



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



"Let your light shine"

News in school

6.6.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who attended the school meeting today. It was lovely to see so many people and to be able to share such positive news. For those of you who were unable to attend, this is a brief summary of the meeting.

I shared that after much hard work and dedication from all staff, we have managed to come out of our financial deficit and will be starting this financial year on a surplus. This has meant that we are able to recruit two new teachers to join us in September so that we can stay securely in our four-class structure. Miss Ely will be our new Year 1/2 teacher and Miss Jayne will be our new Year 3/4 teacher. We are delighted to have them join our team and can't wait for them to start! They will be in school for some time during the final few weeks of term.

Staffing

Class	Staffing
Reception	Miss Cannon, Mrs Szydlowski, Miss Stead
Year 1 and 2	Mrs Ely, Mrs Morris, Miss Amatt, Mrs Elwes
Year 3 and 4	Miss Jayne and Mrs Amatt
Year 5 and 6	Mrs Davison and Miss Illingworth
SENDco and Interventions	Mrs Peach

We now have planning permission for our library bus. We currently have £3611.51 in our library fundraising pot and our PTFA are working incredibly hard to raise more so that we can purchase, refurbish, situate and stock our library.

There are many projects coming up from September that we are hoping parents will get involved in. We are looking for working parties for the following:

Reading Team – we are looking to recruit and train a team of parents that have a passion for reading and a desire to help all children become confident readers that love to read! The training will be led by Miss Cannon and Mrs Szydlowski. They will teach how to deliver sound interventions in phonics and echo reading to develop the fluency of our readers. We would like the team to come in throughout certain afternoons and support our children with reading.

Library Team – We are looking for a team of parents to help source, plan and complete on our library bus. If you have good haggling skills, an eye for mechanics, carpentry, building or paintwork, this could be the team for you! We will fund the work and purchase, but we need the hands to help!

Parent and Baby – We are looking for a team of parents (who maybe have young children themselves) to lead a parent and baby group once a week in school. We would like it to be a hub for parents with young children who would like time to socialise, make friends, help their little ones socialise and have a safe space to do it. If you like to natter, play and eat cake then this may be the team for you!

PTFA

Our PTFA has had a re-vamp, and they are racing forward with gusto on new plans, events and ideas. If you like to organise, have fun, try new things and support our children then this could be the team for you. Please check out the new PTFA flyers attached to our newsletter each week. Sign up! We need you!

Audit

This week, the school was audited for its governance, HR procedures and financial management. I am delighted to say that it was a very successful audit and although we cannot say anything officially, we aren't expecting to have auditors back for another three years now. Thank you to all staff involved and our super governors. Special thanks goes, to our Clerk Mr Peatling for his unending hard-work and eye for detail.

Pre-school

The quest continues! I will update when I know more.

Reflective Garden

Over the past term the children and Mrs Morris have worked super hard to clean our reflective area and turn it into a complete sensory experience. We are now at the point where we need some resources to complete our project so have decided to ask for some help! We would love some flowers in the area for ourselves and the wildlife to enjoy, seeds/plants such as strawberries or carrots that the children could enjoy would be amazing. We would also like some CD'S to decorate and make windchimes with. Bubbles would also be a wonderful addition to the area. Any other ideas/items that would fit into our sensory theme are welcome and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support and questions. If you think of anymore or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our non-uniform day has been a great success. Thank you so much for the wonderful prizes that you have donated. We really appreciate your support and kindness.

I hope that you have a wonderful and happy weekend.

Take care
Miss Ingle

PTFA

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

Bible verse of the week

1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."

School worship

Lord, we ask for the strength to persevere through this season of life. Though the weight we carry feels unbearable at times, remind us that You are our strong tower, our refuge, and our ever-present help in times of trouble. Grant us the patience and perseverance to keep going, knowing that You are with us, and that You will see us through.

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, West Pinchbeck, PE11 3QG

Dear St Bartholomew's School

FLOWER FESTIVAL

On behalf of everyone at St Bartholomew's Church, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your time, hard work and, most of all, your generosity in taking part in this year's flower festival.

The Church was much admired and the refreshments were greatly enjoyed by all the visitors. It was great to meet old friends and catch up with everyone.

Visitors were down a bit on last year so the amount raised was lower but still a very good sum of: £3,455.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

Yours sincerely,

Wendy & Jim

Church Wardens

It was lovely to see you All when you came to visit the Church.



Attendance winner of the week

Nightingale are the attendance winners for w/c 19.5.25 and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week (w/c 9.6.25).

Every child that has 100% for the week during term 5 had their name put into a 'virtual hat' and one was picked at random by an online spinner this week. Congratulations to our Term 5 winner; click here ([About - St Bartholomew's](#)) and scroll down to find out who won the £15 All4One voucher.

Your child will be bringing home their Termly Attendance Summary letter today. This letter informs you of their termly attendance percentage, as well as the number of lates and unauthorised lates received during term 5 and Year to Date. As high attendance remains a priority for the school, we will continue to closely monitor absence levels during the school year, and we will contact those where concerns arise.

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

W/E 6.6.25	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Finley M	Bonnie
Nightingale	JJ	Finley B
Darwin	Megan	Thomas St
Franklin	Tilly	Caryna

Governor Thought for The Week

National Volunteers' Week 2025 is being celebrated across the UK from June 3rd to 9th. This week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers and reflect on the significance of their contributions to communities. The work done by volunteers is essential in many walks of life.

We would all therefore like to use this opportunity to thank all the work done at multiple levels by volunteers in this school community. This includes our board of Governors, who as school governors are part of the largest community of volunteers in the country. It also includes the volunteers who come into school to assist provision in areas such as music and sports, volunteers at school events, and the volunteers who contribute to the wonderful PTFA that we are so lucky to have in this school.

Thank you for all the work that you do in supporting the education of pupils in school, in supporting the school, and in supporting the school community.

Gary Peatling, Clerk to Governors

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

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>

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."*



"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"

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.

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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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.



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@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



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 2 – July 22 – St Bartholomew's](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

37%
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

79%
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

66%
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

POST

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

70%

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

68%

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

72%

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

61%

worry about exposure to extreme views.

69%

are concerned about online bullying.

ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

74%

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

62%

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

31%

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

70%

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

33%

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

At 29% vs 24%

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

Nearly four in ten 8-17s believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

Girls aged 8-17 are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

One third of teenagers agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

92%

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

63%

How to recognise harmful content.

63%

How to keep personal information safe.

62%

Being kind and respectful online.

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