Barty Bugle

20TH MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,

It has been so welcome to see the sunshine with us this week, bringing opportunities for the children to enjoy their learning outdoors.
Mrs Pantev and Mrs Richardson attended a collaborative staff meeting on Tuesday evening with colleagues from St Leonards First School and Hollinsclough Academy and Mrs Gibson was at St Johns Primary yesterday on a Health and Safety audit - it's always so nice to get out and about with the wider TMPF family.

It has been another busy and exciting week in **Little Acorns**. Our caterpillars are becoming much more active and are growing bigger every day, which has caused much excitement. The story The Very Hungry Caterpillar has been a real favourite, and the children have enjoyed retelling it and linking their learning to our growing caterpillars. In the workshop, the children have been making their own caterpillars and butterflies, really embracing their creativity. They have also been working very hard on their fine motor skills, using pencils to trace patterns and letters with great concentration. In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of numbers to 5 by using ten frames to represent amounts in different ways. The lovely weather has been a real bonus, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the sand and exploring our outdoor area.

In **Acorn Class**, we have been busy in maths learning about addition and how it links to part–part–whole models, using the plus and equals signs to write simple addition sentences. In English, we have been thinking creatively about Stanley's Stick, using adjectives to describe all the imaginative things Stanley's stick could become. The children have even written letters to Stanley with their own ideas of what he might do with it next. In RE, our focus has been on the Easter story and understanding why the cross is such an important symbol for Christians. In Geography, we took a visit to the park to look at its features and then completed graphs based on our observations.

It has been a brilliant week of learning in **Oak Class**! In maths, Year 3 have enjoyed learning how to add 2 and 3-digit numbers using column addition and can't believe that this "easy method" for adding has been kept a secret from them for so long! Meanwhile, Year 4 and 5 have added the 9 times table to their bank of multiplication facts and are confidently using the pattern of adjacent multiples of 9 to solve problems.
In English, the children have enjoyed using the Ipads to research information on 'tea' as they prepare to write a non-chronological report brimming with all the interesting facts they have discovered. The class worked brilliantly in Geography when tasked with identifying positive factors that would have influenced where settlements began, including access to water, shelter and protection based on the landscape around. They particularly enjoyed using this knowledge to create their own settlements. Finally, we have continued practice our recall of colours in Spanish and the children loved our game of colour bingo!

Acorn and Oak have continued working on their upper body strength and finding ways to travel around the equipment in their Parkour session.

Fingers crossed for a sunny weekend!

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

National Target: 95%
School Attendance: 98.7%

NOTICES

KS2 Football Club

There will be no football club after school next Thursday - it will restart after half term on Thursday 16th April.

Little Acorn's Outing

Next Friday (27th April), Little Acorns will be out and about around the village for a little community walk.

Oak Class Residential

REMINDER: Please ensure that you have reserved your child's space and paid in full before we finish for the Easter break.

Club Barty

There will be no Club Barty on Tuesday (24th March) due to whole teaching staff training

Easter Service

Families are invited to join us at St Bartholomew's Church for our Easter service - **Friday 27th March at 2pm**

Egg Boxes

We need egg boxes! If you have any empty egg boxes - please can you send them in to school on Monday

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.

- 24th March - No Club Barty after 3:15pm due to whole staff training
- 27th March - Easter service at Church (2pm) - Families welcome
- 27th March - School finishes for Easter Break
- 30th March to 10th April - Easter break
- 4th May - Early May Bank holiday
- 25th May to 29th May - Half term break
- 23rd April - Tough Mudder Event
- 1st June - Inset day (school closed to children)
- 2nd June - School re-opens to pupils
- 17th July - School finishes for summer holidays

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WEEKLY AWARDS

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

MENU

Spring / Summer 2025-26

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
TUESDAY	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)	Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)	Chicken Stir-Fry Rice Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)	Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)
	23/2/26, 16/3/26, 6/4/26, 27/4/26, 18/5/26, 8/6/26, 29/6/26	2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26, 25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26	9/3/26, 30/3/26, 20/4/26, 11/5/26, 1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26

V -Vegetarian Ve -Vegan

Choice of Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.

Week commencing 23rd March we will be on week two of the menu

WILD CHURCH
✝ ON THE FARM ✝

Sunday 19th April 2026

11am – 2pm

Open to all children and their families

Bring wellies and waterproofs and a packed lunch

WORSHIP • CRAFTS • FARM VISIT

Theme: St George

Meet at St John, Reapsmoor, SK17 0 LG

To book: ring or message 07973739157 or email info@bernardsfarm.co.uk

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 online trends encouraging violence

COMMUNITY

The next session of Tea and Tots Too takes place on Monday 13th April.
If you know anyone who would like to come along, please let them know!

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

Supported by Longnor Parish Council

COMMUNITY

The next Forest Friends session will take place on Monday 6th April 2026. Sessions are free but must be booked via the "Events" page of the **Staffordshire Wildlife Trust** website. Use the keyword search on the left of the page to search for sessions in Longnor.

Forest Friends

Outdoor stay and play

St Bartholomew's Primary School,
Longnor, SK17 0NZ

Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust

@swtactivities
@StaffsWildlife
@staffswt

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

6 April
4 May
1 June
6 July

Free but Booking Essential

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

Free thanks to funding from The Staffordshire Freemasons

For more details contact getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk