



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 2

Spring Term 2026



Dear families,

I think if you'd blinked, you may have missed this term - and there's been so much to celebrate!... 'World Book Day' (WBD'26) being one.

Many thanks to Mrs Rowntree for putting together a well-received day, focussing on the joy of books and reading :-)... and a great effort on everyone's part to bring this to life, as your favourite characters.

The success of the book fair, also means we now have a great commission amount to re-invest in more school books...

'thank you'



Pupils learnt about Jet engines, used high-tech microscopes, learnt about flooding, textiles, devices to monitor health, Robotics & AI, how the senses affect taste, how cosmetics are made, conducted chemistry experiments using technical equipment and used forensic science!



SCIENCE DAY

Mrs French and Mrs Collins organised a brilliant day for all children to engage in a range of investigative activities - with 65 separate sessions/workshops over the day, led mostly by visitors from a wide range of different industries and science disciplines.

Companies and inspirational individuals involved in Science Day, included:

Rolls Royce, Tom from Pepsico, Matt and team from the environment agency, Lorna from Cadent, Silvia from Loughborough University, Magan and Domonic from Nottingham University, Ash from Houghton Design, Marie, Megan from Next, Catherine from the Royal Society of Chemistry and Naomi and team from Howard-Brumlich

THANK YOU!

UPDATES

I am currently working on a new mobile device/ phone policy, further to the Government, DfE's directive - from April:

All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only.

A number of you have expressed concerns as our children enter into upper KS2 and with a rising number of issues we're made aware outside of school, increasingly overflowing into school life and learning.

In other news... Our SIAMS report should be with us when we return after Easter :-)

'Give your best'

27th March 2026

THINKING SPACE

When there is so much 'big stuff' happening around us, it feels, more than ever, important to share the importance of what may seem small...

St Bartholomew's School offers a warm welcome into a community built upon the spirit of generosity. Reflecting upon the parable of the mustard seed strengthens a belief in the power of small acts of kindness.

(SIAMS, March '26)

Report to follow

Diary Dates

KS2 SATs Week

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th
May

Walk to School Week

Wk Commencing 18th
May

Open Afternoon Sessions for Parents

Wk Commencing 18th
May

School Class & Group Photos

Wednesday 20th May

Red Kites

Green Owls

Blue Falcons

Golden Eagles

1006

1062

941

958

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.

Thank you very much.

Arbor



Congratulations!! Apprenticeship Awards

Mr Thorpe, Lawrence, joined us in January 2025 as an apprentice Teaching Assistant. During his time with us, he has now supported teaching and learning across all phases and age groups. Owing to his positivity, proactive engagement with his course and impact in St Barts, we nominated Lawrence for 'Apprentice of the Year'. I am pleased and proud to share, that Mr Thorpe was recently awarded this title.

Well done from all of the St Bart's team and children.



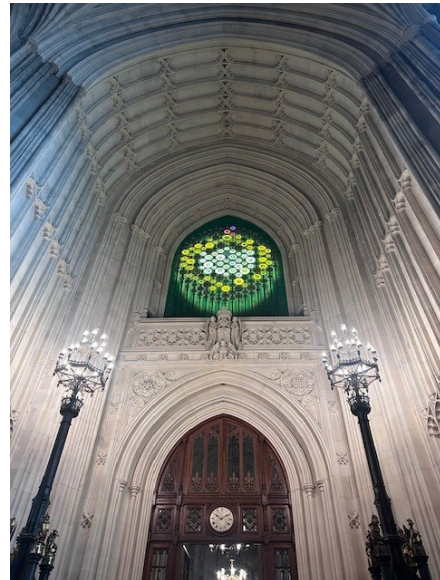
Lawrence with Jonny Watkin, Principal of our Stephenson Campus

Year 6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Thirty Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting and memorable trip to the Houses of Parliament this term. During the visit, the children toured the House of Commons and the House of Lords, explored historic Westminster Hall, and took part in an engaging education session where they learned a great deal about how our democracy works.

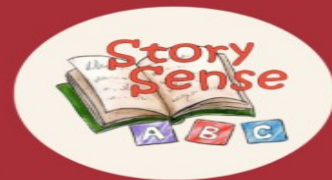
The day continued with a walking tour of the surrounding area, including Parliament Square, where we saw (and certainly heard!) some very loud protesting farmers. The pupils also walked along Whitehall, saw Downing Street, the Cabinet War Rooms, Horse Guards Parade, and finished with a relaxing and very wet walk through St James's Park.

It was a fantastic, if tiring, day and a very positive experience for all involved. Many thanks to Mr Wood and Mrs Betts for accompanying us as parent helpers and helping make the trip such a success.



Story Crafters

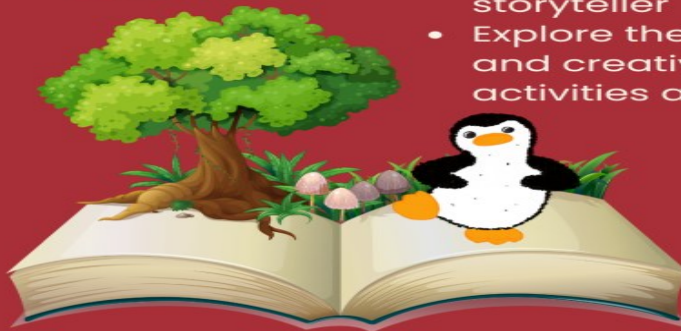
Creative Writing Club



Thursday
3:25-4:45
Years 3-6
(KS2)

Running for 6 weeks,
starting 16th April 2026,
our Story Crafter sessions
aim to:

- Inspire a love for storytelling
- Empower your child to become a confident storyteller
- Explore their imagination and creativity through activities and games



Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Festival

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 represented our school at a cross-country festival on Monday 9th March, at Woodbrook Vale School. They took part in 3 races each and we finished in 3rd place overall, with some outstanding individual performances. More importantly, They supported each other brilliantly and their behaviour and determination to succeed was outstanding, demonstrating our school vision and values throughout.

Mr Codd



Bake Sales

The children raised £231.00 on Wednesday 11th February for the Mind Over Mountains charity. This charity offers professional mental fitness support bringing together walking in nature, mindfulness & time with experienced wellbeing coaches & counsellors.

We also had another bake sale on Thursday 19th March for the LOROS charity, this raised £401.78, a parents workplace has also offered to match this so overall £800.00 has been raised.



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



Easter Holiday Crafts



at Leicester Cathedral

Tuesday 31 March
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Make an egg-shaped
sun catcher!



Tuesday 7 April
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Using split pins,
make a flapping
chicken!



FREE!

No booking
required – just
drop-in

Thursday 9 April
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Decorate an eco pot
and plant a sunflower
seed!



Ages 3+
All children must be
accompanied by an
adult

www.leicestercathedral.org





St Bartholomew's
— UNITED CHURCH, QUORN —

Holy Week Services

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday
10.30am Morning Worship

Monday 30th March - 7pm
Holy Week, Compline

Tuesday 31st March - 7pm
Holy Week, Compline

Wednesday 1st April - 7pm
Holy Week, Compline

Maundy Thursday 2nd April - 7pm
Holy Communion

Good Friday 3rd April - 7pm
Hymns, Anthems, Prayers

Saturday 4th April - 12 noon
Holy Saturday Prayer

Sunday 5th April Easter day
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise



EASTER
CRAFT AFTERNOON
St. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn
Thursday 2nd April 2026
1pm - 3.30pm

EASTER TRAIL
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS
REFRESHMENTS

Free Event!
All are Welcome
www.stbartsquorn.org



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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