

Barty Bugle

ISSUE 4 2026/27

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,
What a busy and fabulous couple of weeks we have had!

Some of our children recently enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Derby Faith Trail, where they had the opportunity to learn about different faiths and places of worship. They represented our school wonderfully and gained valuable insight into the diverse communities around us. The visit encouraged respect, understanding and appreciation of different cultures and beliefs, providing a meaningful learning experience beyond the classroom.

We were proud to support Hello Yellow, helping to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. It was wonderful to see so many children and staff taking part and showing their support.

We were delighted to welcome a specialist teacher from Biddulph High School last week, who led a Quidditch session for our pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication and sportsmanship throughout. It was a fantastic team-building activity and a great opportunity to try something new.

The excitement continued with a visit from Auriga Astronomy and their mobile planetarium. We were delighted to invite children from our sister school, Hollinsclough Academy, to join us for this special experience. The children were captivated as they explored the solar system, learned about space exploration and discovered more about the historic Apollo 11 moon landing. They impressed our visitors with their curiosity during a lively question-and-answer session, and were thrilled by the chance to hold a genuine meteorite fragment. It was wonderful to see pupils from both schools learning alongside one another and sharing in such an inspiring experience.

Finally, we are excited to share that we have taken delivery of some brand-new dining tables and benches. This marks the end of an era, as the previous tables had been serving the school for over 50 years!

As we approach the final week before half term, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support. We look forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming events next week as we bring another busy, successful and memorable half term to a close.

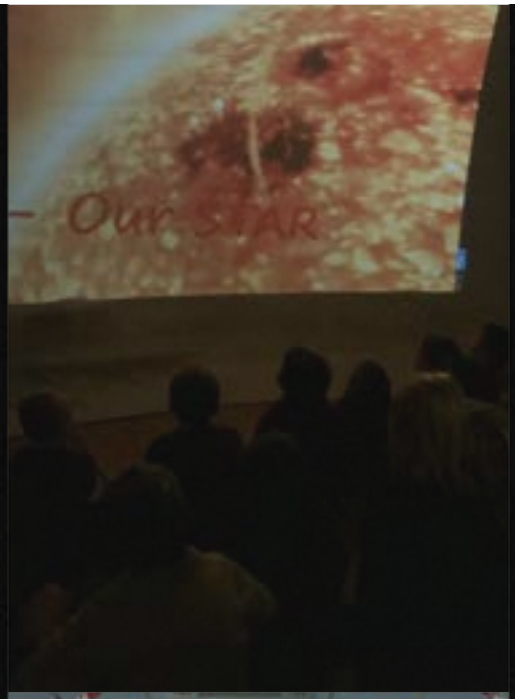
Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break when it arrives.

Team Barty

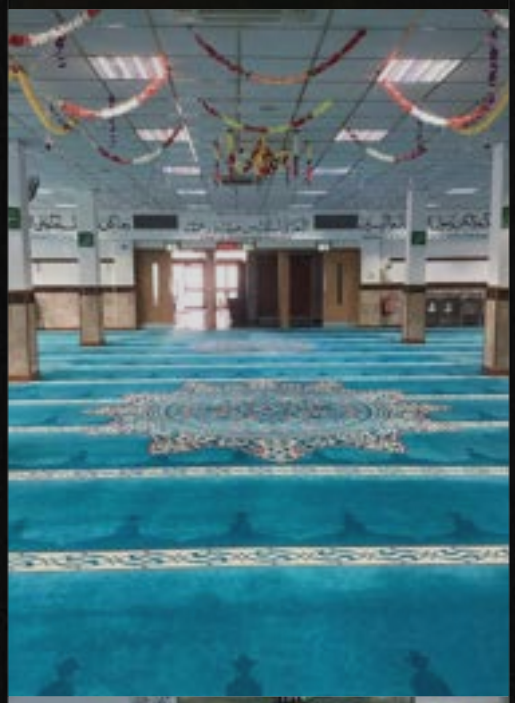
ATTENDANCE

For 2 weeks ending 16/10/2026
National Target: 95%
School Attendance: 97.67%




Our STAR









NOTICES

Nursery and Reception Children

Please can you send in a picture of the children with their family. If you don't have a physical photo, you're welcome to email the school office with a digital copy and Mrs Gibson will print it. These photos are for use in our home corner.

Art Gallery

Please can you send in a picture of the children with their family. If you don't have a physical photo, you're welcome to email the school office with a digital copy and Mrs Gibson will print it.
These photos are for use in our home corner.

Wild Worship

Please can children bring a teddy bear to school with them on Wednesday for Wild Worship. Thank you!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the feedback questionnaire about the shared learning opportunities with Hollinsclough Academy - we really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us. The Trust are currently analysing the results of the questionnaires and the results will be shared with families of both schools in the near future.
Please look put for an email with full details of the meeting.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, the Government expanded eligibility for Free School Meals in England. All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings.
To see if your child may be eligible, or to make an application, please visit visit the **Staffordshire County Council Website**.

AWARDS

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





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.

