



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***27.6.25***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

### **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our Sports Day. Special thanks goes to our helpers and Year 6 for ensuring the event went smoothly. They all worked so hard and their encouragement and enthusiasm was wonderful.

Congratulations to our **Fastest Year Group Runners 2025!**

Reception Fastest Girl - Nivisha

Reception Fastest Boy - Ohlin

Year 1 Fastest Girl – Mila-Rose

Year 1 Fastest Boy – Ronnie Rae

Year 2 Fastest Girl - Ella

Year 2 Fastest Boy - Taku

Year 3 Fastest Girl - Clara

Year 3 Fastest Boy - Tommy

Year 4 Fastest Girl - Esme

Year 4 Fastest Boy - Oliver

Year 5 Fastest Girl - Evie

Year 5 Fastest Boy - Teodor

Year 6 Fastest Girl - Lyla

Year 6 Fastest Boy - Charlie

### **Summer Fair**

We are absolutely delighted to say that we raised £1008.63 at our summer fair this year. Thank you so much for your support, contributions and competition entries! We are incredibly grateful. Thank you to our wonderful new PTFA for the time, effort and organisation. We can't wait to see what events you hold next year! **Thank you!**

### **Reception 2025 Meet & Greet Afternoon**

It was lovely to meet our new reception children this week. They joined Dahl class for the afternoon with their parents and got to know their new teachers and make new friends. We look forward to seeing them again over the next few weeks for the rest of their transition days.

### **Donations**

We would like to say a huge thank you to both SDG and Aphoenix Care for their charity contributions.

SDG donated beautiful crafts for our shine shop, worth over £250, which the children are now eagerly saving for! Thank you!



Aphoenix Care have very kindly donated £1000 towards our library bus.



We are incredibly grateful for their kindness and generosity. **THANK YOU!**

### **Price Increase**

Due to rising costs, we are going to have to increase the cost of our wraparound care from September.

Breakfast club will now be £4

A full session afterschool will be £9

Half a session afterschool will be £4.50

We have not raised the costs for 3 years and although we don't like too, the cost of staffing and food has greatly increased and therefore, our wraparound price needs to reflect this. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We hope that you have a wonderful, fun-filled weekend. Stay safe in the sun!

Take care

Miss Ingle

### **PTFA**

Click here [PTFA - St Bartholomew's](#) to view our PTFA newsletter and event posters.

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

**Philippians 4:6-7:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

## School worship

Heavenly Father, as we end this week, we come before You with a heart full of gratitude for the gift of life. Grant us the strength and courage to face the challenges that lie ahead. Guide our steps and help us make wise decisions in all that we do.

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.

## Attendance winner of the week

Darwin are the attendance winners for w/c 16.6.25 and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week (w/c 30.6.25).

## *Celebrated this week in Collective Worship*

W/E 20.6.25	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Jaxon W	Eveyn B
Nightingale	Oliver L	Felicity
Darwin	Toby	Theo
Franklin	Harry C	Harry P
W/E 27.6.25		
Dahl	Leo	Melissa
Nightingale	Bobby	Joseph
Darwin	Jennifer	Charlie P
Franklin	Dimitar	Connor

## Governor Thought for The Week

On behalf of the governing body, many thanks to everyone who contributed to making such a fantastic success of the school summer fayre. Thanks to our wonderful PTFA for all their efforts, our pupils, staff, and volunteers for their heroic work, and to everyone in the school community who supported the event. Thanks to everyone who baked, donated, and helped assist with or prepare for the event in any way, and a big thank you to our dedicated and wonderful staff for placing themselves in the firing line of wet sponges!

We are so proud of our school and of everyone in the school community.  
Ollie Willetts (vice chair) and G Peatling (clerk), on behalf of the governing body

# Any Other Information/Reminders

## Swimming – Term 6

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 6:

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

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

## Swimming Timetable for Term 6:

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 95.61%. 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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## 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  
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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 June 27 – October 8 – St Bartholomew's](#)

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

### IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

### UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

### GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

### CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

### POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

### REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

### REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

### Meet Our Expert

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