

Barty Bugle

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MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,

The half term is certainly flying by, and the children have been incredibly busy. It was lovely to welcome families to our Early Years Stay and Play Session. The children were delighted to share their learning and enjoy time with their grown-ups in school.

Rehearsals have started for this year's Nativity - The Star That Led The Way
Now, this isn't just any Nativity. This is a **Mrs Richardson Original Production**, which means nobody really knows what to expect... including Mrs Richardson herself. We are all preparing ourselves for the inevitable "I've had a thought..." and all that it entails. Will it be heartwarming? Almost certainly. Will it be chaotic? Quite possibly. Will it somehow all come together brilliantly at the last minute? Let's keep our fingers crossed! One thing's for sure - we can't wait to share it with you.

Across school, the children have fully immersed themselves in our Ice Adventures topic. They have shown great enthusiasm for exploring some of the world's coldest environments and the fascinating wildlife that lives there. As part of their learning, Oak Class enjoyed taking part in an exciting live lesson, Antarctic Live!, delivered by the WWF, which gave them a fantastic insight into life in Antarctica.

Our Forest School sessions have continued to inspire creativity, and the children have been busy making some truly magnificent wax models. It has been wonderful to see their imagination and perseverance on display.

In PE, the children have begun their gymnastics unit. They have been developing their balance, control and coordination whilst learning new skills.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children in Need. Working alongside our friends at Hollinsclough Academy, we raised £22.50. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps make a difference and we are very grateful for your support.

Thank you for supporting us with our recent non-uniform days. Your generosity is helping us prepare for our upcoming Christmas Fair; we are now just one week away from the big event! Next Friday (27th November) we are asking for donations of cakes for the refreshments stall, and we hope to see many of you at the Christmas Fair from 5pm.

We are incredibly proud to be supporting High Peak Grotto this year; we have donated Christmas selection boxes to help spread festive cheer at the free grotto. The children thoroughly enjoyed a special visit from Hannah Banana and her trusty sidekick, Elf Hollie, who brought lots of smiles, laughter and Christmas magic to school when they popped by yesterday to collect the selection boxes. More information about the grotto can be found HERE

Finally, the annual **St Bart's Christmas Quiz** is now on sale! Quiz sheets are available from: Longnor General Stores, Sweetilicious, Cobbles Café, Massey Feeds, Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, The Manifold Inn, Ye Olde Butchers Arms and of course from school.
We hope as many people as possible will take part and support this much-loved community fundraiser.

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

For 2 weeks ending 20/11/2026
National Target: 95%
School Attendance: 88.4%

NHS Guidance - Is My Child Too Ill For School?

As we move further into the autumn term, we have noticed an increase in seasonal coughs and colds. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

The NHS guidance states children can attend school with common cold symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose or cough unless they have a high temperature.

With seasonal illnesses likely to increase this autumn, we'd like to signpost parents to the **NHS Is my child too ill for school?** guidance along with the below visual NHS guide to help and support you in making informed decisions about attendance when your child is unwell.
Where possible, children can remain in school and we are often able to support with medication arrangments.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Remembrance & Poppy Appeal

Thank you to Ely who represented our school on Remebrance Sunday by laying a wreath at Longnor Cenotaph. You did us proud.



As a school we raised over **£62** for the Poppy Appeal this year - thank you to everyone who dontated.

Lest We Forget.

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.

- 27th November - Non-uniform day (in exchange for cakes/bakes)
- 27th November - Christmas Fair & Longnor Lights Switch On
- **1st December - Parents Meeting at 4:15pm (shared learning)**
- 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
- **16th December - Christingle Service @ St Bartholomew's Church**
- 17th December - Christmas Party day
- 18th December - Film afternoon
- 18th December - Finish for CHRISTMAS!



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.

The children will be taking part during the school day, and we are looking forward to seeing plenty of smiles, festive spirit and enthusiasm!
Children are welcome to wear **Christmas Jumpers** on this day, with their normal school uniform.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause, we would be very grateful for any donation, no matter how big or small.
Please visit our **"Just Giving" page**
Every penny raised will help Blythe House Hospice continue to provide vital care and support to local people and their families.

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.



NOTICES

Non-Uniform Days

The final non-uniform of November in exchange for cakes is:

Friday 27th November

The Snowman

A letter has been emailed to families about The Snowman trip on 2nd December - please check your junk if you've not seen it!

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 16th December at St Bartholomew's Church. We are extending a very warm welcome to our families to join us at Church

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.

