

Our target attendance is 100%. As at Thursday 3rd April our attendance Year to Date is 95.93%

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

Happy Easter! What a joyful Spring Term we have had at St Bartholomew's. The children have been shining their lights through so many aspects of our school life. Kindness, perseverance, tolerance and they have all been working exceptionally hard with their learning and being the best versions of themselves.

Seasons in the church are important. We are coming towards the end of Lent and entering into the season of Easter. This is a time to reflect on who Jesus is and what he did on the cross; it is the celebration of the life he invites us to share with him. Seasons are also a part of our personal and work lives. Maybe at the moment you are in a Good Friday season, perhaps a time of reflection or, as was the case for many who were at the crucifixion, a time of sadness and despair. Maybe you are in an Easter morning season, a time of joyful celebration.

Maybe you are feeling like Jesus did when he left his disciples to pray (and I suspect possibly for some peace and quiet), needing some time to be alone to be with his Father. I imagine for many of us, it is a bit of a mixture, especially when we throw in being tired at the end of a particularly busy term.

For those that are perhaps experiencing a difficult season, Psalm 30:5 gives us hope that it will not last forever. It lets us know that the pain we may feel now will be replaced with joy. It reminds us that, just as the earth follows its natural seasons and the church follows its spiritual ones, our own personal seasons will ebb and flow.

From all the children and staff here, we wish you a wonderful Easter break and hope that it is filled with fun, love, joy and togetherness. We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd April and to hearing all about your Easter holidays.

Take care and have a very Happy Easter. Miss Ingle



Governors: This term has flown by and with the sun starting to shine, the children are looking forward to the Easter break.

We are so proud of our children who have shown resilience, determination, and patience to changes within the school. They have worked hard and every time we visit the school; we are greeted beautifully and exceptionally pleased with their attitude to learning.

As Governors we supported the Young Chef Awards which was truly a fabulous experience. The year 6 children were able to put into action the skills they were taught; they were brilliant. Click the link ([**Our Collective Worship - St Bartholomew's**](#)) to see what the children made and how they presented their meals.

I hope you all have a super break and see you soon.

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

Attendance Winner of the Week:

Dahl Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 21st April 2025.



PE Timetable for Term 5 2024-25:

Dahl (Year R): Wednesday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Monday

Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Wednesday

Franklin (Years 5 & 6): Friday

Swimming Timetable for Term 5:

Dahl (Year R): Monday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Tuesday

Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Thursday

Franklin: (Years 5 & 6): Wednesday

Term 5 Breakfast Club/After School Club:

Bookings for attending our Breakfast and After School club can be made via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After School childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15-4pm, 4—5pm or 3.15-5pm. 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.

Sports: Our Netball Team have spent another solid season training hard, working together and developing their skills on the court. We have entered Elite Sports Academy's Netball League and the children have shown resilience, determination, grit and commitment both on and off the court. High 5s Netball is a fantastic way to get children active, enjoy themselves and develop team spirit. This quick paced game uses fun and variety to encourage primary-aged children into netball, polish skills and develop fitness. A key part of High 5s is players rotating round positions which means that all players get to experience every position on the court and makes for more adaptable players as they get older. The team have trained so hard with the help of our coaches, and we wish them every success in their final few fixtures. We would like to offer a huge thanks to Mrs Barnard who coaches the team, your support and guidance has been, as always, invaluable!

Children from Darwin and Franklin Class had the opportunity to attend the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Tri-Golf Competitions organised by Elite Sports Academy. This was a fantastic opportunity for these children to take part in a fun and energetic version of golf that specifically targets primary school children. As an inclusive sport it suits players of all abilities and ensure that every child can succeed with their individual skill and team interaction. The children had a wonderful time and demonstrated excellent cooperation, sportsman ship and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Mr Wallis, Mrs Barnard, Mrs Amatt and Miss Stead for supporting the children at this event.

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), Miss Cannon (Safeguarding Deputy), Mr Callow (Governor)

Class News: Please click the link below to find out what each class have been learning during Term 4.

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

Reading Rocks Club: Please click on the following link : [Reading Rocks - St Bartholomew's](#) to find out what has been happening during term 4 and see our photos. There is a QR code to scan to watch the Nightingale and Darwin's World Book Day performance.



Peripatetic Music Lessons: The children who have been taking guitar lessons performed during our Collective Worship this week. Wow, they were all amazing. Please scan the QR code to view their performance.

