



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 3

Autumn Term 2025



Dear families,

The next few weeks will no doubt prove to be very busy in the lead up to Christmas, so it seemed the right time to write!...



I'm pleased to report, the new play equipment - Clamber Stack - is now in use, we're just waiting for some new fencing.

Sadly, a large proportion of our outdoor apparatus (and wooden features) are now over 12 years old and replacement and/ or repair is significantly expensive.

SCHOOL STREETS

Our management of 'Willowcroft' at key times, around drop-off and collection, is now in place and seems to be going well.

The 'Sustainable Travel' team will continue to work with us - **recent camera points have highlighted the increase in parking on pavements.**

Please be aware that Quorn Football Club is still an option for 'park and walk' - thank you to those families using this.

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

SURVEY RESULTS

Many thanks to those of you who completed our recent survey.

It is great to see that 94% of those who responded, feel their children are 'safe, happy and included' at St Bart's.

We will be looking closely at those aspects of school life and learning you feel we could improve upon and consider some of our 'next steps' for 2026!...

SUSTAINABILITY

Schools are now required to have a climate action plan and sustainability lead - our curriculum too should demonstrate the need for better awareness of environmental issues.

As with many things relating to the world around them, looking after the environment is high on our children's agenda - they are always interested, concerned and keen to consider how they can help... regular in-school updates to follow.

'Give your best'

26th November 2025

THINKING SPACE

Meetings like COP30, in Brazil, remind us that our planet belongs to all of us.

We may live in different countries, but we share the same world.



Diary Dates

INSET Day

School closed to pupils on Friday 28th November

Things to remember in December

Please refer to diary dates sent to each year group

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
969	909	1009	798

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.



Harvest Festival Donations—Thank you

Thank you so much. Without your support, we would not be able to keep up with the needs of our customers.

Your generous donations will surely be part of providing a lifeline to our customers who simply can't afford food in this cost of living crisis. I have attached a certificate for you to display.

Jacob Nelson
Your Store Coordinator



John
Storer
Charnwood

Year 3 & Year 4 Cross Country Race

Children from Year 3/4 represented our school at Herewoode Academy for the first cross country event of the season. There were some great performances and it was a lovely atmosphere. We are especially proud of our 'first time' Runners.

Ferne —16th
Matilda —25th
Theo —20th
George —46th
William —5th
Theo —1st

Well done you superstars!

Mr Codd



Year 6 Boys Football Team

On Tuesday 28th October, a brilliant Y6 boys football team took part in a local tournament at Quorn Football Club. With the help of some fantastic ex St Bart's pupils (Raffy and Quin) as managers, the team of Theo, Caelan, Alfie, Milo, Jason, Felix, Freddie and Jude won all 5 of their matches. Well done boys – a super St Bart's effort!

Mrs Oakland

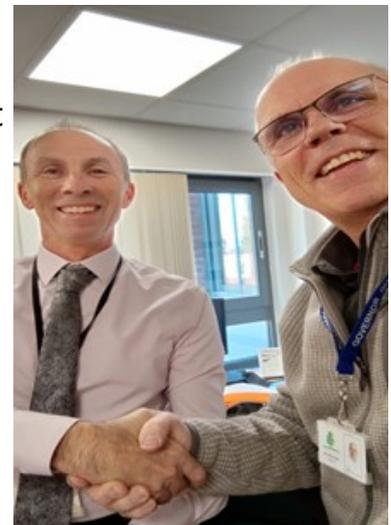


25 Years Congratulations Mr Clark

We are delighted to share that our Headteacher, Mr Clark, has been recognised for 25 years of dedicated service within the Local Authority. To mark this impressive milestone, Mr Clark was presented with a £250 voucher, from the LA, by the Chair of Governors during a recent school visit.

This award is testament to Mr Clark's unwavering commitment to education and the positive impact he has made on countless pupils, families, and colleagues over the years. We are grateful to have such a passionate and experienced leader at the heart of our school community.

Congratulations, Mr Clark, from all of us at St Bart's!



