



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school 5.12.25

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are reminded that the Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The traditional themes of Advent allow us—through meditation, prayer, and affirmation—to contemplate ways to share our deepest gifts: hope and faith, peace, love, and joy.



We have an exciting few weeks ahead as we prepare for Christmas in school with many celebrations that we hope you will join us for.

Nativity

What a fabulous nativity! The children were absolutely incredible. Their lines were clear, they moved on and off stage brilliantly and their singing and dancing were amazing! Thank you to all the staff that worked so hard to put such a wonderful show together. Well-done Dahl and Nightingale!

Assessment (Quiz) Week

This coming week is assessment week. Throughout the week, we will be using NFER tests and past SAT papers to assess the children's learning so far. Please make sure that you have booked into parents evening via the Parentmail

app, as we will be discussing achievements, next steps and things you could do to support at home, during these meetings.

I hope that you have a warm, fun-filled and festive weekend and look forward to sharing the final two weeks of term with everyone.

Take care
Miss Ingle

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](#)

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.**

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 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. The Children's Society is a charity which aims to provide help and support to children and young people affected by alcoholism, drugs, homelessness, lack of adult support and mental health issues. As well as this, they lobby the government for improvements to children's lives. 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. Alternatively, donations can be made by scanning the bar code. Please help make a difference for vulnerable children.



The children will be practising during this term with their readings and singing ready for the service, and we will be joined by members of St Bartholomew's Church on Friday 19th December 2025 to learn about the significance of Christingle and to help the children make their own Christingle oranges. All the materials to make the Christingle oranges are donated by local businesses and individuals, to help raise money for the Children's Society. These same businesses and individuals also give their time to come into school to help the children make their Christingles. Parents/guardians/carers are welcome to attend the service. 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.**

Celebrating this week in Collective Worship

W/E 5.12.25	Fantastic Award	Excellence Award
Dahl	Florence C	Chloe
Nightingale	Ronnie-Rai	Elizabeth
Darwin	Iona	Felicity
Franklin	Teodor	Amara

Bible verse of the week

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)

Christ comes not to remove every storm, but to bring a peace that steadies our hearts in the midst of them.

School worship

A Prayer for Friendship

May kindness guide our words
and understanding fill the spaces between us.
May patience smooth the rough moments,
and gratitude help us see the good in one another.
Bless our friendships with honesty,
with laughter that lightens our days,
and with support that strengthens our hearts.
Where there is distance, build connection;
where there is hurt, bring healing;
where there is joy, let it multiply.
May the friendships in my life grow deeper,
shine brighter,
and reflect love in all its forms.

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 95.37%. 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 Szydłowski will be running the Book Fair during our Parent Evenings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December (3.30-6.30pm). 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 with Mrs Szydłowski 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.

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.

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2 2025/26:

	PE - Indoor	PE - Outdoor
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.