

Barty Bugle

ISSUE 5 2026/27

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,
The half-term break already seems so long ago! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and they have all returned fabulously, settling straight back into their learning and routines.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting on Thursday about the shared learning opportunities with Hollinsclough. It was great to hear your feedback and ideas, and we really appreciate the positive discussions about how this learning can continue to develop moving forward.

This half term our topic is "Ice Adventures", and the children are already excited to begin exploring this theme. More information about what they will be learning can be found later in this newsletter.

As we head towards Christmas, we already have lots of exciting activities and events planned. Please take a look at the "Dates for Your Diary" section to make sure you don't miss anything.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable half term ahead!
Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

For 2 weeks ending 06/11/2026
National Target: 95%
School Attendance: 93.6%

Fundraising for Flash and Longnor First Responders

This Christmas, we are proud to be supporting **Flash and Longnor First Responders** and helping to raise money for this invaluable local service. They operate entirely on donations and provide rapid first-response care before an ambulance arrives.

On **Christmas Jumper Day** (16th December), we are asking for a (minimum) donation of £1 per child. All donations received will go directly to Flash and Longnor First Responders.

We would also love your help with a Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale. If your child has any Christmas jumpers that they have outgrown, please consider donating them to school. All donated jumpers will be available to purchase for £1 each, with every penny raised also being donated to Flash and Longnor First Responders.
By donating or purchasing a pre-loved jumper, you'll be helping us support a fantastic community organisation while giving Christmas jumpers a second life.
Thank you for your support and generosity.
Together, we can make a real difference this Christmas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

These are the dates that we have planned in at the moment - please keep an eye out each week for new dates and any changes. Items in **bold** have been added since the last news letter.

- **9th November - Tea & Tots Too**
- **10th November - Early Years Stay and Play** - see email
- **12th November - Non-uniform day** (in exchange for Tombola Toys)
- **13th November - Pyjama day - Children in Need**
- **19th November - Non-uniform day** (in exchange for bottles)
- **27th November - Non-uniform day** (in exchange for cakes/bakes)
- 27th November - Christmas Fair & Longnor Lights Switch On
- 2nd December - Christmas Trip (The Snowman)
- 2nd December - Wreath Making Session (PTFA Event)
- **9th December - Merry Mile** (drop off at Hollinsclough Academy)
- **15th December - Nativity** (2pm)
- **16th December - Christmas Dinner day**
- **16th December - Christmas Jumper day**
- **17th December - Christmas Party day**
- **18th December - Finish for CHRISTMAS!**



Safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we would like to remind everyone to please supervise their children closely when arriving at and leaving school.

The school gate opens onto the road, which can become busy at drop-off and collection times.
For your child's safety, please ensure they stay with you and do not run ahead or leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe and ensure the start and end of the school day are as safe as possible for everyone.

NOTICES

Non-Uniform Days

We will be holding three non-uniform days during November in exchange for items for our Chritmas Fair. Please see details below:

Thursday 12th November - Tombola Toys
Thursday 19th November - Tombola Bottles
Friday 27th November - Cakes & Bakes



Children In Need - Friday 13th November 2026

Wrap up warm for a cosy Children in Need **PYJAMA DAY!**

For a £1 donation, children and staff are invited to come to school in their comfiest pyjamas and help us raise money for Children in Need.

PE lessons will still be taking place so please wear trainers as normal.

Merry Mile



On Wednesday 9th December children will be taking part in the Merry Mile to raise money for Blythe House Hospice. The Merry Mile is a fun, flexible and inclusive run or walk that encourages children to get moving, get festive and give back.
Please look out closer to the time for how to donate.
Our Merry Mile will take place at Hollinsclough Academy and we ask that on this day, children are **dropped off at Hollinsclough** at the start of the day (8:45am). The children will be transported back to St Bart's in time for lunch.

