



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



"Let your light shine"

News in school

13.6.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Year 4 – MTCs

This week, our Year 4 Pupils took their Multiplication tests. By Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables to x12. When the results are released, we will let you know how your child got on and any areas for further development.

Sports Day

Don't forget Sports Day on Tuesday 17th June. Gates will open at **1:10** – please bring your own seating. Cold drinks and ice pops will be available to buy so don't forget your pennies!
Please can all children bring their PE kit to school with sun hat/cream as we are expecting hot weather.

Summer Fair

Please read the Parentmail sent out regarding the summer fair. The PTFA have done a fantastic job at organising the event and there are many fun stall and competitions to try and get involved in. Don't miss out! Wristbands and programmes will be available to purchase at the sports day event and afterschool each day this week in the playground.

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 Peter 5:7

I will walk by faith even when I cannot see

School worship

God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.

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

Nightingale are the attendance winners for w/c 2.6.25 and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week (w/c 16.6.25).

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

W/E 13.6.25	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Ohlin	Sebastian
Nightingale	Tyga	Woody
Darwin	Evelyn	Alfie
Franklin	Poppy	Penny

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 Szydowski 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 Szydowski 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."*

**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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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.



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



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 13 – September 4 – St Bartholomew's](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the Internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.

