



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school 28.11.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

A huge thank you to Aphoenix Care who have gifted an Advent Calendar to every child and member of staff at St Bartholomew's. We are very grateful to Sophie Panton for organising these generous gifts.

Agape Foodbank Donations

We will be collecting donations for Agape Foodbank again this year. We are asking our families and staff to donate an item of Christmas-specific non-perishable food items, Christmas crackers, colouring books, stationery, tinned fruit/veg, potatoes, pasta, rice, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, toiletries to add to our collection. Any items can be brought into the school office up until Wednesday 17th December 2025 when they will be taken to the Foodbank for distribution over the festive period.

Christmas Cards

The children will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends by posting their cards in the school post box from Monday 1st December 2025.

Christmas Performance

Dahl & Nightingale will be performing Knock, Knock, The Nativity on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30pm and Wednesday 3rd December at 6pm. We ask that the children return to school in full uniform at 5.30pm ready for a 6pm start. Due to health and safety precautions, we are only able to offer three attendees per family per performance. This event is very popular; therefore entry will not be possible without tickets.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 11th December 2025, our caterers, Willoughby Foods, will be offering a traditional Christmas lunch at a cost of £2.60 or free to children entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals, which can be booked through www.willoughby-foods.co.uk or 01205 351133. Alternatively, if your child would prefer to have a packed lunch on this day, they can enjoy that with us too! **Orders must be placed by Tuesday 2nd December 2025.**



PTFA Christmas Fayre

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fair in the school hall on Friday 12th December 2025 at 2.30pm. Please see the PTFA webpage for more information ([PTFA - St Bartholomew's](#)). **If you have already booked afterschool care on this day and wish to cancel it, please contact the school office.**

Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 18th December 2025 for a donation of £1 towards Haven Domestic Abuse Service. Christmas jumpers can be shop bought or home decorated.

Whole school trip to the Pantomime

On Thursday 18th December 2025, we have organised for the whole school to attend Rapunzel at the South Holland Centre. If you haven't done so already, please make payment via ParentMail, Forms.

PTFA Disco

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas disco on Thursday 18th December 2025 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Entry is free, however there will be goodies available to purchase during the disco, so your child is welcome to bring extra cash with them in an envelope/purse/wallet (they will be responsible for their own money).

Christmas Party Lunch Day

On Friday 19th December 2025, the children require a pack lunch (either from home or ordered through Willoughby Foods). The children will be having a Christmas Party style lunchtime, which is a wonderful conclusion to a very exciting and joyous Christmas term in school.

Christingle Carol Service

We will be holding our Christingle Carol Concert on Friday 19th December in the church at 2.15pm, reminding us of the religious significance of this most important Christian festival. The school are joining together with St Bartholomew's church to celebrate Christingle and to support their Christmas fundraising for the Children's Society. Your child will bring home a Christingle fundraising candle and we would be very grateful if you could collect up any spare change you have around the house and pop this into the candle, which should be returned to school by Monday 15th December 2025. The children will be practising during this term with their readings and singing. We will be joined by members of St Bartholomew's Church on Friday 19th December 2025 to help us learn about the significance of Christingle and help the children make their own Christingle oranges. Parents/guardians/carers are welcome. The children will be dismissed by their teachers from the Village Hall. **If you have already booked afterschool care on this day and wish to cancel it, please contact the school office.**

Severe Weather/Snow Closure

In the event of severe weather, we will always strive to ensure that the school remains open, however 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 by 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.

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 November 28 – December 19 – St Bartholomew's](#)

Celebrating this week in Collective Worship

	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Marley	Cameron
Nightingale	Rosie Ca	Zak
Darwin	Clara	JJ
Franklin	Sofia	Oliver C

Bible verse of the week

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

School worship

Dear God,
Thank You for loving me every day.
Please help me to have a kind and honest heart.

When I make mistakes,
teach me to say "I'm sorry."
When others hurt my feelings,
help me to forgive them too.

Fill my heart with peace,
so I don't hold onto anger.
Show me how to make things right,
and how to choose kindness again and again.

Thank You for always forgiving me
and helping me grow.

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.

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 1 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.

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 95.21%. 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.**

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.

Any Other Information/Reminders

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place for Franklin, Darwin and Nightingale classes on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December 2025 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Parents Evening for Dahl class will take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm only. Appointments can be made via ParentMail by clicking on the Parents Evening tab. If you require any help, please contact the school office.

Mrs Szydlowski will be running the Book Fair during our Parent Evenings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December (3.30-6.30pm).

The book fair is coming to school on December 15th and 16th. It will be available during parents evening. We are going to run a competition to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair. If you would like to be in a chance of winning please design a Christmas book cover for a book. This could be a favourite book or a made up book. You can design it anyway you like, try to be creative. All entries need to be to Mrs Szydlowski on Friday 12th December. There are 5 prizes to be won and everyone that enters will receive 10 house points so you need to be in it to win it! We are excited to see your entries, Maggie, Julia and Emilia, School librarians.



Homework Home/School Agreement

Thank you to those parents and children who have completed the Homework Home/School Agreement via Forms on ParentMail. If you haven't done so, please do complete it at your earliest convenience.

Whole School Trip to the Panto

The whole school will be attending the performance of Rapunzel on Thursday 18th December 2025. If you haven't done so already, please make payment of £8.50 via Shop on ParentMail. We are very fortunate that the PTFA are paying for the transport and interval treat.

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2 2025/26:

	PE - Indoor	PE - Outdoor
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Dahl	Thursday	Tuesday
Nightingale	Wednesday	Tuesday
Darwin	Friday	Monday
Franklin	Tuesday	Thursday

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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6 - 7:30PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS EVENT**

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Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an essential online safety event for parents.
We'll provide the latest information and practical tools to help you:

- ✓ Understand what your child experiences online
- ✓ Use parental controls effectively
- ✓ Navigate age-appropriate apps, games, and social media
- ✓ Ask your burning questions about online trends and risks

Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore the online world.

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