St. Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

11th September 2026 Issue 02

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

We held a beautiful school Mass this morning led by St David's class to ask God to look after and bless us all at the beginning of this new academic year. The children have settled very well into their new classes and are looking forward to their learning.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

MRS MCRAE



HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATES

- Sophie in St David for fabulous RE work
- Logan in St David for being a school superhero

HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS

After each giving a speech, all the children in Year 6 voted for who they wanted to be their first Head boys and girls and I am pleased to announce that the head pupils for Autumn 2026 are:

Head Boy	Tobi
Head Girl	Isabela
Deputy Head Boy	James
Deputy Head Girl	Sophie

ATTENDANCE

Well done to St Theresa's who won the class Attendance Ted and St Clare's who won Punctuality Pup this week.

CLASS	%
St Bernadette	98.2 %
St Clare	95.6 %
St Peter	86.7 %
St Paul	97.9 %
St George	98.3 %
St Martin	94.2 %
St Josephine	96.9 %
St Theresa	98.8 %
St Andrew	97.1 %
St Patrick	91.9 %
St David	96.2 %

KENT TEST

The Y6 children who sat the 11+ test in school yesterday approached them calmly and with great determination and resilience. They should all be very proud of themselves.

WELL DONE!

VISION AND RULES

Together with the children, we discussed how we want to make St Bartholomew's School a place that everyone enjoys coming to and feels proud to be part of. We agreed on the values and behaviours that will help us achieve this. Our school rules, which all the children know and understand, play an important role in creating a positive, safe and respectful environment for everyone.





PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for the responses in the summer parental questionnaire. I was delighted at reading so many very positive comments about our school such as:

Academic standard, love, social, moral, discipline and spiritual growth.

Helping children grow better not just academically but the self confidence of the children.

Accepting and embracing diversity, celebrating that everyone is different and upholding that in a positive light. Everyone is an individual within the school and deserves respect and love. This is shown as "one school, one family".

The areas for development suggested broadly centred around communication. We will continue to communicate with families through our weekly newsletters, website, emails and telephone calls. We are also exploring ways to improve how information is shared through Arbor and will keep you updated as these developments progress.

CLUBS

Clubs will start on the week beginning 21st September. You will receive confirmation if your child has been given the clubs they asked for, and if not, you will be on the waiting list.

The football club is now a payable club and an email and sign up details will be emailed on Monday to children in Y4 to Y6.

CHOIR

If your child is in Y4, Y5 or Y6 they can join the school choir by clicking **here**. We currently have 45 spaces on this club. This form will close on Tuesday 15th September at 12:00.
The school choir meets every Wednesday lunchtime and will have the opportunity to participate in Young Voices. Choir members will receive a letter later in the term to sign up and make payment for this trip.

MEET THE TEACHER

Our annual Meet the Teacher meetings for Y1-Y6 will be held on Monday 21 September. These meetings offer parents and carers the opportunity to attend a presentation delivered by their child's class teacher, outlining the curriculum, classroom expectations, and key information for the academic year ahead. They will be at these times, and childcare is available in school during your meeting.

Time	Class
3:30 – 3:50	St Peter St Paul St George
3:50 - 4:10	St Josephine St Martin
4:10 – 4:30	St Theresa St Andrew
4:30 - 4:50	St Patrick St David

TERMLY CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

The Autumn 1 curriculum overviews are on our website **here**. These tell you what the children will be learning across the curriculum during this half term

REMINDER

Nuts are strictly not allowed to be brought into school



NEXT WEEK

Date	
Tuesday 15th September	St Theresa Swimming
Friday 18th September	Prayers with parents This starts in the hall at 08:45. It is an opportunity for parents and children to come together for 5 minutes to end the week in prayer together. In the hall. All welcome

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY AS ONE SCHOOL ONE FAMILY