

Our target attendance is 100%. As at Thursday 23rd October our attendance Year to Date is 95.39%

Dear Parent's Carers, Guardians,

Happy half-term! What a busy term we have had. From farm trips, fireman visits, pumpkin picking, discos, exceptional class learning, individual achievements, to sporting fixtures, this term has been full of enrichment, fun and togetherness.

New classrooms, teachers and classmates can often be daunting. We grow accustomed to our comfort zones and the familiar feel of daily routines. However, our children have delved into the first 6 weeks with great gusto! They have formed new friendships, worked brilliantly to adapt to new teaching styles and timetables. I am incredibly proud of their perseverance, kindness and eagerness to improve their own learning.

A very warm welcome to are two new teachers Miss Jayne and Mrs Ely. What a start to the year you have had. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and kindness. We are all so glad that you have joined the St Bart's team!

All our staff work tirelessly, and this term has been no exception. I would like to thank them for their encouragement, fun, super learning activities, organisation, continual professional development and the time and energy that they give our school. Have a wonderful half term – please rest!

Thank you, to all who have supported us at events, transporting or have simply joined us for our collective worships – you are appreciated, and St Bartholomew's is the school it is because of the parents, children and teamwork.

I hope that you have restful, yet fun-filled half terms and I look forward to seeing everyone again for more wonderful challenges, learning and the very exciting lead up to another wonderful festive season.

Have a wonderful break

Take care, Miss Ingle



Class News: Please click the link below to find out what each class have been learning during Term 1.

[Dahl \(Reception\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Nightingale \(Year 1 & Year 2\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Darwin \(Year 3 & Year 4\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

[Franklin \(Year 5 & Year 6\) - St Bartholomew's](#)

Governors: Please click the link **[Governors - St Bartholomew's](#)** to find out what our Governors have been up to during Term 1.

School Council: I would like to introduce the new school council members for this academic year. There was a lot of interest for school council this year, which is incredible! Photos of the children who wanted to join the team were placed on a voting sheet. The sheets were then distributed and every child in the school voted for 1 person from each year group. The Y6 school council lead (Ruby), counted up the votes. The following children received the highest number of votes and are members of the 2025 school council team.

Reception: Bella	Year 1: Harriet
Year 2: Finley	Year 3: Oscar
Year 4: Clara	Year 5: Evelyn
Year 6: Pippa	School Council Lead: Ruby



We are also excited to support Children in Need in November (please see page 5 for further details and merchandise information).

Miss Cannon and the School Council Team

Harvest Service: On a blustery afternoon at the end of term 1 we came together as a community for our Harvest Celebration and Procession. Poetry, Readings and Song filled the St Bartholomew's Church on this special occasion where we thanked God who shows his love in caring day by day.

The generous donations have been delivered to AGAPE and we hope that it can help as many people as possible in our community.

During this time of unrest across different parts of the world we try to remember that God made a promise to his people, 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease'.

We are so fortunate in this country because we have food to eat. Let us continue to think of those people who live in countries where many are starving because of famine and war. Let us hope that they can live in peace and that the richer countries of the world will unite to send them help.

Children in Need: Non-Uniform: On Friday 14th November 2025 we will be holding a non-uniform day in order to support Children in Need. Children can come dressed in non-uniform and bring in a £1 donation for charity.



2025 Merchandise: We will be selling pens and badges for £1 each. All funds will go to Children in Need. The merchandise will be available to buy from Dahl Class from 8:35am each morning and at playtime/lunchtime. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send the money into school as they are available now. We look forward to seeing how much we raise this year!

Thank you for your support,
Miss Cannon and the School Council Team



Attendance Winner of the Week

Franklin Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 3rd November 2025.



Sports: It has been an action-packed first term for St Barts. But, from the very first week our students have shown dedication, enthusiasm and commitment in everything that they do.

Football has been at the heart of our sporting calendar this term with KS2 going out to tournaments and having the opportunity to represent the school. The Y 3/4 boys were up first, they progressed well with plenty of goals scored and a wonderful team effort from all involved. Second to attend were the Year 3/4 girls, who after some tricky games, made it to the finals of the silver league, where they went on to win on penalties after a thrilling 1-1 draw. Rounding up our tournaments in term 1 were the Year 5/6 girls, they demonstrated resilience and sportsmanship in a way they should be extremely proud of.

In addition to the tournaments, the school are fortunate enough to play in the football league run by Elite Sports Academy. The team have faced some extremely tough competitors; however, their unity and togetherness has been second to none.

Everyone who has represented our school this term should be extremely proud of themselves and a massive thank you to Mr Peatling for his support during these tournaments.

