used items.

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.

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!

The poster features a dark blue background. At the top, there are several colorful bingo balls and cards. Two large yellow balls with the letter 'B' and the number '12' are prominent. Below them are several bingo cards with the word 'BINGO' written on them in various colors. In the center, the word 'BINGO' is spelled out using large, colorful letters: 'B' in red, 'I' in yellow, 'N' in orange, 'G' in green, and 'O' in teal. Below the word 'BINGO' are five small stars in red, orange, green, blue, and yellow. The text 'PTFA' is written in green above the word 'BINGO'. The word 'BINGO NIGHT' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, there is a paragraph of text in white and green. The date and time are listed in white, and the location is listed in white. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with white text and a logo for St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School.

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BINGO NIGHT

*Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening?
Join us for Bingo Night at St Bartholomew's Primary School and
have a blast with friends and family!*


*Raffle, refreshment stall, sweet stall, extra books
available on the night & bring your own pens*

FRIDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER

6:00PM-8:00PM

ST BARTHOLOMEWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEST PINCHBECK

Look out for the ParentMail to
order your Bingo books

The logo for St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School, featuring a cross and the text "St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School" and "Let Your Light Shine".

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 th November		Reception 2025 application process opens
21 st November		Flu Vaccination
22 nd November		Whole School Diwali Workshop
22 nd November	6-8pm	PTFA Family Bingo
29 th November	time tbc	PTFA putting up Christmas Decorations
1 st December		Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Agape Food Bank
3 rd December		Franklin Holocaust Workshop
3 rd December	6pm	Nightingale Nativity: The Bossy King
4 th December	2.30pm	Nightingale Nativity : The Bossy King
6 th December		PTFA Non-Uniform day (donations for Christmas Fayre)
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Haven Domestic Abuse Service
13 th December		Whole School Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby's)
13 th December	1.15-2.30pm	PTFA Christmas Disco
13 th December	3.15-5.15pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre
16 th & 17 th December	3.30-6.30/6pm	Parents Evenings
16 th & 17 th December	3.30-6.30/6pm	Scholastic Book Fair
18 th December		Whole School Trip – Pantomime South Holland Centre
18 th December		Class Christmas Parties
18 th December	2.15-3.15pm	Christingle Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
19 th December		Term 2 Ends
6 th January 2025		Term 3 Begins
15 th January		Reception 2025 application process closes
27 th & 28 th January		Reception: Bikeability Balance Training
3 rd & 4 th February		Year 5: Level 2 Bikeability Training
12 th February	Time tbc	Young Chef Valentine's Meal
14 th February		Term 3 Ends
24 th February		Term 4 Begins
6 th March		World Book Day
16 th March	10 – 12 noon	PTFA Car Boot Sale
21 st March		Red Nose Day
2 nd April	3.15-4.15pm	PTFA Easter Disco
4 th April		Term 4 Ends
23 rd April		Term 5 Begins
23 rd & 24 th April	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
w/c 12 th May		KS2 SATs
17 th May	6-8pm	PTFA Family meal and quiz night
23 rd May		Term 5 Ends
2 nd June		Term 6 Begins
27 th June		PTFA Summer Fayre
8 th & 9 th July	6-7pm	Year 5/6 Summer Production
13 th July	Time tbc	Sports Day
17 th July		Whole School Trip to Lincoln Castle
21 st July	Time tbc	PTFA Year 6 Leavers BBQ & whole school disco
22 nd July	9.15am	Leavers' Service
22 nd July		Term 6 Ends

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.

**CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH**

West Pinchbeck

23rd November

10am to 1pm

Cards Books Gifts
Crafts Tombola

Refreshments

FREE ENTRY!

Details: 01775 640296