



# St Bartholomew's Primary School

## Newsletter No 2

### Spring 2025



Dear families,

Well, that half term flew by! That said, I think the half-term break is timely... lots of 'frazzled' children (and staff)... here's hoping for some sunshine.

#### Letter-join

Firstly though, you may be wondering why my newsletters have taken on a new look...? This is our new handwriting style. Across the school we have been working hard on improving presentation and in particular children's handwriting, as they progress through the school. I'm really pleased to report we are already seeing fantastic improvements.

#### Spring sport

This half-term, children have represented St Bart's across a number of sports:=

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 5 / 6 Rugby event, held at Quorn FC

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan - Charnwood North qualifier, Cross-country event

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Year 1 / 2 Boccia event, held at Woodbrook Vale

A huge thank you to those children who took part and 'well done' for your collective achievements. I'd also just like to mention the 'Bounce Beyond' PE session that our EYFS children experienced - as well as raising pulses, great fun was had by all.

#### World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Each year, primary schools nationally, take part in what has become a very special book-focused event.

#### Road Safety

Just a wider plea from us to add to some of our safety messages with the children... use pedestrian crossings wherever possible on your journeys in; try not to cross from behind a parked car(s). Like you, and as pupils approach Year 6 (and greater independence), ensuring the children have good road safety habits. Thank you.

#### Parent survey

Over the course of Parent's evening meetings this week, we have had a great response to our survey. 'Thank you' for taking the time to complete it. I will compile the results and feedback after half-term, with a view to continuing to improve 'what we do'!

#### On that note... "taking your orders".

I recently met with representatives from Coombs, our catering company. They too were keen to hear what the pupils, and you as families, think about the menu and food being offered... puddings being a firm favourite! Further to the survey, which over 120 of you responded to, I have fed back some key suggestions. You/ the children will hopefully see some changes coming through in the new menu after Easter. Many thanks for your continued support. Mr Clark

Give your best  
14/02/2025

#### THINKING SPACE

"Take only memories,  
leave only footprints."

Earlier this term, we  
considered changes for  
the future of Everest.

Should we be able to  
travel wherever we like?

#### Diary Dates

##### Half term

Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb

##### Year 4 Celtic Harmony Parent Meeting

Tuesday 25th February  
2.00pm (School Hall)

##### FOSBA Meeting

Thursday 27th February  
7.00pm (School Hall)

##### KS1 Twycross Zoo Trip

Wednesday 26th February

##### FOSBA Secondhand Uniform Sale (after school)

Friday 28th February

#### HOUSE POINT UPDATE—SPRING A

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
934	786	880	1167



## Foundation Stage—NSPCC Numbers Day

Some images of Foundation Stage in Forest school for maths day - we exercised by counting, made numerals with natural resources, matched quantities to the correct numerals and even compared our length to a tree root.



## Half Term Trip to India

### Half-term India Trip



Mrs Crossley, Miss Taylor and myself are about to set off on our journey to India. Our bags are extremely heavy thanks to your very generous donations! We are really thrilled and are looking forward to giving the families all the wonderful gifts.

Well done to the children organizing the bake sale on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February to raise money for the Asha charity. Thea, Lola, Amelia, Heidi, Eve, Tilly, Bethany and Valentina have done a wonderful job in planning to make a wide range of tempting treats! Thanks too to their parents for supporting the activity.

Mrs Campbell, Mrs Crossley and Miss Taylor



# St Barts Art Competition

We are pleased to offer the children an opportunity to take part in an Art competition at home this term. **The theme is: Inspired by Nature or Environmental issues.**

The theme is very open ended and any style of work is welcome (from drawing, photography, graphic design, painting to collage). To support this the children could do their piece in the style of an artist they have learnt about at school or home.

There will be a winning piece chosen from EYFS, Year 1/ 2, Year 3/ 4 and Year 5/6 - to be displayed in our school corridor. In addition, two overall winners (1 from EYFS/KS1 and 1 from KS2) will be selected to win a further prize.

Can all artwork, (with children's name and class on the back) be submitted to class teachers or me by: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Emily Coates,  
EYFS teacher and Art lead.



