

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

Our target attendance is 100%. As at Thursday 13th February our attendance Year to Date is 95.82%

I cannot believe that we have arrived at half term already. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in the school community for the learning, enthusiasm, care and dedication that I have witnessed every day - it is something to be thankful for and extremely proud of.

Looking forward, we are moving towards some incredibly special times within the Christian calendar and hope that we can shine our light and celebrate them as a whole community. Shrove Tuesday, marking the beginning of Lent will soon be upon us. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. We will be making pancakes - using our cupboard stocks - to remember what Jesus gave up for us. The children will be going to church on Shrove Tuesday to have a delicious pancake again!

Further into the term, we will be focusing on Easter, our Holiest day of the year, when we remember our Lord rising from the dead. We look forward to worshipping together as a school and welcoming families in to share in our celebrations and prayer.

I hope that you have a wonderful half-term and look forward to seeing you safe and well when we return on the 24th February.

Thank you and take care
Miss Ingle

Prayer for Peace

Peace go with you.
God's quiet within the noise.
God's hope within uncertainty.
God's rest within the toil.
God's presence within your soul.
Peace go with you.

www.lords-prayer-words.com

Governors: It was another busy term for the governing body with meetings and visits to the school. We would like to welcome Caroline to our governing body, who brings skill, expertise and fresh perspective. We as always will work hard with the school to ensure we are meeting our objectives.

I hope you all enjoy this half term and look forward to seeing you in and around the school.

Very best wishes, Sajda Andleeb, St Bartholomew's Chair of Governors.

School News

Attendance Winner of the Week:

Darwin Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 24th February 2025.



Indoor PE Timetable for Term 4 2024-25:

Dahl (Year R): Wednesday

Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Wednesday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Monday

Franklin (Years 5 & 6): Friday

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 4:

Dahl (Year R): Monday

Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Tuesday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Wednesday

Franklin: (Years 5 & 6): Thursday

Term 4 Breakfast Club: Bookings for attending our Breakfast club can be made via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After this day, please contact the school office.

Term 4 After School Clubs: The following clubs take place during term 4 and can be booked via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After this day, please contact the school office. These clubs are free and run by staff/parents. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Clubs available during term 4 are:

Friday—Netball Year 4, 5 & 6 (Miss Cox)

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. 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. We 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. For all other queries, please contact the school office.

Red Nose Day: Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become very popular with schools. It's the day when people across the land, join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world.

On Friday 21st March 2025 we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day** in order to support Red Nose Day. Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing something red and it can be as simple or as crazy as you wish! This is in exchange for a donation of £1 for charity.



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.

Miss Ingle (Safeguarding Lead) and Miss Cannon (Safeguarding Deputy)

Class News: Please click the link below to find out what each class have been learning during Term 3.

[Dahl \(Reception\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Nightingale \(Year 1 & Year 2\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Darwin \(Year 3 & Year 4\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Franklin \(Year 5 & Year 6\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

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.



St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page: Our school Facebook page is very popular! We have 252 likes and 326 followers. Please give us a like and a follow to keep up to date with news and activities in school. The PTFA also has a Facebook page.



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.

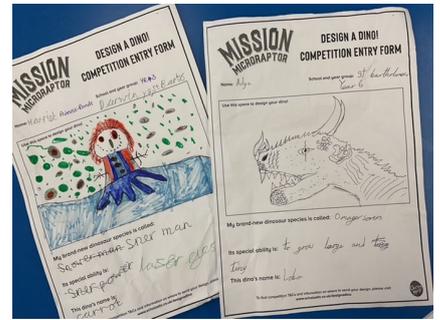


Health Care Plans 2024-25: If you have previously completed a Health Care Plan for your child then a new form is available, via ParentMail, for you to complete for 2024-25. If you feel your child requires a Health Care Plan, please contact the school office and a form can be made available for you to complete.

Home School Agreement 2024-25: Thank you to those parents who have completed our annual Home School Agreement form, via ParentMail. If you haven't done so already, please complete the form as soon as possible.

School Transport: If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2025, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (3 March for secondary school/ 16 April for primary). Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020. **Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.** For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Reading Rocks Club: Reading Rocks started this term with Franklin class having the opportunity to come along to the library every Friday lunchtime. They have been busy designing a new book cover for 'Mission Microraptor' a competition for KS2 set by Scholastics. The entries were fabulous and I'm excited to send them off. They have also had the opportunity to play some games, complete word searches and Read for Pleasure with friends.