Early Years Stay and Play

We will be holding our Autumn 2 Stay and Play session on Tuesday morning (10th November). The session will begin at the start of the school day and will run until 9:30am. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time in the classroom, join in with activities, and see your child's learning environment. If parents are unable to attend, grandparents are very welcome to come along instead.

Christmas Jumper Donations Needed!

Have a Christmas jumper you no longer want?

Please donate it!



Any Christmas Jumpers donated will be on sale for just...

£1 EACH!

All money raised going to

Flash and Longnor First Responders

OUR LEARNING

AUTUMN 2
ICE ADVENTURES

How do living things survive in frozen lands?



WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

POLAR EXPLORERS

We'll discover the amazing Arctic and Antarctic regions and learn how animals and people survive in freezing conditions.



AMAZING ANIMALS

We'll investigate food chains, animal diets and adaptations that help creatures thrive in cold environments.



HEALTHY BODIES

We'll learn about exercise, nutrition, healthy eating, sleep and hygiene and how these help us stay fit and well.



HISTORY DETECTIVES

We'll explore the adventures of Ernest Shackleton and travel back in time to discover life during the Ice Age.



CREATIVE ARTISTS

We'll create beautiful winter artwork inspired by frozen landscapes and famous artists.



YOUNG CHEFS

We'll prepare healthy foods and learn important food preparation and hygiene skills.



EXCITING EVENTS

- Exploration Walk
- Frozen Landscapes Gallery
- Hands-on Science Investigations
- Explorer & Ice Age Adventures
- Polar Discovery Activities



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Read books about polar animals and explorers.
- Practise naming continents and oceans.
- Encourage healthy eating habits.
- Support good bedtime routines.
- Talk about how animals survive in different habitats.



We can't wait for an exciting half term of discovery, creativity and adventure!

Nurture, Grow, Flourish

AWARDS

Awards presented since our last newsletter.

VALUES SUPERSTARS

Values awards are presented to our children who show our school values.



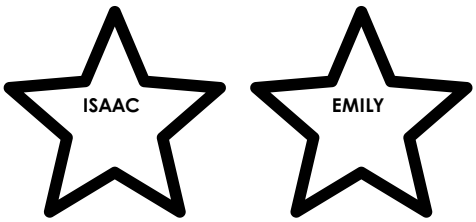
WONDERFUL WORK

Wonderful work awards are given for completing an outstanding piece of work.



PE LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Chosen by our PE teacher - Mr Longson



FRENCH LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Chosen by our French teacher - Madame Wain



MUSIC LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Chosen by our music teacher - Mrs Harding



FOREST SCHOOL LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Chosen by our forest school teacher - Beth











SAFEGUARDING

#WakeUpWednesday from The National College aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

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MENU



Week commencing 9th November - WEEK 2

Week commencing 16th November - WEEK 3

PTFA


St Bartholomew's School
Longnor
Christmas Fair
Friday 27th November
5pm - 7pm
Santas Grotto
Stalls
Tombola
Raffle
Refreshments will be available
Then head to the village for the light switch on at 7pm
Everyone welcome!
Let's make it a magical start to the festive season!

PTFA

Wreath Making SESSION

Get creative, learn new skills and make your own beautiful wreath!



2nd December

6pm to 7:30pm

£25

Includes light refreshments

At St Bartholomew's Primary School, SK17 0NZ

All materials provided

TERM DATES

Term Dates
September 2026 to July 2027
St Bartholomew's Primary School

TMPF TRUST
Thriving Minds. Positive Futures.

Autumn Term 2026

Inset day for staff (school closed for pupils): Tuesday 1st September
Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 2nd September
Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Pupils return: Monday 2nd November
Term ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

Term starts for pupils: Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Inset day for staff (school closed for pupils): Monday 22nd February
Pupils return: Tuesday 23rd February
Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027

Term starts for pupils: Moonday 12th April
May Day (Bank Holiday): Monday 3rd May
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Pupils return: Monday 7th June
Term ends: Friday 16th July
Inset days for staff (school closed for pupils): Monday 19th July,
Tuesday 20th July,
Wednesday 21st July