

Barty Bugle

ISSUE 2 2026/27

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,

We've had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks in school!

This half term, we launched our new theme, "Space", and the children were thrilled to discover that something very unusual had happened in the Oak classroom. When they arrived, they found evidence of a mysterious crash landing! The classroom was filled with clues, sparking lots of curiosity, discussion and imaginative thinking as the children tried to work out what had landed and where it had come from. This exciting start has generated lots of enthusiasm for our learning as we begin to explore planets, stars, astronauts and the wider universe.

The whole school also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Longnor Races, where the children learned about the history of this much-loved local tradition. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect our learning with the local community and heritage, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

We have also been delighted to receive the news that our school was awarded third place in the Manifold Valley Agricultural Society's Environmental Competition, which we entered during the summer term. The children worked incredibly hard on the project, and we are very proud that their efforts and commitment to caring for the environment have been recognised.

Alongside these exciting events, the children have continued to work hard across all areas of learning and have settled well into the new term. We are looking forward to sharing more of our Space adventures with you over the coming weeks.

Finally, on Monday 28th September, we are inviting parents in to "see the school" and have a brew. This will be a joint invite where Hollinsclough Academy parents will be invited too - we would love for you to pop in to support us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

For 2 weeks ending 18/09/2026

National Target: 95%

School Attendance: 94.24%

NOTICES

Nursery and Reception Library Books

Nursery and Reception children choose a book from our library every Thursday. Please can these be returned the following Thursday.

Reception Reading Books

Children in reception will bring home a reading book each Thursday. Please can these be returned the following Thursday. These are different from the library books!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will take place on Friday September 25th at 2pm in St Bartholomew's Church. Parents are invited and encouraged to join us for the service.

Christmas Trip

We are excited to share that we have booked our Christmas Performance Trip. In a break from the norm, we are not going to see the Panto at Buxton Opera House, we are going to see The Snowman (with live orchestra!) More info will be sent closer to the time.

Water Bottles

Please can families send children in with a water bottle every day.

MENU

Our menu has has an update! Please scroll down to see the changes.

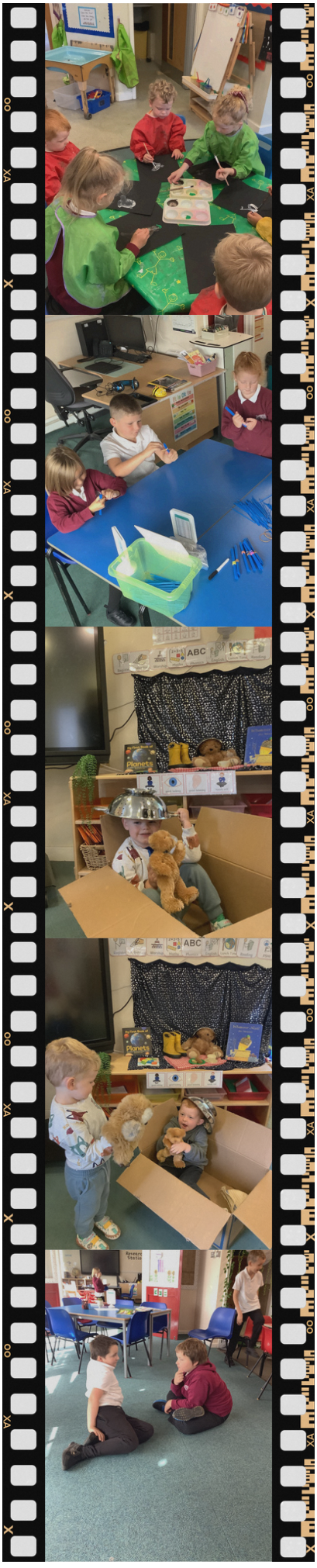
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

- **25th September - Harvest Festival @ St Bartholomew's Church 2pm**
- 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
- **2nd December - Christmas Trip (The Snowman)**







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The children have spoken!

We have updated the main meal choice for week 2, Tuesday as the children were not fans of the creamy herby chicken pasta. Instead, they will be served sausage and mash!

Census Day

The autumn census will take place on Thursday 1st October and there will be a special menu on this day. Please look out for a special menu!

Please encourage your children to have a school dinner on this day as the number of school meals for pupils on this day directly impacts our funding.

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.