



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***22.11.24***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Thank you very much for supporting this charity event. St Bart's raised £182.61 from the sale of Children In Need merchandise and non-uniform day.



Thank you to those of you who attended the school meeting on Friday. In summary, the school has been receiving further support from county and an OFSTED inspector since September. We have taken their advice, and we will be moving back to 4 classes in January.

Reception – Dahl  
Year 1 & 2 - Nightingale  
Year 3 & 4 - Darwin  
Year 5 & 6 – Franklin

This is not because we have received more funding – that remains the same. This is due to workload on staff, wellbeing of children and advice being given. This is what we were originally told that we could not do, however we have support now to say that we can and we feel it is in the best interests of the school. The teachers will remain the same. Miss Cannon will teach Reception in the mornings and Years 1 & 2 in the afternoons, I will teach Years 1 & 2 in the mornings and Mrs Szydłowski will teach Reception in the afternoons. Franklin will move back to the original classroom; Years 1 & 2 will move into the old 'Palm' classroom to allow them greater access to the outdoor area. We are thinking positively about this change. It does not and has not impacted the level of education and dedication to your child's education.

Unfortunately, the childcare provider who was due to start their pre-school in April, pulled out at 1:30pm on Friday. This is down to the level of funding that they need. Therefore, I will be putting our expression of interest back out and I hope to find another provider in the very near future who would like to take on a pre-school. I will keep you updated.

The Library fund currently stands at £3000. This is still a long way off our £125,000. Therefore, we would like to focus all our fundraising attention on a library bus, that would be situated on the grass near the apple trees. This location would mean that it could also serve the community. We hope that everyone will help to raise the funds and some great ideas were shared for ways in which we could begin fundraising. We will be setting up a GoFund me page, writing to large companies and running school events. There is plenty to get involved in so if you feel you could help, please come in and speak to us.

Should you wish for any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or come in and see me.

I hope that you have a lovely, restful weekend.

Thank you and take care

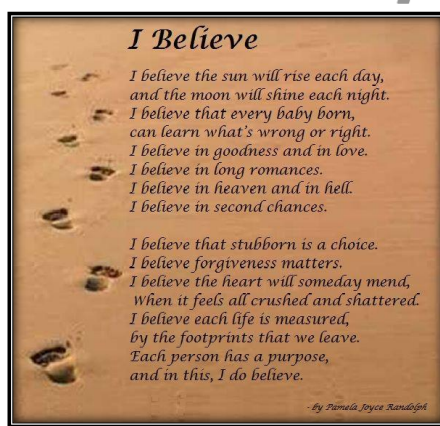
Miss Ingle 😊

## ***Bible verse of the week***

**Romans 12:12**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"

## ***School worship***



## ***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.

## ***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 22/11/24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale		
Darwin		
Franklin		

## ***Any Other Information/Reminders***

### PTFA Family Bingo

The PTFA will be holding a family Bingo tonight in the school hall. Doors open at 6pm, finishing at 8pm. Bingo books can be bought (cash only) on the door.

### **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.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via Willoughby Foods Ltd by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre that is being held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm.

### **PTFA Christmas Fayre**

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December (3.30-6.30pm) and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We are very excited to let you know that the Scholastic Book fair will be back in school on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 an cashless form of payment ie card, phone. Thank you for your continued support.



### Panto Trip

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

### Whole School Party

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Christingle Carol Service

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

### 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 Szydłowski 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 Szydłowski 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"

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## 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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)

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## PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2:

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

## 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.**

## 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](mailto: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!

# Dates for Your Diary

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



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

### Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

### 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

### 2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

### 3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

### 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

### 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

### 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

### 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

### 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

### 9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

### 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

### Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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