



Barty Bugle

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

We've had another busy week here at St Bart's.

Y1 have been investigating all sorts of shenanigans around school! They had a visit from PC Plodder because of the mess that was being left by an unknown culprit... turns out it was The Naughty Bus! All has been quiet for a couple of days now so we hope that's the last of it! 

As part of their DT learning, they have explored different types of houses where they took a walk into the village to observe real-life examples. The children enjoyed spotting similarities and differences between homes and discussing what materials were used.

Oak Class have been busy exploring the world around them through science and storytelling. In their science lessons, they tested the properties of different rocks—investigating hardness, permeability, and durability to understand how rocks are used in everyday life. Meanwhile, in English, they've been diving into the vibrant world of the circus, using rich descriptive language to bring scenes to life with mechanical animals, colourful tents, and thrilling acts. It's been a brilliant mix of hands-on learning and creative expression!

Please look out for the curriculum overviews, which will be sent to families next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

National Target: 95%

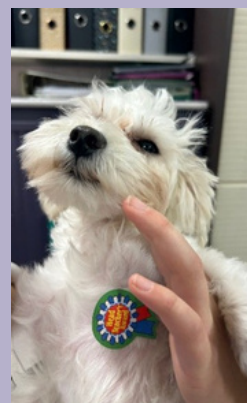
School Attendance: 99.32%

LUCKY THE DOG

As some of you might already know I have a multi-poo dog called 'Lucky'. He has been the school dog at Manifold and St Leonards over the last few years and has been with us since being a tiny puppy. He loves having stories read to him and is always on hand for a love when children need one. He's also very good for the grown ups well-being too.

Lucky would absolutely love to come into St Bartholomew's school this year. Please could you let the school office know by Monday next week if this would be a problem for your child so that we can work out if this is possible.

Thank you
Mrs Stanesby



WEEKLY AWARDS

WELL DONE TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



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.

- ☀ 29/09/2025 - Y1 to Y4 to Poole's Cavern
- ☀ **29/09/2025 - Nursery Teddy Bear's picnic**
- ☀ 29/09/2025 - PTA meeting - 3pm
- ☀ 02/10/2025 - Census Day - special menu details below!
- ☀ **11/10/2025 - Open morning 9:30 to 11:30** (discover and connect)
- ☀ **11/10/2025 - Open day (by appointment)**
- ☀ 21/10/2025 - Parent Consultations
- ☀ 27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025 - Half Term
- ☀ 28/11/2025 - Christmas Fair (4:30pm to 7pm)
- ☀ 08/12/2025 - Y1 to Y4 Panto at Buxton Opera House
- ☀ 10/12/2025 - Flu immunisation (Y1, Y3, Y4)
- ☀ 19/12/2025 - Finish for Christmas Break



MENU

Autumn/Winter 2025-26



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (ve)
TUESDAY	Classic Mac & Cheese Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Apple Cake (v)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Jaffa Cake Sponge (v)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with custard (v)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Flapjack (ve)	SPECIAL MENU DAY	Penne with Beef Bolognese Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite(Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)
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V – Vegetarian Ve – Vegan

Freshly baked bread, salad, and fresh drinking water available daily

Week commencing 29th September we are on week two

SPECIAL MENU ALERT!

Thursday 2nd October is census day so Miss Vicki will be preparing a special menu.

The children have agreed that as their special menu they would like homemade sausage roll, chips and beans (or sweetcorn). For pudding they have requested a chocolate and vanilla swirl.

The number of pupils who take school meals on this day affects the funding that the school receives from the government so we would like as many pupils as possible to have a school dinner on this day.

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 focussed on Conspiracy Theories

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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- UNDERMINING TRUST**
Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.
- ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS**
Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.
- MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT**
Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.
- GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM**
Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.
- CONFLICT WITH PEERS**
Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.
- ERODED CRITICAL THINKING**
Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

I WANT TO BELIEVE

- CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS**
Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.
- PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING**
Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.
- MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR**
Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.
- REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES**
Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.

[Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories)

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Spotlight

CLUB BARTY

Club Barty is our in-house wraparound care club. It is available before and after school for all children in our setting - including nursery children.

Breakfast club is available Monday to Friday during term time. Children can be dropped off from 7:45am. If they arrive before 8:30am they will be offered breakfast of toast and a drink of milk or water.

The cost for the full hour is £6 per child.

After school Club is available Monday to Friday during term time up until 5:15pm. Sessions are charged at £6 per hour, per child. Children who stay for more than half an hour are offered a snack of crackers and cheese along with a drink of cordial.

We are also introducing shorter sessions at a reduced cost.

A 15 minute session is charged at £1.50 per child

A 30 minute session is charged at £3.00 per child

Charges for Club Barty will be added to Arbor for payment.

We know that it can be tricky if you have an older child as well as a child in nursery, so we are offering these shorter sessions to allow you to either drop off, or pick up, at the same time for the lower cost.

We do still need to make sure that there are enough staff available onsite for Club Barty to meet statutory ratio requirements, so sessions still **need to be booked** in advance using the monthly booking form.

If you would like to book any sessions for the remainder of September, please email the school office with your requirements.

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Mellor who will be happy to answer any questions.

TEA AND TOTS TOO

We are excited to launch our "Tea and Tots Too" group. This will take place on the second Monday of every month with the first session on **Monday 13th October 2025 - 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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FOREST FRIENDS

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will be continuing to use our stunning forest school area for Forest Friends on the first Monday of each month. Sessions are **free** but can fill up quickly, booking is essential.

Forest Friends

Outdoor stay and play
St Bartholomew's Primary School,
Longnor, SK17 0NZ



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Following the Forest School ethos we'll use nature as our guide and see where our curiosity leads us as we play and explore outdoors!

First Monday of the month
10.30am - 12pm

6th October
3rd November
1st December
5th January
2nd February

Free but Booking Essential

For more info and to book visit
www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events



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