



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school 13.3.26

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As we move further into spring, we are reminded everywhere we look of the beauty of new life and new beginnings. The fields are full of lambs, flowers are beginning to bloom, and our school continues to be filled with the energy, curiosity and kindness of our wonderful children. It has been a joy this week to see our pupils truly “letting their light shine” through their learning, their friendships and their care for one another.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Aphoenix Care for their incredibly generous donations to support our new toddler group. Your kindness and community spirit will help us create a warm, welcoming space for our youngest learners and their families, and we are very grateful for your support.

A special thank you must also go to our KS1 team, who are working tirelessly to strengthen writing and foundational learning for our children. Their dedication, creativity and commitment to ensuring every child develops confidence in their early literacy skills is making a real difference.

Our Reception children had a wonderful time visiting the lambs this week, experiencing first-hand the signs of new life that spring brings. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mr Chatterton for welcoming us to his farm and helping our children enjoy such a memorable and meaningful experience.

Moments like these remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive community, where children are encouraged to grow, learn and shine each day.

Holiday Activities and Food Vouchers (HAF)

The HAF e-vouchers were sent out on Tuesday 10th March to families entitled to Free School Meals. Holiday clubs are now open to take bookings from Friday 3rd April to Monday 20th April (excluding bank holidays). There are over **100** clubs being delivered across the county during the Easter holidays. Click here [HAF Webpage](#) to find out more details on available clubs shared on the booking system, including activity information, dates and times.

Holiday Activities and Food

An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

Tuesday 7th April to Monday 20th April 2026
(excluding bank holidays).

HAF EASTER

Scan here



Book your place from Tuesday 10th March.

Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

Funded by



WhatsApp Group Settings

WhatsApp is a social messaging app that is used by over 2.7 billion people every month. It lets users message others via their mobile network, Wi-Fi network or, via WhatsApp Web, their broadband network. Users can send text, voice and video messages, make voice and video calls and share information and documents. To use the service in the UK, users must be 13-years-old or older (as of April 2024. The minimum age for WhatsApp used to be 16). Only people who have a WhatsApp account can send and receive messages through the app or WhatsApp Web. **Anyone** can add your child to a group unless you **change their group privacy settings** within the app. Just like one-to-one chats, users can send text, video, images and more.

Add Everyone groups: These are WhatsApp groups often set up by groomers or strangers otherwise seeking to exploit children. They add large amounts of users and might also ask children to add their contact list. This gives potentially harmful strangers easy access to a large number of impressionable children. They might then manipulate, coerce or share sexual content with them. Like with phishing scams, casting a wide net could mean more children are likely to respond.

Attached is a factsheet with more information around WhatsApp and also an instruction guide on how to change WhatsApp group settings to avoid strangers being able to add your child into larger unmonitored groups within the app.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Take care
Miss Ingle

Governor News

World Book Day was 5th March, however the school organised world book day events for the Friday 6th March, to enable as many members of the school community as possible to participate. Events including a masked reader event, pupil performances, and an extended celebration assembly, all designed to encourage pupils' engagement with and love of reading and learning.

All children participated and in many cases parents and children themselves had clearly put a lot of thought into preparations for the event. Every class and all children participated in performances to an audience of parents and the whole school during the assembly. Texts were thoughtfully selected with Benjamin Zephaniah's *Windrush Child*, the subject of a performance by year 5 and 6, selected to highlight school values and British values of tolerance and acceptance.

Staff and children all entered into the spirit of the day with some wonderful costumes, performances, and exemplary behaviour. Thank you also to Year 6 children for providing encouragement to the younger pupils, forming an encouraging audience to rehearsals of the EYFS pupils' wonderful performance of Michael Rosen's *Bear hunt*, and for helping to set up the hall before and clear away after the assembly.

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank everyone, staff, children, and parents, who participated. And thanks to staff for their creativity, efforts, and the example world book day demonstrated of the school's strong active role in the local community.

G. Peatling, on behalf of the Governing Body

Bible verse of the week

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

School worship

Dear God,

Thank you for the signs of new life that spring brings to the world around us.

Help us to notice the beauty in your creation and to care for it with kindness.

Thank you for our school, our families and the people who support our community.

Help our children to shine their light through their learning, their friendships and their actions each day.

Amen.

Attendance winner of the week

Nightingale Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week.

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 95.04%. 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*

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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."

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.

Mothering Sunday Service: This service will be held in St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday 15th March at 10.30am, giving thanks for all mothers, and important people in your life, who care for you. All welcome.

West Pinchbeck Church Ladies: The next meeting of the Church Ladies will be on Monday 16th March at 1.30pm in the Village Hall. A speaker from the National Gardens scheme will be talking about 'Open Gardens in our area'. This is an open meeting, and all visitors are welcome to come along, male and female. For more information, please contact Wendy on 07946052418.

St Bartholomew's Church Flower Festival:

This year's Flower Festival will be held from Thursday 30th April to Monday 4th 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.

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 March 6 – April 24 – St Bartholomew's](#)

Any Other Information/Reminders

Parents Evening

We have made some changes to the Parents Evening format after receiving feedback from some parents following the Parents Evening held in Term 2. Parents Evening for children on the SEND register will take place on Tuesday 31st March from 3.30-7.00pm. Parents Evening for children in Dahl class will also take place on Tuesday 31st March from 3.30-6.00pm. For all other children Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 1st April from 3.30-6pm. Appointments can be made via ParentMail.

Purple Up Day

On Friday 24th April we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day to support 'Purple Up Day'. The children and staff are invited to wear purple (clothes, hair accessories, nail varnish etc) to celebrate children from Armed Forces families. Purple has been chosen as it combines the various colours associated with different branches of the military.

Community Toddler Group

We are excited to announce that we are starting a community Toddler Group for parents with babies and toddlers (birth to Reception age). This group will take place on Monday afternoons from 2-3pm in the school hall and will involve play time, story time and singing time. Refreshments will be provided for parents and toddlers. The group will initially run on Monday 27th April, Monday 11th May and Monday 18th May and if it proves popular, will continue into term 6. If you know of anyone outside of our school community that would like to attend this group, please ask them to contact the school via email (enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk).

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 5 2025/26:

	PE - Indoor	PE - Outdoor
Dahl	Thursday	Tuesday
Nightingale	Friday	Friday
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. Please do not purchase via Parent Mail.

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.

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.

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.

Severe Weather/Snow Closure

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

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.

Elite

SPORTS ACADEMY PRESENTS

Easter SPORTS CAMP



Venue - Wygate Park Academy

Week one 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

Week two 15th, 16th, 17th

Sessions 9am - 3pm

Bring a packed lunch and drink

Extra time £5 (3pm-4pm)

For Booking visit -

www.elitesportsacademy.co.uk/eliteholidaycamps/

Our ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM will help you make it even easier to Book! For more information and to book your space simply follow this link : [Elite Camps - Elite Sports Academy](http://www.elitesportsacademy.co.uk/eliteholidaycamps/). If you require more information contact us on Joe@elitesportsacademy.co.uk.

We hope to see you all there!!