



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 1

Autumn Term 2025



Dear families,

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming those families new to St Bartholomew's with children joining our Foundation Stage this Autumn - our youngest pupils have had a fantastic start.

SCHOOL STREETS

The Autumn term 'start back' has been really positive but I wanted to say a huge 'thank you', in particular, for the way in which you all have engaged with our School Streets initiative - supporting us to create a space through which children can travel safely into school.

Our intention was to improve access and road safety along Willowcroft but I think vehicle movement along Warwick has also been calmer and it is great to see so many children arriving on bikes or scooters - 'thank you' for encouraging helmets 'on wheels'... we will certainly promote and support this in school.

We have a number of families now using the car parking spaces offered by Quorn Football Club - the entrance being off Farley Way. Please do consider this option - it could help reduce congestion near school, enable you to have a more active start to the day and get off to work quicker, avoiding the busy junctions.

We will continue to monitor parking and congestion with the 'Sustainable Travel Team', from the local authority - including the rear entrance, from Beacon Ave and Craddock Drive. **PLEASE park considerately, leaving the turning circle at the end of the road (near the public footpath access from Chaveney Road) clear.**

RETURNING LOST ITEMS

As we enter into the new academic year, it would be great to reduce our lost property - usually it helps as the weather changes and the children are keen to keep layers on but the most helpful thing for us and yourselves - I can't stress enough - is...

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING.

Many thanks for your continued support., The St Bart's team.

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
Awaiting Half term Count			

Arbor—Please check your details

Please can parents check their child's details on the Arbor app including Medical and Dietary conditions to check they are correct and up to date.

Please also note that the school's text service has come to an end, we shall now communicate with you through the in-app message service on Arbor.



Arbor



Thank you very much.

'Give your best'
11th September 2025

THINKING SPACE



Can we carry on shaping a future where every colour and culture has a place?"



Diary Dates

Parent's Evenings

FS & KS1

Week commencing
06.10.25

KS2

Week commencing
13.10.25

(Details to follow)

Harvest Festival

(St Bart's Church)
Thursday 16.10.25

Half Term

20.10.25-24.10.25



Hair

For Health and safety reasons, we ask that all children with shoulder length (and longer) hair, have their hair tied up and back for the school day.

We will also ask that some longer styles (not quite of that length) are also tied up and/ or back, for particular activities - largely, but not exclusive to, PE sessions (alice/ sports bands can be great for this).

We have already had a very significant incident and injury, through no fault of the child's or others, but which has highlighted the importance of re-establishing this at this early stage.

Many thanks in advance.

Asthma

This time of year - with the transition to the onset of cold, damp weather - can often be challenging for children with asthma.

Parents please make sure - inhalers...

- and spacers are named;
- are in date;
- are in school every day.

Also, that...

- Forms and Asthma UK cards are filled in and returned to the school office.

If your child has recently been diagnosed with Asthma, please call in at the school office to have this recorded and to collect the forms.



Hand Hygiene

Regular hand-washing/ sanitizing is still key to keeping us safe and well in school.

We ask that unless your child has a specific skin condition, that you **do not** send them in with their own hand sanitiser. We have plenty of anti-bacterial gel around school as well as regular opportunities for children to wash their hands with warm water and soap. If, for a medical reason, your child needs separate gel / soap, please drop their class teacher an email or speak to a member of the school office.



Thank you.

Nut Allergies

Please ensure that any food brought into school does not contain nuts as we have many children who are allergic to nuts of any type.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes *severe* and can be life-threatening. Allergic reactions are not always caused by the child eating nuts; close proximity to nuts can cause a reaction.

So please be aware of foods such as Nutella and B-Ready bars which contain hazel nuts.



Help us to keep all of our children safe by remaining NUT-FREE.

Parking

Your co-operation is needed if you deliver and collect your children from school in the car.

The safety of all children is paramount! Parents are asked **NOT** to park in the shaded areas on this plan.

Do not park on the corners of junctions, on the pavements and on double yellow lines or zig zags. They are there for the children's safety.

**PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO
WILLOWCROFT.**

**Parking in the school car park is for
staff and disabled drivers only.**

	Sand hills		The Deep-way		
		Warwick Avenue		Warwick Avenue	
			Willowcroft		Beacon Avenue
			Front gate		
			SCHOOL	Back Gate to the	

NO PARKING please on the school car park when dropping off and picking up for school clubs

No Dogs

Please do not bring dogs onto our school site and do not leave them tethered and unattended at either the front or back school gates.

Thank you



Please **walk with wheels** in the school grounds for everyone's safety.

Thank you

School Lunch/Packed Lunches

Our school lunch menu can be found on our school

Website:

<http://www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners&pid=35>

As a Healthy School, we actively encourage our children to eat healthily. **Please ensure that you are sending your child to school with a nutritious and balanced packed lunch, trying also to avoid any chocolate or sweets for snack time.**

Please also remember to send water as a drink and not juices of any kind.

Thank you.

Sarah Oakland (Assistant Headteacher)

**REMINDER – WE HAVE A STRICT
'NO NUT' POLICY**

WELCOME

This term we welcome a new staff member to the St Bart's Team.

Rob Crosskill—Assistant Premises Officer

I'm sure you will join me in wishing him a warm welcome to the school.

Mr Clark



Staggered Timings



'School day' timings - from Autumn 2025

	Morning	Afternoon
	Mon – Friday	Mon – Thu`
	Classrooms open:	Collection time:
Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 (Yr 1, 2)	8.30am	3.15pm
Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, 4, 5, 6)	8.40am	3.25pm
		Fridays
	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 (Yr 1, 2)	2.00pm
	Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, 4, 5, 6)	2.10pm



 **St Bartholomew's CARES** 

- C** - Co-operate kindly with others.
- A** - Aware that everyone is important and individual.
- R** - Respect others and take responsibility for our actions.
- E** - Enjoy school and be enthusiastic.
- S** - achieve Success through challenging ourselves to...

GIVE OUR BEST.



Our school website

www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

Copies of this newsletter will be sent via email.

A paper copy will be sent home for those parents who require one.

A larger print version for this newsletter is available from the school office.

This can also be accessed our website at www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

For anyone wishing to contact our Governing Body please email on:

governors@st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

School Dinner Money

Just a reminder that school dinners are currently free for those children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. The cost for school dinners for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently £2.75 a day / £13.75 a week.



Just a reminder, as per our School Meals Debt Policy

Parents/carers are required to pay in advance for school meals through their child's dinner money account on Parentpay. We no longer accept cash or cheque for payment of school dinners. If you require a Parentpay log in then please contact the school and we can arrange this for you.

If a parent/carer forgets to pay in advance the school will grant a debt allowance of one day and the School Business Manager will send you a text advising you that your child's account is in debt and to ask for this to be cleared.

Free School Meals – benefits related

Some parents will also qualify for Free School Meals, details below :

Criteria for Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you would like to enquire as to whether you qualify please apply via the Parent Portal on Leicestershire County Councils website. The link to this is below but is also available on the schools website under the School Dinners section.

Parent Portal : <https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>

This allowance is a statutory right and it is important that you use it if you qualify. You will also get other benefits from this, for example, school trips funded, uniform voucher each academic year,

Office Opening Hours

St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School



**School Office Opening Hours
(Term Time Only)**

Monday 8.15am till 3.45pm

Tuesday 8.15am till 3.45pm

Wednesday 8.15am till 3.45pm

Thursday 8.15am till 3.45pm

Friday 8.15am till 2.45pm



YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dear Parent/Carer,

My name is Paula René. I am a qualified Education Welfare Officer (EWO) from Children's Attendance Welfare Services, (CAWS). I have been commissioned by the school to address their attendance and welfare concerns.

I check the school's registers regularly, specifically concentrating on any child whose attendance falls below 95% where patterns have emerged, where a leave of absence has been taken without agreement of the school, where there is a high level of illness or where a substantiated reason or evidence has not been provided. In these instances I may write to you if your child falls into one or more of these categories.

My letter will:

- ✦ Highlight your child's attendance with a request for you to contact me.
- ✦ Inform you that your child's attendance will be monitored closely until their attendance meets an agreed target.
- ✦ If necessary, include an appointment for you to meet with me to address the issues which you feel may be preventing your child from attending school regularly; this is with a view to offering support and solutions to bring about change.

