



Barty Bugle

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

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Dear St Bartholomew's community,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. Following valuable feedback from parents and carers, we will now be issuing newsletters on a fortnightly basis.

Summer seemed to go both too slowly and too quickly this year, but we are delighted to have everyone back for the new term.

We began the week with an Inset Day, where staff from all 14 TMPF Trust schools came together to discuss the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance, review Trust-wide data, and prepare for the year ahead. As part of this work, the Trust has made the decision to request annual parental consent for photographs. In the coming weeks, families will receive a Microsoft Form to complete so please keep an eye on your inbox.

It has been a very busy start and the children have settled back in beautifully. Our Little Acorns (Nursery) and Acorns (Reception) children are based in our Early Years Hub and are taught primarily by Mrs Haslam and Miss Williams, with Mrs Richardson continuing in her role as Early Years Lead.

The rest of our pupils form Oak Class, taught by Mrs Richardson and supported by Miss Malkin.

On Friday, we welcomed pupils and staff from Hollinsclough for the first time as part of our collaborative partnership. Children took part in Music, PE, Computing and Art & DT. The school was full of energy and new friendships are already forming - it was wonderful to see.

Hollinsclough pupils will also join us on Monday afternoons for Forest School and French. We look forward to seeing how this new structure develops and we'll be gathering feedback from pupils to help shape how the partnership develops.

Finally, thank you for your support in not parking on the staff car park; this request is following a health and safety review carried out over the summer, and in line with our updated risk assessment.

We'll see you Monday!

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

National Target: 95%
School Attendance: 100%

NOTICES

After School Football

We are pleased to confirm that Coach P will be returning to provide after school football!

This will take place on Thursday afternoons and is open to everyone in Oak Class.

Stay and Play Session

There will be a Stay and Play Session for our nursery and reception children on **Thursday 10th September**. This will begin at the start of the day and end at 10am.

If parents are unable to attend - we would like to extend the invitation to grandparents.

Staffing Update

We are excited to share that Mrs Gould will be rejoining our staff team from next week. Mrs Gould will be working as a one-to-one teaching assistant and we can't wait to welcome her back to Team Barty.

Forest School

Forest School will take place on Mondays.

PE Day

PE will take place every Friday. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kits

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.

- **10th September - Nursery & Reception Stay and Play session**
- **10th September - Longnor Races - whole school** (packed lunch needed)
- **1st October - School Census - look out for our special menu!**
- **6th October - Derby Faith Trip - whole school** (packed lunch needed)
- **20th October - Parents Evening**
- **26th October to 30th October - Half term**
- **27th November - Christmas Fair & Longnor Lights Switch On**



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 week's topic is focused on the ten biggest changes to KCSIE 2026

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

KCSIE 2026 IS HERE

Are you ready?

HERE ARE THE TEN BIGGEST CHANGES YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL NEEDS TO KNOW.

The new statutory guidance has been published and comes into force on 1 September 2026. The changes make consistency and collaboration in safeguarding the expectation for all.

1

EVERYONE READS PART ONE. IN FULL.

The condensed version (old Annex A) has gone. Every member of staff, whether teaching, admin, catering, or site staff, must read and understand the whole of Part One.

2

MOBILE PHONE FREE BY DEFAULT.

For the first time, it is in statutory guidance: schools should be phone-free environments, with anything else by exception only, across lessons, breaks, and lunch.

3

ONLINE HARM IS REAL-WORLD HARM.

Deepfakes, AI-generated imagery, and sextortion are named for the first time. The word 'sexting' has gone. The guidance now talks about making or sharing nudes and semi-nudes, and every incident needs a safeguarding response, consensual or not.

4

WEAPONS: REPORT STRAIGHT AWAY.

Any concern that a child is carrying, has used, or intends to use a weapon goes to the DSL immediately. The DSL assesses the risk and puts a safety plan in place.

5

MISOGYNY AND ITS POTENTIAL TO ESCALATE.

The guidance recognises the escalatory nature of misogyny. Banter and 'boys being boys' can be the start of a behaviour pattern that ends in sexual violence. Challenging it early is everyone's job.

6

MENTAL HEALTH, EXPANDED.

There are new warning signs for all staff, and clear crisis routes: call 999 or go to A&E if a child is in danger.

7

GENDER-QUESTIONING CHILDREN.

Statutory for the first time. Schools do not initiate social transition. Decisions are made case by case and documented, with parents usually involved, and there are firm rules on single-sex spaces and sport.

8

VOLUNTEERS NEED CHECKING.

The Crime and Policing Act 2026 removes the supervision exemption. Volunteers who teach, train, or supervise children on more than three days in a 30-day period, or overnight, are now in regulated activity, however closely they are supervised.

9

FAMILY HELP: ONE JOINED-UP OFFER.

'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026' brings targeted early help and support for children in need into a single coordinated offer. All staff should know how children can benefit and how to refer.

10

RECORDS THAT PROTECT EVERYBODY.

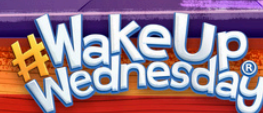
A good record now has a clear standard: a summary, the action taken, the decisions made, the reasons for them, and the outcome. A note that says 'spoke to child, fine now' fails the test.

ALSO ON THE RADAR

- Operation Encompass is statutory: police notify schools of domestic abuse incidents before the next school day.
- Filtering and monitoring must be reviewed at least annually, with records kept.
- Cyber security is now a safeguarding issue.
- There is a new section on children with medical conditions.
- Trainee teachers are named in allegations procedures.
- Child protection files transfer within five days, with a conversation between DSLs as good practice.

Meet Our Expert

Laura Page is the founder of Schools Supported, which provides specialist consultancy and training for special educational needs and safeguarding. Laura is an experienced trainer, facilitator and speaker with a passion for child-centred provision and a practical understanding of the operational aspects of school leadership.



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MENU

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw(V) or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Banoffee Mousse(V)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Cinnamon Swirl (Ve)	Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes(V) or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve)
TUESDAY	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)	Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Chocolate Snap (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roasties & Gravy or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Soft Baked Cookies (V)
THURSDAY	BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)	Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Golden Apple Cake (V)	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) or Homemade Hero Pasta Veg of the Day Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)
FRIDAY	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Chicken Nuggets with Chips or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Fish Fingers with Chips or Jacket Potato with choice of filling Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
	31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27	7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27	14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27
	Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly(Ve) and drinking water.		

V – Vegetarian Ve – Vegan More Sustainable

TEA AND TOTS TOO

Tea and Tots Too returns to St Bartholomew's on **Monday 14th** September from 10:30am to 12pm
Everyone welcome - we would love to see you and your little ones.
A warm welcome waits for you.



Tea & Tots Too

Stay and play, chat and make new friends

When: Second Monday of every month
10:30am to 12pm

Where: St Bartholomew's Nursery, Longnor, SK17 0NZ
(Please use the rear entrance at the back of the school)

Who: For families and children age 0-4 years

Join us for a brew, cake, squash and biscuits

Suggested donation £2 per family

For more information please email: office@st-bartholomews.staffs.sch.uk

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