- 19th October - Art gallery - 3:15pm
- 20th October - Parents Evening
- 23rd October - Autumn Disco (PTFA Event)
- 26th October to 30th October - Half term
- 5th November - Parent meeting - look out for email
- 16th November - Odd Sock Day
- 16th November to 20th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 27th November - Christmas Fair & Longnor Lights Switch On
- 2nd December - Christmas Trip (The Snowman)
- 2nd December - Wreath Making Session (PTFA Event)

TERM DATES

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

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

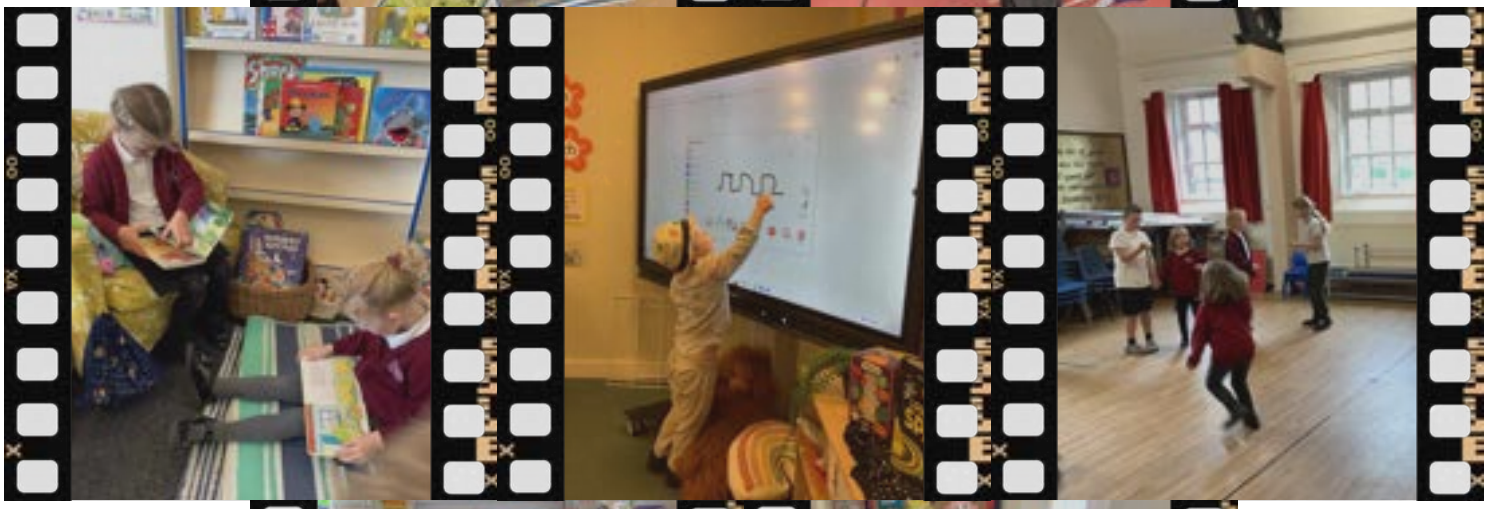
Spring Term 2027

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














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.

This topic is focused on AI Companions



SAFEGUARDING

The Trust Safeguarding Policy has been updated for the 2026-27 academic year.
Please click below to read the policy



Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Staffordshire County Council

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Safeguarding Policy 2026

This policy is available on our school website and is on request from the school office. We also inform parents and carers about this policy through our school newsletter.

The policy is provided to all staff (including temporary staff and volunteers) at induction alongside our Staff Code of Conduct. In addition, all staff are provided with Part One of the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) statutory guidance Keeping children safe in education

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Trust Board on an annual basis.

This policy applies to TMPF Trust schools:
Bishop Rawle C.E. Primary School; Dilhorne Endowed C.E. Primary School; Great Wood Primary School; Hollinsclough C.E. Academy; Ilam C.E. Primary School; Manifold C.E. Academy; St. Bartholomew's C.E. Primary School; St. John's C.E. Primary School; St. Leonard's C.E. First School; St. Peter's C.E. First School; St. Werburgh's C.E. Primary School; Talbot First School; The Valley Primary School; Waterhouses C.E. Primary Academy
(as of September 2026).

The minutes of the Trust Board AGM Autumn 2026 will reflect approval of this policy which was sent to school leadership and Trustees for consultation prior to ratification and update.

This policy will be reviewed in Autumn 2027

MENU



Week commencing 19th October - WEEK 2

Week commencing 2nd November - WEEK 1

SCHOOL NURSE

Parents and carers of children aged 5-19 are invited to attend local community drop ins, where you can speak to your child's school nurse about your child's health. A Community Drop-in is an open access, confidential service that provides parents with the opportunity to "drop-in" without an appointment to discuss any aspects of your child's health or wellbeing with a member of the team.





PTFA

Our PTFA are delighted to invite all St Bartholomew's and Hollinsclough pupils to our Autumn Disco on Friday 23rd October from 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Please complete this online form to indicate whether you think your child will be attending



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



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


St Bartholomew's Church
Food Bank
in Longnor
Leave Food & Essentials for those in Need
Donations Welcome
Church Porch Open Daily
9am - 4pm
Take What You Need.
Please ensure all items are in date.
For more information, contact:
Sharon Ford
07764 157078
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Staffordshire County Council

Autism Inclusion Team

Parent Awareness Sessions – Autumn 2026

The Autism InclusionTeam is delightedto offer free, supportive sessions for parents and carers of children with an autism diagnosis who attend a Staffordshire school, including children and young people who have not yet been referred to our service.

Date	Time	Session	Location/Platform
Thursday 22.10.26	9:30 – 11:00	Understanding Autism	TEAMS–email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
	11:00 - 12:30	Raising Self-esteem	
	1:30-3:00	Emotional Regulation	
Tuesday 03.11.26	09:30 – 11:00	Autism and Masking	Stafford Children's Centre
Tuesday 03.11.26	1:00-2:30	Reducing Barries to Education	Stafford Children's Centre
Wednesday 18.11.26	10-12:30	Autism in the Early Years	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
Tuesday 01.12.26	10:00-11:30	Girls and Autism	Stafford Children's Centre
Thursday 03.12.26	10-11:30	Autism and Eating	TEAMS – email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place

The Autism Inclusion Team is dedicated to driving cultural change that empowers educational settings and families to effectively support the teaching, learning and well-being of autistic students.