# Breaktime Snacks & Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy breaktime snack and a water bottle everyday.



## Paediatric Eye Screening - LCC Public Health

We want to remind you about the importance of having your child's eyes tested. Most children should have had their first sight test by the age of 5 years old. Sight tests are carried out by Optometrists, who will check your child's eyesight as well as their eye health. They will tell you whether your child needs glasses and if there are other eye problems.

### Why are sight tests important?

Young children may not notice problems with their eyes or vision. Children will learn to cope with eyesight issues very easily. These hidden problems with sight or the health of the eye can lead to tiredness, headaches, and difficulties with reading, writing and other activities.

Children's vision problems may be easier to treat when they are young, so it is important that all children have their eyes tested by the age of 5 years old.

### Can anyone have a sight test?

- NHS sight tests are free for all children under 16 years old.
- Children do not need to read or speak to have a sight test.

The tests are suitable for children with disabilities.

### If your child has not yet had a sight test:

Go to <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-optician> to find an NHS sight test.

Book a free NHS appointment for your child by calling your chosen Optometrist, or by using their online booking service.

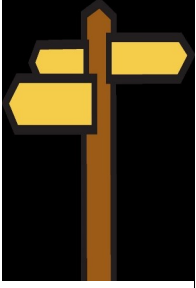
If your child has had a sight test in a hospital or at a high street Optometrist (optician) already then you do not need to take any further action. Your Optometrist will keep you updated on the health of your child's eyes and book check-up appointments as needed.



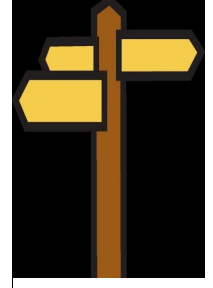
## Year 3 Cross Country Winners

Year 3 boys - Winners of the team cross country event at Ratcliffe College. Mr Fawlkenbridge, head of PE came into school to present their medals and trophy.





## **AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, WE SUPPORT & SIGNPOST**



### **MULTIPLY (all courses are free)**

**Email:** [multiply@leics.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@leics.gov.uk)

A service which can help to build numeracy skills; enable parents to help their children with maths; improve money management. They support parents with cost-of-living courses, budgeting, cooking, digital skills and supporting their children with their homework.

They currently provide:

Cook, Meet & Eat (4 week course). This develops confidence with cooking and everyday maths skills, as well as finding ways to reduce food costs and help to cope with the cost-of-living crisis.

Save, Taste, Zero Waste (2 hour session). Looks at reducing food waste and food costs. Local tips are shared on how to save money on food.

### **FAMILY LIVES**

**Website:** [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

This is a whole family relationship support service which aims to provide families with help and guidance to build stronger relationships. Key issues they address include: abuse, addiction, behaviour of young people, bullying, conflict, divorce/separation, emotional/mental health, physical health.

They offer a variety of support which includes:

Weekly 1-1 support for up to 8 weeks at home or a community setting.

Family Lives helpline, email and live chat support.

Parenting workshops and programmes.

Online resources and advice via the website.

### **FAMILY HUBS**

**Website:** [www.familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk](http://www.familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk)

Family Hubs are "one stop shops" where families can access a broad range of early help to overcome difficulties. They are a mix of physical and virtual spaces to help people deal with issues which include social care, education, mental and physical health.

#### **Useful organisations:**

[Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

[Home - Mind](#)

[Mental Health Foundation | Everyone deserves good mental health](#)

**Children under 16 are entitled to a free NHS funded eye test every year. They're also eligible for an NHS optical voucher. This helps towards the cost of glasses.**

**Unsure if you are entitled to benefits? This may help:**

**<https://www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support>**

# Year 3 & Year 4 Story Crafters After School Club

## Story Crafters After school club



Is your child a budding writer or storyteller?

Open to Year  
3-4 pupils 27th  
Feb-10th April,  
3:15-4:30

Running for 7 weeks, our  
after school club will:

- Inspire a love for writing and storytelling
- Empower your child to become a confident writer
- Explore their imagination and creativity



*Book!  
Now!*



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Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link to your child's school



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