Christmas Dinner

Parents are once again invited to join us for Christmas Dinner on 16th December. We know you're very excited to get your tummy filled with Miss Vickie's delightful cooking.
Bookings for this highly sought after event will be going live on **Arbor** soon (as soon as Mrs Gibson figures out how to do it!).





PROUD TO BE SUPPORTING HIGH PEAK GROTTO







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

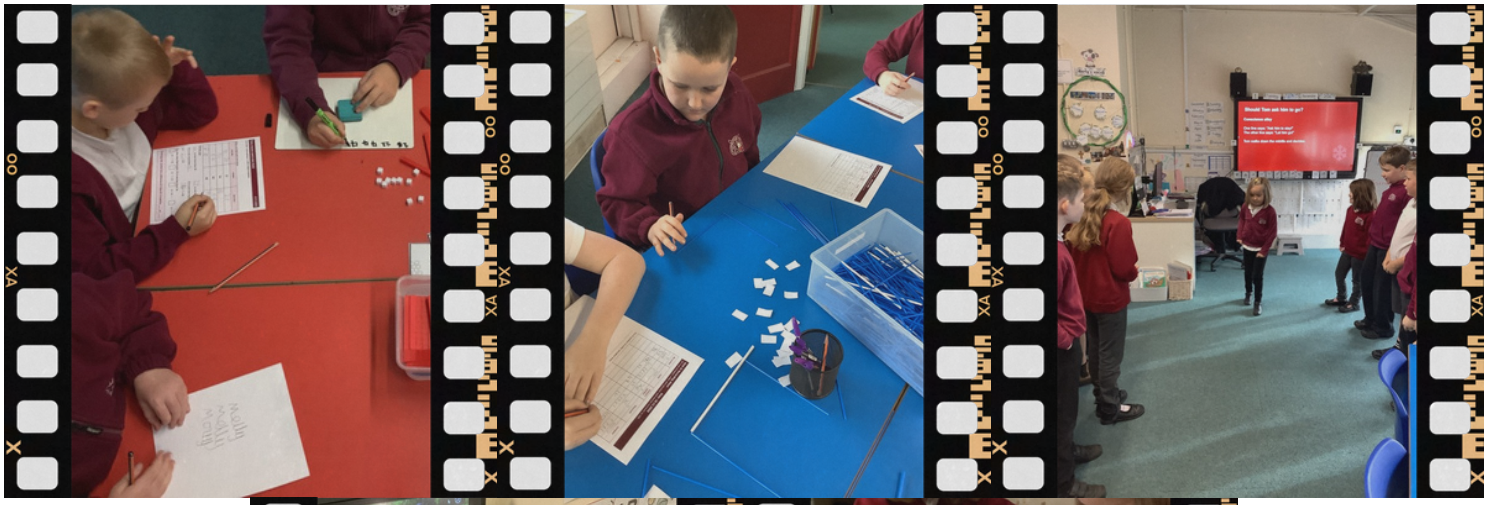
Chosen by our French teacher - Madame Wain

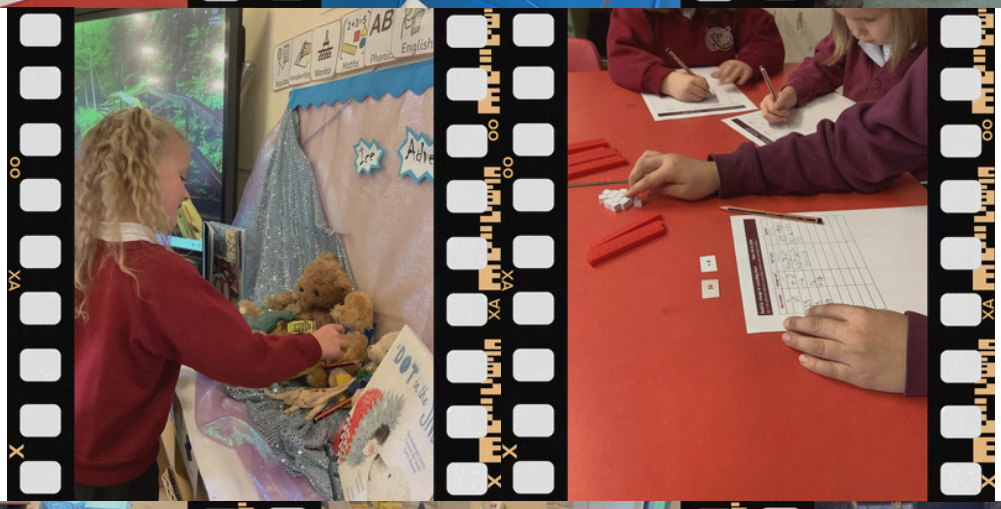


MUSIC LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Chosen by our music teacher - Mrs Harding