There will be no shortage of sporting opportunities coming up, with friendly games being arranged for different sports at different schools and the re-introduction of intra-house competitions that will be held over the next term, so keep your eyes peeled.

Miss Amatt

Indoor PE Timetable for Term 2:

Dahl: Thursday Nightingale: Wednesday Darwin: Friday Franklin: Tuesday

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 2:

Dahl: Tuesday Nightingale: Tuesday Darwin: Monday Franklin: Thursday

Reading Rocks Club: Please click on the following link : [Reading Rocks - St Bartholomew's](#) to see our photos. Reading Rocks Club will take place at lunchtime during term 2.

Reflective Garden: The children have been busy in the garden this term making sure everything is tidy and cleared away for the winter. We have also been completing scavenger hunts around the school grounds, decorating tree ornaments and creating beautiful autumn themed colouring. The children have enjoyed the reflective area over the summer and autumn months and we cannot wait to get back in there at spring time!

Mrs Morris 🍁

Secondary School Application: The deadline for secondary school application is 31st October. If you haven't done so already, please apply as by the deadline online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/> or by phone on 01522 782030.

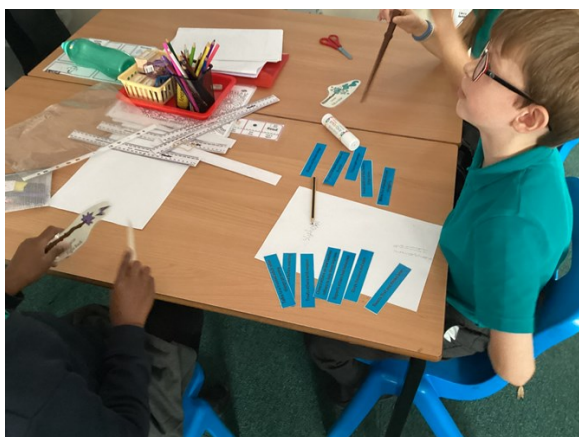
Safety Week: Throughout the week, children learned about road safety, including how to cross safely, the importance of wearing seatbelts, and being visible when walking or cycling. They explored water safety, discovering how to stay safe around pools, rivers, and beaches — which is very important due to where we live.

In our online safety sessions, students discussed how to use the internet responsibly, protect their personal information, and treat others with kindness and respect online. Fire safety workshops reminded everyone what to do in an emergency, how to spot potential hazards, and the importance of having a family fire plan.

We also had a special visit from the dentist, who talked to the children about healthy eating, good brushing habits, and keeping their smiles bright!

Clio's mummy came in to talk to the children about her role as a nurse and the important jobs that they do. Don't be surprised if your child tries to palpate your veins this evening!

It's been a busy and informative week, and we're so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic our children were in learning how to keep themselves and others safe.



Wellbeing Group:

This term our Wellbeing group have been using different resources to express ourselves and try new activities. We have had wonderful weather to be able to still meet outside and enjoy fresh air whilst we talk and create our way through lunchtime play. New activities include bead creations, colouring activities, and flower spinners and we've kept in the faithful favourites loom bands but with the added new selection of multicolours and charms. The children have been wonderful at helping and teaching each other new skills and a delight to spend time with. Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Elwes



School Photos: Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Monday 27th October 2025**. Orders can also be made through the Tempest website using your unique link (www.tempest-orders.co.uk). If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Up and Coming Events:

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the link:

[Events from October 17 – December 11 – St Bartholomew's](#)

If you wish to add an event to your own calendar, you can do so by clicking on the event and pressing 'add to calendar' button.

Term 2 Breakfast Club/After School Club: Bookings for our Breakfast and After School club can be made via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After School childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15-4pm, 4—5pm or 3.15-5pm. We have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: **07936725986**. It will be turned off during the school day and is only available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. For all other queries, please contact the school office.

Term Dates 2025-26

Term 2: 3rd November - 19th December 2025

Term 3: 6th January—13th February 2026

Term 4: 23rd February—2nd April 2026

Term 5: 21st April— 22nd May 2026

Term 6: 1st June—22nd July 2026

Pencil Cases:

School holidays are a good time to ask your child if they need any of their stationery for their pencil cases replenishing. Please be aware that children use their glue sticks in most lessons and therefore they run out frequently.



Safeguarding: Safeguarding is our top priority here at St Bart's and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the safeguarding information that is available on our website. The safeguarding tab includes a range of information about safeguarding in school, safeguarding at home and a list of useful contacts if you require advice and support. Please also see the safeguarding and child protection policy for further information about how we safeguard children and staff in school.

