



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



### *News in school* "Let your light shine" **21.3.25**

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Lent is a tempting time especially for those who have chosen to give up chocolate!

This week I paused to reflect on the story of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) when he was faced with temptation by the devil.

However, even though he had fasted for 40 days and despite his weakened state, Jesus stands firm and responds, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'*.

This part of the story serves as a reminder that our work goes beyond meeting immediate needs. The distinctive work of church schools is about nurturing spirit and fostering deep values of compassion, integrity and perseverance.

As leaders and teachers, when faced with challenges or difficult decisions some of us may choose to be guided by Jesus' example and find strength in reflection and prayer.

The story also helps pupils and adults understand that faith and inner strength can help when making wise choices, overcoming setbacks and resisting pressure – skills and attitudes which our pupils very much need for their future lives.

Lent is also a reminder to resist distractions and stay true to purpose. In the story, when tempted with power and material gain Jesus replies, *'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'*.

As a church school community, we also reflect that we can lean on God in times of challenge or difficulty and find courage and purpose in his words and through the support of others.

I hope you find the inner strength and resilience that you need for your work and tasks this week.

#### **Easter Service**

The Easter Service will take place at St Bartholomew's Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.15pm. Children are to be collected from the Village Hall. All welcome.

### **Book Wish List**

We had the most wonderful surprise this week, an incredible donation of new books for the children. Thank you very much to our anonymous doner for the fabulous books that they have gifted us through our Book Wish List that we hold through Bookmark in Spalding. Your generosity is gratefully received and much appreciated. 😊 If you wish to donate or know someone who does, please see Any Other Information/Reminders for further details.



### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you for your generous donations for Red Nose Day. We raised £88.50.



### **SEND Questionnaire**

A questionnaire has been sent to parents of children on the SEND register. It would be appreciated if this could be completed before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### **PTFA Survey**

The PTFA have put out a survey via ParentMail regarding their up-and-coming Quiz / Bingo night. Please take the time to complete this short survey.

## Holiday Activities and Food Vouchers

If you entitled to HAF Vouchers these will have been sent to you on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.



**Holiday Activities and Food**

An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

**Monday 7 to Tuesday 22 April 2025.**  
(excluding bank holidays and weekends).

Scan here



Book your place from **Tuesday 18th March.**  
Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight"  
(Proverbs 3:5-6).

## ***School worship***

Dear God, in times of uncertainty and hardship, we seek your strength and resilience. Grant us the ability to not only endure, but to grow and learn from the trials we face. Help us to remain steadfast in our faith, even when things seem impossible. May we find the courage to face challenges with grace and determination, and the wisdom to overcome obstacles with your guidance. In your name, we pray for resilience, strength, and peace.  
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.

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

## Attendance winner of the week

Nightingale are the attendance winners for w/c 10.3.25 and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week (w/c 24.3.25).

## *Celebrated this week in Collective Worship*

| W/E 21.3.25 | Fantastic Award | Excellence Award |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dahl        | Bonnie          | Leo              |
| Nightingale | Oscar H         | Elizabeth        |
| Darwin      | Jack            | Oscar L          |
| Franklin    | Ruby A          | Willow           |

## Any Other Information/Reminders

### Parents Evening

Due to the staffing changes announced this week the Parent Evening event on ParentMail has been cancelled and two new Parent Evening events have been created. Franklin Parent Evenings will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 3.30-6.30pm and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 3.30-5.30pm with Miss Cox. Darwin, Nightingale and Dahl's Parent Evenings will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 3.30-6.30pm and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 3.30-5.30pm. Huge apologies to those parents who have already made appointments but please make a new appointment on the event created this week.

### Swimming – Term 5

Please be aware that all children will be swimming next term in one of their class PE lessons. The children require a swimming costume (tight fitting trunks or over the knee shorts for boys/one piece costume for girls), a towel and a swimming hat. Swimming hats can be purchased for £1.75 via ParentMail, payments, shop. Please look out for the PE/swimming timetable for term 5 which will be advertised in the End of Term 4 Newsletter.

### Month of the Military Child (April)

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 we will be holding a [Non-Uniform Day](#) to support 'Purple Up Day'. The children and staff are invited to wear purple to celebrate children from Armed Forces families. Purple has been chosen as it combines the various colours associated with different branches of the military.

### 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 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.

### **PE Timetable Term 4:**

|             | Indoor PE | Outdoor PE |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Dahl        | Wednesday | Monday     |
| Nightingale | Monday    | Wednesday  |
| Darwin      | Wednesday | Tuesday    |
| Franklin    | Friday    | Thursday   |

## Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%, and our Year to Date attendance sits at 95.99%. 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."*



"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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## 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).

## 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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**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!



## 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  
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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](mailto:enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk)



## Dates for Your Diary

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the link below which will take you to the 'calendar' tab. If you wish to add an event to your own calendar, you can do so by clicking on the event and pressing the 'add calendar' button.

[Events from March 21 – May 12 – St Bartholomew's](#)



# **Spalding Town Tennis Club**

## **Free**

### **Family Coaching Afternoon**

**Everyone is welcome**

**Come along and have fun and play tennis with our  
first class coaches Enoch & Hayden.  
Equipment and refreshments provided.**

**Date: Saturday  
22/03/2025**

**Time: 14:00-16:00**

**For more information or to  
register call:**

**Phone: 07835033805  
Email:  
savimbillife@hotmail.co.uk**





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



### FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



### MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.



### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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