

St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 1

Spring Term 2026



Dear families,

It goes without saying that this has been a bit of a dreary (and considerably wet) half-time period. The children have done brilliantly well, managing at break and lunch, with the very muddy conditions... and to you, the people most likely to be cleaning and re-polishing shoes, many thanks!

Inside, of course, the learning has continued :-). With some great work on WW2 across Y5/Y6 which sees the entire phase visit Quorn & Woodhouse Station the week after half term to experience life as an evacuee. Y3/Y4 have enjoyed writing all about Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. Y1/Y2 have learned all about life as a Victorian child, visiting Beaumanor Hall as part of this. And in EYFS they learned all about Superheroes including real life, inspirational people.

Parent/ Carer involvement

Striking a balance is always hard and we very much want 'you' to be involved with all aspects of schooling offered to your child.

More recently, however, we have had instances where the adults have stepped in, before we can support and manage pupil altercations.

Please bear in mind that whomever your child is - and however potentially upsetting - you will only be getting one perspective... we may (or not) know but can certainly find out fairly quickly or clarify the full picture with you.

Please let us know first whenever you have a concern over an incident in school.

Our outdoor spaces



We are aware that a lot of our outdoor equipment is starting to tire. This was also something commented on in our last parent/ carer survey.

FOSBA (and your contributions) have obviously injected some new life into our provision for outdoor play, with the new 'Clamber Stack'.

Please bear with us as we seek to manage repairs and replacement - rising costs are, sadly, the key consideration at the moment.

Future proofing

I thought it may be useful to give you a bit of a 'heads up' with regards to things we are considering in school at the moment:

School phone policy - to be reviewed with recent Government recommendations and the thinking around 'Smart-phone free childhoods' very much a part of our considerations.

Did you know?...

PISA - the Program for International Student Assessment (across 80 countries), has noted that since 2012 and the advent of smartphones and social media, grades have dropped each year progressively.

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
2886	2606	3263	2806

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'
10th February 2026

THINKING SPACE

Living in 'harmony'

On Monday this week, we were lucky enough to welcome a visitor from the St Phillip's Centre, Leics.

The guest speaker led our Collective Worship, sharing his simple day-to-day life as a British Muslim.

We hadn't realized this was in fact his last talk!... of which 'kindness' to each other, whatever our individual beliefs, is the most important thing.

...thank you

Diary Dates

Parents Evening

Week commencing Monday 9th February

Science Day

Thursday 26th February

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March



Cross Country Success

Well done to all our runners who took part in the cross country event on Saturday 24th January 2026 at Ratcliffe College. It was wonderful to see so many of our younger children getting involved in the fun run — their enthusiasm and determination were fantastic to watch.

A huge congratulations to our Year 4 boys' team, who performed brilliantly. Five of the boys finished in the top ten, each earning a well deserved medal, with Theo securing an impressive 1st place.

There were some excellent performances from the girls too, with Elodie, Ferne, and Belle all winning medals. We are extremely proud of every pupil who took part. Their hard work, sportsmanship, and encouragement of one another were exemplary and reflect the values we strive to nurture at St Bart's....particularly in such bracing, cold conditions!

Well done, everyone — a great achievement for our school!

Mrs Campbell and
Mrs Oakland



Collective Worship

Each week, groups of Year 6 children work together to present the Picture News Collective Worship. Recently, our Collective Worship Group visited a similar team at All Saints Primary School. They observed how another school delivers Collective Worship and had the opportunity to talk with the children about their approaches. Our pupils will continue to refine their skills, and we look forward to welcoming children from Hathern Primary School and All Saints to observe one of our sessions. Together, we hope to develop engaging and inspiring themes for future Collective Worship.





Quorn
Community Library
More than just books



ROYAL SOCIETY
OF CHEMISTRY

Quorn Community Library is very excited to announce that we will be celebrating British Science Week 2026, this is only possible with the support of a grant from the Royal Society of Chemistry.

27th February to 13th March 2026

Curiosity – What Happens Next?

Within the library there will be a treasure hunt, a book display of the great science books we have available for loan and a competition titled – “My Favourite Experiment”.

During British Science week there will be free chemistry workshops with lots of hands-on experiments: -

There will be four repeat workshops,
Friday 27th February and Friday 13th March

15.15 to 16.15
16.30 to 17.30

In The Old School Rooms Main Hall

The workshops must be pre booked, and children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the workshop.

To book just pop into the library from February onwards and sign up for a workshop.

Library News

The Library has been bustling this term with a delivery of 250 new books from Leicestershire Library Services. The book Club has been busy with visitors from Quorn

Library and a former pupil Lizzy who is studying to be a writer. She gave the pupils top tips on how to begin writing a book and an insight into the world of book publishing.

We have also been making corner bookmarks and our own book of Top Trumps





EASTER CRAFT'S

AT QUORN LIBRARY

FOR CHILDREN 4 – 11 YEARS

Saturday 21st March

3pm – 5pm

£1 per Child

Advanced Sign up only

Register at Quorn Library

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT/CARER





St Bartholomew's Children's Voices

Come and sing **Edelweiss**
from *The Sound of Music*

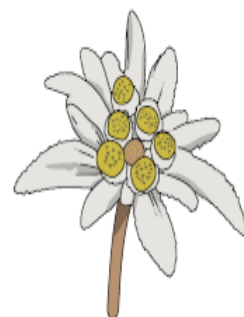


on Mothering Sunday, 15th March 2026

Practices: Friday 5-5.30pm

Dates: 27th Feb., 6th March, 13th March

at St Bart's Church, Quorn



For queries contact choir leader on 07837 572968

Ukrainian Partnership

Some of our Year 5 pupils are continuing to work with our partner school in Ukraine. Our most recent project involved writing and sharing alternative versions of a well known Ukrainian book, *Mr Catsky, Mira and the Sea*. During a video call, the children presented their different stories to one another. The Ukrainian teacher explained that her pupils miss visiting the seaside, so many of their stories included themes of the sea. Our children used the project as an opportunity to share information about our own local area.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting and to sharing our latest work with our Ukrainian friends.



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

Make your journey to school more interesting!

Choose How You Move are inviting students to take part in our Treasure Hunt to school activity.

We have created this free resource as something schools can share with parents who want to make the school run a bit more exciting for the students in the darker months, but this can be shared or used any time of the year!



Let's go on an adventure!

Can you spot these things on your way to school
or on your way home?

A bike

A scooter

Bus or Bus Stop

People walking

A tree

A flower

Grass

A bird

Traffic lights

A zebra crossing

A bug or an insect

A leaf

A puddle or water

Something blue

A pebble or a rock

Well done!
I completed my scavenger hunt!



 **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:

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