The class with the most Golden tickets this term is Nightingale; you've won the Golden Coin!

This term we've had lots of lovely photos sent in via tapestry and the enquires email; it's lovely to see so many of you sharing your weekend book bags at home with your families.



Well done to Clara and Ella-Rose who both won a golden coin for the vending machine this term. All the teachers are so happy with the dedication that you both put into your reading.



I am so excited about the plans we have for World Book Day this year. A dance workshop, Golden ticket prizes, reading with Dad competition, cosy clothes day and Author study morning! It's going to be so much fun. For all the details, please see the email, sent via ParentMail, about the Dance workshop and World Book Day.

I have recently recruited five volunteers who have shown an exceptional interest in reading over the past few months and I have asked them to become our reading ambassadors. Thank you to Harry C, Aryla, Tilly, Allie & Harriet PR for always being so keen to help. Miss Amatt has also been giving us a helping hand which has been so beneficial to the group. Their first job was to create a reading questionnaire about the library. They thought about what they could ask the children. For example 'What would make you visit the library more', 'Do you have a favourite Author and would you like their books in the Library?'. They have been busy asking each child different questions at lunchtime and I'm excited to come together with them at the end of the term to see what suggestions others have for our library. It's so important that all the children across our school voice their opinion and I love that these fabulous children are helping Miss Amatt and I make the library an even better place for the children.

Don't forget to send your Reading with Dad photos in! I look forward to seeing them after half term. Enjoy the holiday and don't forget to keep reading!

Mrs Szydłowski

Up and Coming Events:

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the link:

[Events from February 13 – April 23 – St Bartholomew's](#)

If you wish to add an event to your own calendar, you can do so by clicking on the event and pressing 'add to calendar' button.

PTFA News: We are very much looking forward to an eventful year. We are kicking this new year off with a Car Boot sale at St Barts school field, remember to book your slot. If your New Year's resolution is to have a clear out, then this is your opportunity. Refreshments will be available, so come along if you are wanting to sell or just browse the more the merrier.

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.

PTFA Dates

16.3.25 Car Boot Sale

2.4.25 Easter Disco

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 4: 24th Feb—4th April 2025

Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June—22nd July 2025

Pencil Cases:

School holidays are 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 they run out frequently.



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!

CAR BOOT SALE
Sunday 16th March at 10am
All proceeds will go to the new school / community Library Bus
Entrance Fee: 50p
Refreshments available to buy

Sellers:
Arrival Time: 9am
Fee: £10 per car

If you would like to book a space, please email:
enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk

School Meals: Menus for term 4 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 4 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 18th February.** 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. Menus are available to view on the school website by clicking:



[School Meals - St Bartholomew's](#)

Free School Meals: Click here: [Parent Portal: Home](#) to apply for Free School meals. Alternatively the link can be found on the 'about' page of our school website 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 www.coolmilk.com/register.

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.

Shrove Tuesday: Pancakes in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th March, 3-6pm. For more information: Wendy 01775 640296.

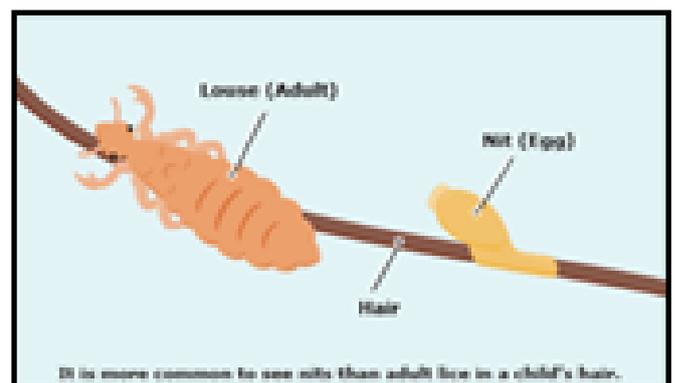
Helping the Environment:

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.

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.

Headlice: 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.



Attendance All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. 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.”***

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

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**Children return to school on
Monday 24th February 2025**

*Best wishes
Miss Sophie Ingle, Headteacher*

FOOTBALL FUN DAY



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Friday 21st February

10AM till 3PM

**Indoors and Outdoors
Pinchbeck East Primary School**