Sarah has been running guitar lessons at the school since October and is now in a position to offer an introductory 10 week course on the piano. The course will start after the Easter holiday and each lesson will be 25 minutes in length. The piano is an excellent starter instrument but also a fantastic base for learning other instruments in the future. Ideally your child will have access to a traditional or electric piano for some practice between the lessons. The cost for the 10 week course is one payment of £120 in advance, or payable in three instalments of £40. If you need any more information, please email Sarah on sjingle1608@gmail.com. There are also a few spaces still available for beginner guitar lessons.



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.

PTFA News: The children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt, followed by the end of term disco. The best decorated egg for each class received a chocolate rabbit and the winners were:

Dahl: Elijah
Darwin Clara

Nightingale: Jaxson
Franklin: Lyla

Click the link ([PTFA - St Bartholomew's](#)) to see the winning designs.

We are very much looking forward to our family quiz night, and then the summer fayre. The PTFA have already started to plan to make the events a success. Please come and join us.

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!

PTFA Dates

Please see the school website for more dates

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June—22nd July 2025

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 1: 4th September—23rd October 2025

Term 2: 3rd November - 19th December 2025

Term 3: 6th January—13th February 2026

Term 4: 23rd February—2nd April 2026

Term 5: 21st April— 22nd May 2026

Term 6: 1st June—22nd July 2026

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.



YOUR SCHOOL'S PTFA NEEDS YOU!

WHY JOIN ST BART'S PTFA?

- **Make a Difference:** Your efforts can help improve the school environment and resources.
- **Meet New People:** It's a great way to meet other parents and build lasting friendships.
- **Stay Informed:** You'll be in the loop about what's happening at the school and have a say in important decisions.
- **Stronger Community Ties:** Social events and activities help build a supportive and engaged school community. You will have the opportunity to connect with other parents and teachers to make a positive impact on our school.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT @PTFA - ST BART'S, WEST PINCHBECK

YOUR SUPPORT CAN BE ANYTHING, DEPENDING ON YOUR COMMITMENTS

CONTACT US BY EMAILING THE SCHOOL OFFICE:
enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk

School Meals: Menus for term 5 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 5 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 15th April 2025.** 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.

Haven Domestic Abuse Service: Please click the link [Domestic Abuse - St Bartholomew's](#) to see the Haven Domestic Abuse Service Spring 2025 newsletter. Alternatively this newsletter can be found under the Safeguarding tab (Domestic Abuse) on our website.



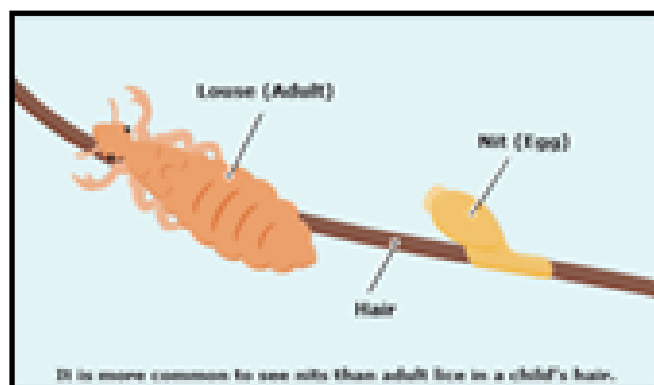
Helping the Environment:

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.



Red Nose Day: On Friday 21st March 2025 we held a non-uniform day and raised £88.50.



St Bartholomew's Church News:

Maundy Thursday: 17th April 2025—Coffee/tea from 9.30am. Service at 11am.

Good Friday: 18th April 2025—Hot Cross Buns from 10am. Stations of the Cross at 10.30am. A service which both children and adults will enjoy, following the path of Jesus to the Cross.

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.

Flower Festival: St Bartholomew's Church will be open on Wednesday 30th until Monday 5th May from 10am – 4.30pm to view the lovely flower displays.

St Bartholomew's Church
West Pinchbeck, PE11 3QG

Flower Festival

**Wed 30th April –
Mon 5th May**

Open 10am to 4:30pm

Refreshments *Flower displays*

Bric a Brac *Produce stalls*

Books

Car Parking, Toilets

For more information call: 01775 640296

Up and Coming Events:

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

[Events from March 27 – May 17 – 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.

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 258 likes and 333 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.

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





**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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**Children return to school on
Wednesday 23rd April 2025**

*Best wishes
Miss Sophie Ingle, Headteacher*



EASTER TENNIS CAMP

DATES **7TH, 14TH & 15TH APRIL 2025**
11AM-2PM

Equipment provided - please bring a packed lunch and drinks

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[See More](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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