Miss Ingle (Safeguarding Lead), Miss Cannon (Safeguarding Deputy), Mrs Andleeb (Governor)

St Bartholomew's 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.

Haven Domestic Abuse Service:

Please click here ([Domestic Abuse - St Bartholomew's](#)) to access the Haven Domestic Abuse Service Autumn Newsletter.



PTFA News: Thank you all for your continued support. We have some exciting times ahead with new events being planned for this year. Please follow us on Facebook and keep yourself up to date with all the events and monies raised. Click here [PTFA - St Bartholomew's](#) to view our PTFA newsletter and event posters on our school website. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your summer !!

HALLOWEEN SPORTS CAMP

@ Wygate Park Academy, Spalding

Wygate Park, Spalding

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October
Friday 31st October

£22.50 Per Day
Drop off 8:30-9:00am
For Extra Time (3-4PM) ADD £5 Per Day

Please bring:

- Packed Lunch
- Drink
- Suitable Clothing

FOR BOOKING VISIT WWW.ELITESPORTSACADEMY.CO.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.
- **Stranger 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
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YOUR SUPPORT CAN BE ANYTHING, DEPENDING ON YOUR COMMITMENTS

CONTACT US BY EMAILING THE SCHOOL OFFICE:
enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk

Music Lessons: Our peripatetic music teacher offers guitar and piano lessons during the school day. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Sara on sjingle1608@gmail.com or the school office at enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk.

School Meals: Menus for term 2 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. Reception and KS1 parents/carers/guardians must order meals directly from Willoughby Foods Ltd to take up the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) offer. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will be ordered an option 1 main meal and an option 1 pudding unless parents log on and amend. **The order deadline for ordering for term 2 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 28th October 2025.** If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch as the meals delivered to school are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available. Menus are available to view on the school website by clicking: [School Meals - St Bartholomew's](#)



Free School Meals: Click here: [Parent Portal: Home](#) to apply for Free School meals. Alternatively the link can be found on the 'about' page of our school website as well as a step by step guide to the application process.

Cool Milk: Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register.

Home School Agreement 2025-26: If you haven't done so already, please complete this form, which can be found in Forms on ParentMail.

Homework Home School Agreement 2025-26: If you haven't done so already, please complete this form, which can be found in Forms on Parent-Mail.

Health Care Plans 2025-26: If your child has a medical need, a Health Care Plan is required, and is available to complete in Forms on ParentMail. This form must be updated annually or if your child's medical need changes.

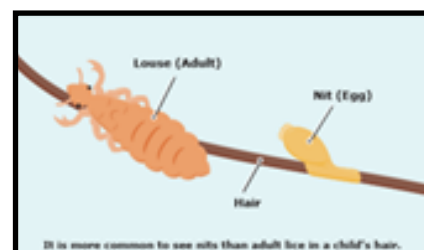
Helping the Environment:

Clothing Recycling: Our clothes recycling container is situated in the bike shed. If you wish to use it and the gates are locked, please let the school office know and a member of staff will open the gates for you. This facility is available term time only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Your donations need to be deposited in a bag, however, please can we ask that you do not leave bags by the locked gates. This is a community facility and therefore is available for the wider community to use.

Battery Collection: Remember to bring in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. You can return your battery box or use the big battery collection box in the bike shed.

Ink Cartridges: Remember to bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the bike shed. Please note toner and laser cartridges are not accepted as part of the programme.

Headlice: Please take this opportunity to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a period of time when the school is closed. We rely on parents vigilance and their commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Going forward, please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school.



School Website: Our school website can be found at www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk where you will find lots of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters, learning links, school lunch menus.



St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page: Our school Facebook page is very popular! We have **273** likes and **415** followers. Please give us a like and a follow to keep up to date with news and activities in school. The PTFA also has a Facebook page.



Parent Mail App: The App is available for Android 4.4 devices and above and Apple iOS 8 and above devices. To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail". Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent. In order to download the PMX App you will need iOS 7.0 or higher.



Attendance: We would like to remind all families of the legal framework surrounding term-time holidays and the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absences, in conjunction with advice from the Local Authority.

Please be aware that **there is no right of appeal** against a penalty notice once it has been issued. The decision to authorise or unauthorise an absence rests solely with the School. It is important to remember you should discuss any concerns you have with the school **before** a leave of absence is considered.

We understand that some employers may restrict when holidays can be taken, and that travel costs can vary significantly throughout the year. However, **neither of these factors constitutes an exceptional circumstance**, according to guidance from the Department for Education, **Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024)** and **Resources for families/Children's Commissioner for England** and therefore cannot be considered, as a valid reason for authorising term-time leave.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority.

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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Attendance:

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. 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."

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they *never* ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

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