



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school 6.3.26

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

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It has been another wonderfully busy and joyful week at St Bartholomew's, filled with learning, creativity and opportunities for our children to shine.

World Book Day brought a fantastic buzz around school as we celebrated the joy of reading together. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm from the children as they shared stories, explored new books and celebrated the magic that reading brings to our learning and imagination.

Our youngest pupils in EYFS enjoyed a lovely visit to the garden centre this week, where they explored the early signs of spring and began learning about lifecycles. Experiences like these bring learning to life and help our children connect their classroom learning to the world around them.

We were also delighted to celebrate Bonnie this week, who was the lucky winner of our attendance gift card. Well done, Bonnie! Regular attendance helps children make the most of every opportunity in school, and we are always grateful to families for supporting this.

Across the school, the children are busy preparing for our Easter service, which we are very much looking forward to sharing with our families in April. The children are working hard to learn their parts and it promises to be a very special occasion for our school community.

A quick reminder that Mother's Day is approaching on 15th March, and there is still time to order a special Mother's Day gift if you wish to do so.

I am also delighted to share that our pupil-led **Press Pack** is now up and running. This enthusiastic group of budding journalists and photographers have been working hard to begin producing their very own school magazine, reporting on events at St Bart's and beyond. We are incredibly proud of their initiative and creativity.

Alongside all of these wonderful activities, it has been a week full of hard work, kindness and friendship. Every day we see our children living out our core values in the way they support one another, persevere with their learning and contribute positively to our school community. These moments, both big and small, are what make St Bartholomew's such a special place.

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.

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).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Take care
Miss Ingle

Bible verse of the week

Colossians 3:23

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

School worship

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of another week together at St Bartholomew's.

Thank you for the joy of learning, the excitement of books and stories,
and for the opportunities we have to explore and discover the world around us.

Help us to work hard in all that we do,
to show kindness to one another,

and to be good friends who support and encourage those around us.

As we prepare for our Easter service,

help us to remember the love and hope that Easter brings.

Bless our families, our school and our community,
and guide us to live out our values each day.

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.

Every child that has 100% for the week during term 3 had their name put into a 'virtual hat' and one was picked at random by an online spinner at the beginning of this week. Congratulations to our Term 3 winner Bonnie, who won a £15 All4One voucher funded by our PTFA.



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 absences, unauthorised absences and lates received during term 3 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. Late marks are given to children who arrive after 8.45am.

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 94.93%. 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.

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

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.

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 4 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.