



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school

19.9.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

St Bartholomew's Community Library..... **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Homework

Previously, we have used Timestable Rockstars as a platform for tables practise. However, after much research and trial, we have re-vamped our provision and have now joined IXL. We hope that you love it as much as we do! The new online learning area will enable teachers to create learning pathways that are bespoke to individual children in their class that can be accessed in and out of school. IXL will be tailored to your child's areas for development and will help them to keep progressing and achieving. It will be an expectation for KS2 pupils to access IXL at least twice weekly from home and for KS1 to access it at least once a week. Of course, your child is welcome to use it as much as possible 😊 Passwords will be sent home next week once all children have completed their diagnostic assessments. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

After School Clubs

Unfortunately, the KS2 Reading Club that was due to take place this term, will not take place due to Staff Training taking place every Tuesday during term 1. This club will be offered next term, therefore please look out for an email, via ParentMail, stating that Term 2 clubs are available to book.

Before signing your child up for after school clubs, please speak with your child to make sure that they want to join the club as we have had a few children sign up to clubs that don't want to be involved. All after school clubs have limited places and some clubs have a waiting list. If your child decides not to continue with a club, please let the school office know and their place can be offered to a child on the waiting list.

Reception Welcome Service – Wednesday 24th September 2025

Our Reception Welcome Service will take place in St Bartholomew's Church on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 11.15am. After the Service, our Reception parents are invited to have lunch in school.

Harvest Festival – Thursday 23rd October 2025

Our Harvest Festival service will take place in St Bartholomew's Church on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. Donations of tin/packet foods and toiletries for Agape Foodbank are gratefully received into school by Wednesday 22nd October latest. The children will be dismissed from the Village Hall therefore, please collect your child from the Village Hall at normal collection time.

Family Collective Worship

Family Collective Worship will not take place on Friday 17th October due to the Harvest Festival Service rehearsal taking place that afternoon.

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 1 2025/26:

Please note the change for Franklin Class.

	PE	Swimming
Dahl	Thursday	Tuesday
Nightingale	Tuesday	Wednesday
Darwin	Monday	Friday
Franklin	Tuesday	Thursday

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.

Take care
Miss Ingle

Bible verse of the week

Proverbs 10:9: "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out"

School worship

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of learning and growth. Bless the teachers with wisdom and patience, and guide the students to be curious and attentive. Keep our school a safe and nurturing place for everyone, fostering kindness and respect. May we work together in harmony and learn from our diverse backgrounds.

Amen

Attendance winner of the week

Dahl Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week.

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 96.13%. 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.**

Governor News

On behalf of Governors, a big thank you to all pupils who submitted so many wonderful and creative entries to the St. Bartholomew's village show on 6 September. Special congratulations to the prize winners, but all of you are to be highly commended for your efforts and making such a good contribution on behalf of the school. We are all so proud to be part of such a lovely and vibrant school community.

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.

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 September 24 – December 16 – St Bartholomew's](#)

Reception Welcome Disco

Please complete the form, via ParentMail, if you wish your child to attend the Reception Welcome disco. Please see the PTFA newsletter for details on how to pay for this event.

Any Other Information/Reminders

Uniform

Our school uniform is being supplied directly by Sign Design Services Limited, Bourne Rd, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3LL. They can be contacted on 01775 761274, via email (sales@mysigndesign.co.uk) or visit their warehouse to place your order. **Please be advised that we do have a limited number of clothing items remaining in stock. Therefore, we recommend that you contact the school office first before reaching out to Sign Design Services Limited.**

Our school colours are jade green and navy blue. Hair accessories should be green or blue and please can I ask that children refrain from having coloured braids during term time. Socks should be white, black, navy or grey. Please contact the PTFA if you are interested in any preloved uniform. KS2 children are required to provide a pencil case with the following equipment: equipment: pencil, purple biro, yellow highlighter, ruler, fine writer handwriting pen, rubber, glue stick, colouring pencils. Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing, especially glue sticks, which are frequently used items.

School Mobile Phone

The afterschool club can be reached on 07534725872 from 3.15pm-5pm. Outside of these hours, please contact the school office.

Afterschool Club

Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 5 minutes late collecting their child at the end of the school day, your child will be taken to afterschool club and a charge will be made. If parents/carers/guardians are more than 5 minutes late collecting from free after school clubs that finish at 4pm, your child will be taken to afterschool club and a charge will be made.

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.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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