Farewell to Mrs Barrass

After 22 wonderful years at St Bartholomew's, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Barrass as she begins her well-earned retirement at Christmas. A truly valued and kind member of staff, Mrs Barrass has led music across the school with passion, creativity, and joy – inspiring many children to find their voice and love of performance.

Her journey with St Bart's began in a rather unexpected way – while on the school run, a previous Headteacher spotted her and asked if she could help with some supply cover. She said yes... and never left! Over the years, she's become a cherished part of our school family, with all three of her children attending St Bart's too.

Mrs Barrass will be deeply missed by staff, pupils, and families alike – but we know exciting adventures await her. Thank you for everything, Mrs Barrass!



Rainbows Bake Sale

Thank you for all your support, we raised £411.30 for Rainbows Children Hospice.

Well done Eloise, Elodie, Orla, Lauren and Bea .



Parkrun

On Sunday 5th October, St. Bartholomew's partnered up with Watermead Junior parkrun as part of their 'parkrun Primary initiative'.

It was a sunny, Sunday morning as lots of smiling faces gathered at the St. Bartholomew's flag displayed in Watermead park. Foundation stage, KS1 and KS2 children were all enthusiastic to run the 2km course, some of them doing it for the first time.

It was Watermead Junior parkrun's first link up with a primary school - they were delighted to host St. Bartholomew's school. Our school even received a mention in a national parkrun email!

All of the children involved said that they enjoyed the experience; we hope that they will continue to participate in parkrun, as it is great for physical and mental health. Thanks to the parents involved who accompanied their children and the staff who gave up their Sunday morning. We will be arranging another St. Bart's parkrun meet in the Spring term - watch this space!

Miss Fielden, Mr. Codd and Mrs. Cherry



School Uniform

Please clearly label all school uniform, so if it is lost we can deliver it back to the right child.

If secondhand items are purchased from FOSBA, please ensure that you update the name in the clothing with the new owner.

Thank you.



PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Extra Cross Country Fixture for Years 3 & 4 – Saturday 29 November

The organisers have been able to add an extra cross country fixture for Years 3 and 4 on Saturday 29 November at New College, running alongside the Years 5 and 6 races. This means any children who missed the first fixture can still qualify for league points. ***If you have not yet signed your child up to the cross country events, you can email Mr Codd, so can he add you to our school team (pcodd@st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk).*** Late additions can enter on the day.

- Herewoode Academy (formerly New College)
- LE3 6DN
- Gates open 9:30 AM
- Car parking on St Oswalds Rd & Glenfield Rd (£5)

Race Times

Year 3 Girls – 10:30am
Year 3 Boys – 10:40am
Year 4 Girls – 10:50am
Year 4 Boys – 11:00am
Year 5 Girls – 11:20am
Year 5 Boys – 11:30am
Year 6 Boys – 11:40am
Year 6 Girls – 11:50am

Distances -approx.

Year 3 – 1000–1200m
Year 4 – 1200–1400m
Years 5 & 6 – 1600m

Fees

- £1 per race number (free if you have retained your original number) We prefer this in advance please.
- Car park: £5 on the day
- £1 Payments to: Oadby & Legionnaires Juniors
Sort Code 54-21-50 | Account 71417044



Library News

The weekly book clubs have continued to be well attended and have recently been designing their own book covers to display in our own library and Quorn library. We have also had a guest from Loughborough Library, who spoke to the pupils about books that were 'special to them'.

Mrs Cherry



The Mum's Coffee & Calm Club

A Moment of Calm in the Middle of Motherhood

A gentle, calm, café-based meet-up for mums who want to pause, breathe, and reconnect in the middle of motherhood.

- * Slow coffee
- * Gentle conversation
- * Optional grounding exercises
- * Simple journaling prompts
- * A warm, supportive atmosphere with mums who get it

📍 Mountsorrel | 📅 Every 2 Weeks | 👤 Limited Spaces

Scan the QR code to join us, or visit:

<https://bookwhen.com/coffeeandcalmclub>



JOIN OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

For all event details, updates, reminders & journaling prompts:

FB Search: The Mum's Coffee & Calm Club

Sip | Breathe | Connect



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