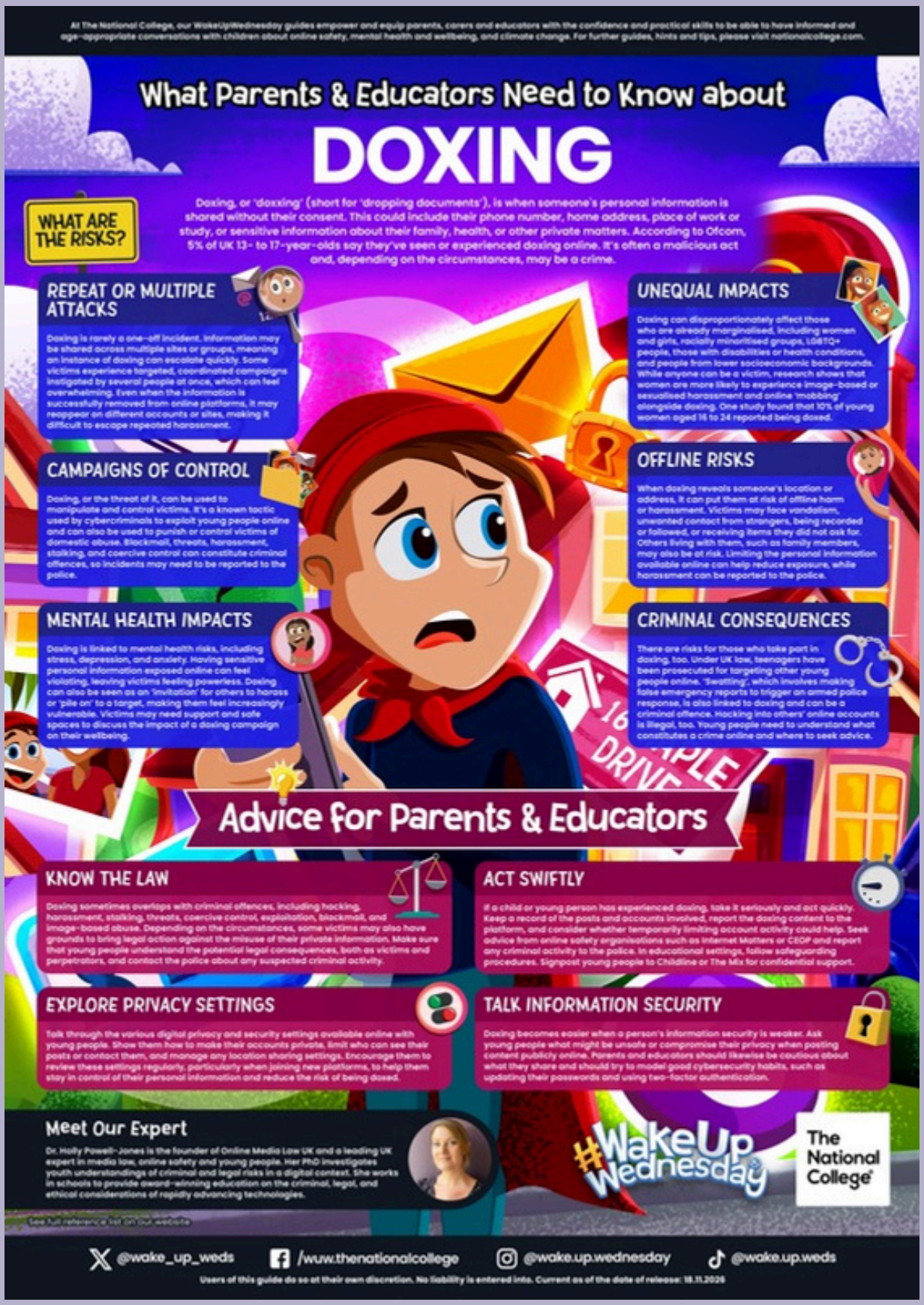




SAFEGUARDING

#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 23rd November - WEEK 1

Week commencing 30th November - WEEK 2

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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