A child, whose attendance falls below 90%, is deemed to be a "Persistent Absence" pupil as set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Should your child fall into this category, you **WILL** be required to provide the school with evidence to support any further absences, this is to enable the school to determine whether the absence can be authorised.

THE EDUCATION ACT 1996, SECTION 444 STATES:

"If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence".

In view of the above, I seek your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time, as failure to do so means you place yourself at risk of legal action in the form of a Penalty Notice and or Prosecution through the Magistrates Court.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's attendance, or the contents of this letter, I invite you to contact me, either by:

EMAIL: paula@childrensattendance.co.uk

PHONE: 0116 277 6721

Yours sincerely

Paula René
SENIOR EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

The law states that a parent/carer is responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. Failure to do so renders the parent/carer guilty of an offence.

- ✦ Compulsory school age is from 5 years to 16 years of age.
- ✦ Ideally a child's overall attendance should be above 96%.
- ✦ Parents/carers are expected to inform the school on the first day of their child's absence to give the reason why their child is not in school. Failure to do this means the school may code the absences as **UNAUTHORISED**. Prolonged non-contact from the parent could lead to a "Safe and Well Check" being initiated on the grounds of safeguarding, (this can if deemed necessary involve Social Services or the Police).
- ✦ A child's absence from school is either recorded as authorised or unauthorised by the school. Parents/carers **CANNOT** authorise their child's absence.
- ✦ School can request supporting evidence from parents/carers, this allows the school to determine whether the absence can be recorded as authorised.
- ✦ School will discuss with and may refer cases where appropriate, to their Education Welfare Officer, should a child's attendance become a concern or fall below 95%.
- ✦ The Department for Education (DfE) considers a child, whose attendance falls below 90%, as a "persistent absent" child. Schools are expected to address attendance at this level and refrain from authorising any further absences unless it can be substantiated or supporting evidence provided.
- ✦ Children are expected to attend school for 190 days per academic year; the other 175 days are spent at home with you 😊
- ✦ The regulations regarding holidays in term time changed on the 1st September 2013. These regulations prevent Head Teachers from authorising holidays in term time except in exceptional circumstances. **PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO BOOK HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME WITHOUT FIRST SPEAKING TO THE SCHOOL OR EWO.**
- ✦ As of the 19th August 2024 a new national framework for penalty notices came into force regarding unauthorised absences. This means if your child accrues 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences you may be liable for a penalty notice.
- ✦ In line with the new national framework there have also been changes to how the local authority issue penalty notices and proceed with prosecutions.

FIRST OFFENCE

Parents will be issued with a penalty notice of £80 per parent, per child this must be paid within 21 days, if not paid the amount will double to £160 per parent per child to be paid within 7 days. Payment is required in full and failure to pay will result in the local authority submitting the matter for prosecution through the magistrates' court.

SECOND OFFENCE

Parents will be issued with a penalty notice of £160 per parent per child, this will not be discounted. Payment is required in full and failure to pay will result in the local authority submitting the matter for prosecution through the magistrates' court.

THIRD / FURTHER OFFENCES

Parents will be **NOT** be issued with a penalty notice and the matter will proceed directly to the magistrates' court, if found guilty a parent could be fined up to £2500 per parent, per child and / or receive a prison sentence not exceeding 3 months.

NB. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS AN OFFENCE OF FAILING TO SAFEGUARD A CHILD'S EDUCATION AND IF FOUND GUILTY THIS COULD SHOW UP ON DBS CHECKS, BACKGROUND CHECKS BY EMPLOYERS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, FINANCIAL SERVICES ETC. WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR YOU.

Paula René
SENIOR EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

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SEAGRAVE SCURRY

CROSS COUNTRY

from
10am

entry fee **£10**

Saturday
27th
September

- open to everyone from **3 years+**
- **fun XC run** including brook crossings and straw-bale obstacles
- all proceeds to be split between **Seagrave Village Primary School** and the **Salvation Army**
- **1km for preschool and primary school age, 2km for secondary school age and above**
- **commemorative mugs for all finishers and medals for the top 3 in each category**

entries close **Thursday 18th September**

ENTER HERE:
SEAGRAVESCURRY.CO.UK

SCAN ME

