



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



“Let your light shine”

News in school 1.5.26

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to enjoy some sunshine over the past few weeks, and we hope you all have a happy and restful bank holiday weekend. It has been lovely to see the beautiful flower displays in our community and to support our church with the flower festival—such a special way to come together and celebrate.

School life continues to be full and joyful; swimming has begun again and, despite the slightly chilly start, the children have absolutely loved being back in the pool! We are also excited that the rounders league is now underway.

As we head into the final week before SATs, we are incredibly proud of how hard our children and staff have been working—showing resilience, determination and positivity every day. As it says in Galatians 6:9, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* We wish all of our Year 6 children the very best—they are ready.

A gentle reminder to all families to be mindful when using the park before and after school, particularly around smoking, as it is a shared space enjoyed by many of our children.

We would also like to remind parents that grapes should always be sliced lengthways before being sent into school, in line with our safety guidance.

Community Toddler Group

Our first community Toddler Group for parents with babies and toddlers (birth to Reception age) took place on Monday 27th April in the school hall. The next session will take place on Monday 11th May at 2pm and is open to all parents/carers, not just those connected to our school.

Have a wonderful bank holiday!

Take care
Miss Ingle

Bible verse of the week

Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

School worship

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the beauty of this season, for the sunshine, the flowers, and the joy of being together as a community. Thank you for our school, for the laughter in the playground, the courage shown in the classroom, and the determination of our children as they continue to grow and learn each day.

As we look ahead to the coming week, we pray especially for our Year 6 children. Give them calm minds, confidence in all they have learned, and the strength to keep going, even when things feel challenging.

Help us all to show kindness and consideration to one another in our shared spaces, and to keep each other safe in all that we do.

May we continue to support one another with care, patience and understanding, remembering that through perseverance, good things will grow.

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.

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.

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. The church is beautifully decorated and smells delightful. There will be light refreshments, plants, books etc. If anyone has an hour or so to spare, any help with serving the tea/coffee/cakes would be appreciated. Contact Wendy 07946052418.

Sunday 3rd May - Flower Festival Songs of Praise will be held at 10.30am. This is a short service to give thanks for our church and all involved in our Flower Festival. All welcome.

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 April 21 – May 22 – St Bartholomew's](#)

Any Other Information/Reminders

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 5 2025/26:

Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 5:

Dahl: Thursday

Nightingale: Friday

Darwin: Monday

Franklin: Tuesday

Swimming Timetable for Term 5:

Dahl: Wednesday

Nightingale: Friday

Darwin: Tuesday

Franklin: Thursday

Nightingale will be swimming and doing PE on Fridays. To make it easier and maximise learning time, we ask that Nightingale class come to school in their PE kit on Fridays and bring their swimwear to change into for swimming.

Swimming begins this term and before their first lesson the children will be reminded of the main safety rules. Parents must be aware that girls should wear one-piece bathing suites and boys should wear close fitting swimming shorts, bikinis and Bermuda/beach shorts are not acceptable. If swimming attire is not suitable, the swimming teacher will not permit the child to swim. All jewellery must be removed, including earrings. Long hair must be tied up and all children are to wear swimming hats, which can be purchased for £1.75 via the shop on ParentMail.

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.

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.