

Our target attendance is 100%. As at Wednesday 17th December our attendance Year to Date is 95.48%

Dear Parent's Carers, Guardians,

As we reach the end of this busy and joyful term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights we have shared as a school community. From the children's enthusiasm in the classroom to the excitement of our festive activities and performances, it has been a term filled with energy, creativity, and plenty of sparkle. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of the progress they have made — both academically and in the kindness and resilience they show each day.

Our Christmas events this year have truly showcased the spirit of our school. Whether it was singing in the nativity, crafting decorations, or simply spreading cheer around the corridors, the children's smiles have reminded us all of what makes this time of year so special. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support — attending performances, helping with costumes, or cheering from the audience. Your involvement means so much and helps create the warm, family feel that we treasure here.

As we approach the Christmas break, I hope you all find time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the magic of the season with your loved ones. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a peaceful Christmas filled with joy, and a New Year full of hope and good health. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning and adventure.

Warmest festive wishes,

Miss Ingle



A Christmas Prayer for Our School Community:

Loving God,

As we reach this joyful season, we give thanks for the children, families, and staff who make our school such a special place. We are grateful for the laughter, learning, and moments of kindness that have filled this term.



We ask for Your blessing on all our families this Christmas. May their homes be places of peace, warmth, and togetherness. Grant rest to those who are tired, comfort to those who may be facing challenges, and joy to every heart.

As we celebrate the light and hope of this season, help us to carry that light into the New Year — guiding us to care for one another, to show patience, and to walk gently with those around us. Keep our children safe over the holidays, and bring them back refreshed, ready for new adventures and new learning.

Amen.

Governors: Please click the link [Governors - St Bartholomew's](#) to find out what our Governors have been up to during Term 2.

Christingle Carol Service:

What a truly wonderful church carol service we shared together. Our children were an absolute credit to our school, filling the church with joy, confidence and the true spirit of Christmas through their beautiful singing and thoughtful readings. We are incredibly proud of the care and effort they put into every moment.

Stonehave Care Home Visit:

On Tuesday 16th December 2025 some of our Reception, Year 1 & 2 children visited Stonehaven Care home in Quadring, to sing to the residents. The residents very much enjoyed our visit.



Christmas Jumper Day:

On Thursday 18th December we wore our Christmas jumpers in aid of Haven Domestic Abuse Service. Children came dressed in non-uniform and donated a £1 donation for this charity. Donations can still be made via the charity's website [Haven Domestic Abuse Service: Christmas Jumper Day 2025](https://haven-das.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day-2025).



Panto Trip:

On Thursday 18th December 2025, the whole school watched Rapunzel at the South Holland Centre and enjoyed an ice cream/lolly during the interval. A huge thank you to our PTFA for funding the transport.



Decoration of Christmas Tree:

On Wednesday 26th November four children represented St Bart's at Spalding Methodist Church and decorated a Christmas tree with decorations made specially for this event by all the children at St Bart's.



Community Christmas Cards:



Dahl

Nightingale

Darwin

Franklin

Whole School Christmas Lunch:



On Thursday 11th December the children enjoyed their whole school Christmas lunch.

Class News: Please click the link below to find out what each class has been learning during Term 2.

[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](#)

Attendance Winner of the Week

Darwin Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 5th January 2025.



Sports: This term marked the conclusion of the boys' football season, finishing on a positive note with some great play and a couple of well-deserved goals. All children involved should be commended for their consistent effort, commitment, and dedication to training and game days throughout the season.

The girls' football season has now begun and has already provided some exciting highlights, with a fantastic goal scored from behind the halfway line in the first game and some incredible saves made by the goalkeeper.

House competitions also returned this term, starting with an obstacle course run across the week by the house captains and sports captains. It was wonderful to see such strong participation and school spirit across all year groups. Congratulations to Hawkes for being our first house competition winners, there will be more competitions planned for next term so plenty of opportunities left for our remaining houses.

A training session was held at the village hall for our playground leaders to prepare them for the upcoming terms. These leaders will play an important role in encouraging participation in games, supporting social interaction, and helping to create a safe, active, and enjoyable playground environment for the students.

Overall, it has been a very positive and entertaining term for sport, and we look forward to even more exciting opportunities next term.

Miss Amatt.

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 3.

After School Book Club: This term, KS2 students took part in our after-school reading rocks book club, which offered a relaxed and enjoyable way for children to engage with reading outside of the classroom. The club focused on building a positive reading culture through a range of creative and interactive activities. Students designed their own book covers, took part in reading-themed scavenger hunts, and shared favourite books and stories with their peers. They were also given time to plan and write their own stories, allowing them to develop ideas and explore their creativity.

Indoor PE Timetable for Term 3:

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

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 3:

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

Reception 2026 Intake Application: The deadline for primary school application is 15th January 2026. If you haven't done so already, please apply by the deadline online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/> or by phone on 01522 782030.

After School Clubs Term 3: Year 3/4 Young Chef (fully booked) / Samba (R-Y6) / Girls Footie KS2 / Gymnastics KS2 / Coding KS2 coding / Reading Club KS2. Can booked via Account tab in ParentMail.

Up and Coming Events:

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

[Events from December 11 – February 12, 2026 – 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 3 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 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:

Christmas Services at St Bartholomew's:

21st December - Carol Service at 2pm, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

24th December - Midnight Mass at 11pm

25th December - Christmas Service at 10am

28th December - Morning Worship at 11am

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, however the last one this year is 18th December and the first one in 2026 is 8th January (closed 25th December and 1st January).

Wishing you All a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026.

PTFA News: Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre, which raised **£970.73**, which is fabulous. We look forward to seeing you all at the events in the New 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 the festive season.

Class Gifts sold at the PTFA Christmas Fayre:

Franklin

'Let Your Light Shine' Candle



Nightingale



Darwin



Dahl

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.

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.

Online Safety:

Here is a great guide for parents, released by the Children's commissioner and written with the support of children across the country on what they would like their parents to know and do around Online safety ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

School Meals: Menus for term 3 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 3 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 30th December 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 ParentMail.

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.

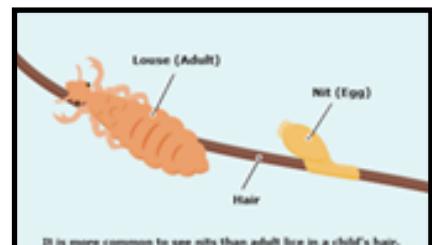
Helping the Environment:

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 **408** 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

Lincolnshire County Council 

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"

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."