



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***16.5.25***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Year 6 you have just been incredible this week. You have taken on the week with poise, determination and fun! We are all so proud of you and how hard you have worked. Go Year 6!! We hope that you like your hoodies and we would like to thank the PTFA for donating them.



### **Safety to and from school**

As you are aware, there was a potential attempted abduction on Wednesday after school. The incident is being investigated by the police.

I urge all parents to be extra vigilant with arrangements for their children getting to and from school. I would suggest that all children are accompanied for the time being.

Should you be concerned, have any information or notice anything suspicious, please contact me immediately.

I held a whole school assembly today to talk to the children about trusted adults and what to do to stay safe. Please reinforce the message at home too.

### **PTFA**

Please look at our wonderful new PTFA pages in this newsletter. The PTFA team are working tirelessly to raise money and support our school. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help already and to those who have donated for our tombola and raffle already too. We really appreciate all the help and support. Thank you!

### **School Parking**

Some parents are continuing to pull up on the yellow zig zag lines at the front of school to drop off their children. Can I ask again that this does not happen as it causes danger and congestion. As a school we are applying for a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to try and help with speed, parking and drop offs outside of school. We are doing this to keep all of our children and families safe.

These links provide further information and support. Thank you in advance.

to [Report nuisance parking](#) | [Nuisance parking – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

<https://lincolnshire.ckan.io/pages/pcns>

### **Free Online Safety Q&A events for Parents**

The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In the below event you will be given information around misogyny and online harm. Sign up is required.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT as part of LSCP Safeguarding Children Week:**

On **25th June 6:30-7:30pm**, Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership and Lincolnshire County Council's Stay Safe Team will be delivering a FREE webinar for parents and carers around **misogyny and online harm**.

During the session we will take a detailed look at:



- What misogyny is and where is it seen?
- The impact misogyny has on young people in Lincolnshire.
- How positive masculinity can help support young men and address violence against women and girls.
- How parents and carers can support young people both online and offline with misogyny.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnshiresafeguardingchildrenpartnership/1428304>

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

**Joshua 1:9**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

## ***School worship***

Dear God,

Thank you for the strength and courage you give us, especially when things are hard. We ask that you help us to be resilient, like a tree that bends in the wind but doesn't break.

Help us to learn from our mistakes and to bounce back from setbacks. Make us strong and brave, and help us to always remember your love and support.

In Jesus' name, we pray, 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.

**West Pinchbeck Church Ladies:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th May at 1.30pm in the Village Hall. Sarah Grimshaw, a retired Occupational Therapist, will be talking about her work. All welcome. Contact Wendy, 07946052418.

**Monthly Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will be held at St Bartholomew's on Saturday 24th May, in Church. 10am - 12 noon. Tea/Coffee and Cake. A selection of Books to browse through.

**St Bartholomew's Church Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will take place in Church on Wednesday, 28th May at 6.30pm. Reports will be given on Church finances and activities during the past year. Church Wardens will be elected for the forthcoming year. All welcome to attend. Contact Wendy on 07946052418 for further details.

## ***Attendance winner of the week***

Dahl are the attendance winners for w/c 5.5.25 and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week (w/c 19.5.25).

## ***Celebrated this week in Collective Worship***

W/E 16.5.25	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Zak	Ohlin
Nightingale	Elizabeth	Clio
Darwin	Clara	Rhys
Franklin	All of year 6	Sofia

# Any Other Information/Reminders

## Swimming – Term 5

Please be aware that all children will be swimming this 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.

## PE Timetable for Term 5 2024-25:

Dahl (Year R): Wednesday  
Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Wednesday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Monday  
Franklin (Years 5 & 6): Friday

## Swimming Timetable for Term 5:

Dahl (Year R): Monday  
Darwin (Years 3 & 4): Thursday

Nightingale (Years 1 & 2): Tuesday  
Franklin (Years 5 & 6): Wednesday

## 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.

## Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%, and our Year to Date attendance sits at 95.97%. 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."*

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"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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## School Mobile Phone

We would like to inform you that the afterschool club's mobile number has been changed. The new number to reach the afterschool club is 07534725872. **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).





## 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](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 May 12 – July 9 – St Bartholomew's](#)



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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# FOOTBALL FUN DAY

**£15**

## **Boston**

**Tuesday 27th May**

**Tower Road Academy  
PE21 9PX**

**10am - 3pm**

**Bring packed lunch/Drink  
Suitable clothing**

**Bookings email;  
[Daniel@elitesportsacademy.co.uk](mailto:Daniel@elitesportsacademy.co.uk)**

## **Pinchbeck**

**Friday 30th May**

**Pinchbeck East Primary  
PE1 1 3RP**

**10am - 3pm**

**Bring packed lunch/Drink  
Suitable clothing**

**Bookings email;  
[info@elitesportsacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@elitesportsacademy.co.uk)**