



**Our target attendance is 100%. As at Thursday 12th February our attendance Year to Date is 94.89%**

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

As we reach the end of another busy and joyful term at St Bartholomew's, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have shared and achieved together.

This term has truly embodied our Christian values of love, community, courage and respect. From our vibrant Zambia Day to our celebrations of Chinese New Year, we have embraced opportunities to learn about the wider world, deepen our understanding of others and celebrate the richness of different cultures. It has been wonderful to see our children approach these experiences with curiosity, kindness and enthusiasm.

We have also seen our pupils represent the school brilliantly at sporting fixtures, demonstrating teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship — qualities we are incredibly proud of. Our Young Chef Chinese Buffet was another highlight, with children confidently sharing their skills and hospitality with their families. These moments not only create special memories but also help our children grow in confidence and independence.

Alongside these enrichment opportunities, the heart of school life remains the excellent learning taking place in classrooms every day. I continue to be so proud of the effort, resilience and determination shown by our pupils, and deeply grateful to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide high-quality, engaging experiences for every child.

Our Valentine's cookie delivery was a small but joyful reminder of the importance of love and appreciation within our school family — a reflection of the care we show one another daily. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we create a nurturing community where children feel safe, valued and inspired to flourish.

We now look forward with excitement to next term and the opportunities it will bring. After a well-deserved rest, we can't wait to welcome everyone back for another chapter of learning, growth and joy.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restorative break.

With warmest wishes, Miss Ingle

**Governors:** Please click the link [Governors - St Bartholomew's](#) to find out what our Governors have been up to during Term 3.

## Transport to Secondary/Primary school September 2026:

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2 March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary offer day) **once you have your offer of a school place**. For more information about the home to school transport policy and how to apply online please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to:

[schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Attendance Winner of the Week

**Darwin Class** are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 23rd February 2026.



**Class News:** Please click the link below to find out what each class has been learning during Term 3.

**[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](#)**

**Sports:** It has been another successful term for school sport with children across all years getting involved in a range of events and competitions.

The Girls Football Team played another excellent match and demonstrated fantastic communication throughout the game. They worked brilliantly together as a team, constantly encouraging and supporting one another from start to finish. Their positive attitude and teamwork were clear to see and their hard work was rewarded with a well deserved 5 to 2 win. The girls should be extremely proud of their performance and the way they represented the school.

Some of our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also had the opportunity to take part in a multi skills tournament. For the majority of these children, this was their very first sports event outside of school. They showed great enthusiasm and confidence, listening carefully to instructions and trying their very best in each activity. They represented the school brilliantly and showed excellent behaviour, teamwork and effort throughout the event.

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in a cross country event in what can only be described as classic cross country weather. Despite the cold conditions, every child showed determination and resilience. It was wonderful to see pupils cheering each other on and offering encouragement, creating a really positive and supportive atmosphere. Every individual tried their absolute best and showed great sportsmanship.

A huge well done to all pupils who took part in these events. Your effort, attitude and behaviour continue to make us very proud.

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.

**Wellbeing:** Please click the link **[Wellbeing Information - St Bartholomew's](#)** to find out how we support our children's wellbeing.

**Pancakes at the Village Hall:** Please click the link **[Our Collective Worship - St Bartholomew's](#)** to see how much our children enjoyed eating pancakes. You too can enjoy pancakes and refreshments as pancakes will be served in the Village Hall from 3.30pm - 6.30pm on Shrove Tuesday, Tuesday 17th February.

## Indoor PE Timetable for Term 4:

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

## Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 4:

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

**Up and Coming Events:** All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the link: [Events from February 12 – April 2 – 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 4 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 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 (Deputy Safeguarding Lead), 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.

**West Pinchbeck Church Ladies:** On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, the WP Church Ladies will meet in the Village Hall at 1.30pm for a talk on "The Wild Woolers", who source their wool ethically. From their website "We source our wool from flocks that are not bred for the meat market, either from conservation, small holdings or sheep farmers who breed for wool rather than meat". An interesting afternoon. All welcome. Contact Irene – 07518 341323

**Shrove Tuesday:** On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, pancakes will be served in the Village Hall from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. Enjoy freshly made Pancakes and a drink. Proceeds to the Village Hall.

**St. Bartholomew's Church Snowdrop Weekend:** The Snowdrop weekend will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 1 - 4pm. Enjoy the beautiful Snowdrops in the Churchyard and then come into Church for Tea and Cake. There will also be a selection of books, jigsaws and plants for sale. Contact Wendy 07946 052418.

**St Bartholomew's Church Flower Festival:** This year's Flower Festival will be held from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 10am - 4pm. It is a popular community event which brings in a lot of visitors, but we are really in need of help to keep it going. If you, or anyone you know, enjoys flower arranging, or would like to give it a go, get in touch. There is always someone on hand to give a bit of advice. Wendy 07946052418.



# GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

**WE LOVE RUGBY BECAUSE OF THE CAMARADERIE**

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS U6 TO U13 (YEAR 1 - YEAR 8)**

**CELEBRATE THE 2026 SIX NATIONS WITH THE DEEPING DRAGONS!**

To celebrate the excitement of the 2026 Six Nations, Deepings RUFC is delighted to offer FREE rugby taster sessions!

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 8TH MARCH AND GIVE RUGBY A TRY**

We're a family-orientated club with a strong focus on fun, friendship, and community. Our sessions are a great way for children and parents to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and enjoy the true spirit of rugby together.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL NOEL ON 07412 536743**



**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.

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT @PTFA - ST BART'S, WEST PINCHBECK**

**YOUR SUPPORT CAN BE ANYTHING, DEPENDING ON YOUR COMMITMENTS**

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

## PTFA News

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.

## 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



## ELITE SPORTS ACADEMY PRESENTS

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP



**8.30am - 3pm**

**£22.50 Per day**

**£5 Extra Time**

**Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th**

**Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th**

**Spalding**  
Wygate Park Academy

**Crowland**  
South View Primary

**BOOKINGS - [www.elitesportsacademy.co.uk/eliteholidaycamps/](http://www.elitesportsacademy.co.uk/eliteholidaycamps/)**

**School Meals:** Menus for term 4 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website [www.willoughby-foods.co.uk](http://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 4 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 17th February 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](http://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.

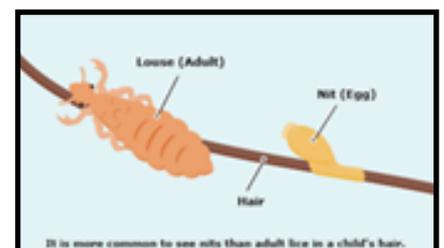
## **Helping the Environment:**

**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](http://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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)

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"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."  
**#AttendanceCounts**"

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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."***