



# Barty Bugle

27TH MARCH 2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear St Bartholomew's community,

It's hard to believe how quickly the spring term has flown by. A huge thank you to all our parents and the wider community for the ongoing encouragement, involvement and support you show our school. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff team, whose hard work, care and enthusiasm make all of this wonderful learning possible. We are already looking forward to everything the summer term has in store!

We were delighted to welcome Open The Book into school on Tuesday, for their final visit of the spring term. We are extremely grateful for their generous donation of an Easter egg for every child.

In Little Acorn Class, the children have loved observing our caterpillars as they continue to grow, sparking wonderful conversations about their life cycle and the changes we can expect to see. We listened to the story of Easter and enjoyed a range of festive activities, including making cards, creating bunny ears, crafting chocolate nests and taking part in an exciting egg hunt, where our paper eggs were magically transformed into chocolate ones. The class also had a lovely time exploring the village on a community walk. A special thank you goes to Miss Orton for joining us on extra days this week—it has been fabulous having her with us.

In Acorn Class, the children have been completing their maths and English assessments and discovering all the areas in which they truly shine. Their RE work this week involved creating their own Easter gardens, featuring a cross to represent Jesus's sacrifice. In Geography, they produced pictograms to show the human and physical features of the park and made wonderfully messy maps using different materials to represent the facilities they observed. In Music, the children explored graphical notation to express how various musical pieces made them feel.

In Oak Class, the children have been working hard on their maths and reading assessments, demonstrating brilliant recall and showing just how much progress they have made. In Art, they were introduced to tessellations and enjoyed designing their own templates to create repeated patterns, which they used to make some beautiful Easter-themed artwork. Their RE learning brought the Easter story together through the creation of Easter gardens, and the children spoke confidently about the meaning behind each element they included.

Across both Acorn and Oak Class, the children also enjoyed their final Parkour session in PE, where they designed their own obstacles and explored different ways of moving around the space using a variety of pathways.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter service at St Bartholomew's Church on Friday; it was wonderful to share such a special celebration together.

It has been a wonderful half term full of curiosity, creativity and learning. We wish everyone a restful break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April for a bright and exciting summer term ahead.

Team Barty

**ATTENDANCE**

National Target: 95%  
School Attendance: 100%

## NOTICES

### KS2 Football Club

Football will restart after half term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### Menu Change

The children have spoken! When we return after the Easter break, Tuesdays of week 2 will be Italian Sausage Pasta Bake until we finish for summer.

### 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.

### Bikability

On 20<sup>th</sup> April KS2 will be taking part in Bikeability training. Please visit [THIS LINK](#) and complete the online consent form.

KS1 will also receive Bikeability training on this day - we are waiting on a consent form from the provider and will send this out when we have received it.

### Tea and Tots Too

The next Tea and Tots Too session will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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.

- 30<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter break
- **20<sup>th</sup> April - Bikeability**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Tough Mudder event
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - Early May Bank holiday
- 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half term break
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Inset day (school closed to children)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June - School re-opens to pupils
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - School finishes for summer holidays







## SAFEGUARDING

At St Bartholomew's Primary, keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do. We want to remind all families of the key safeguarding contacts within school and how we work with local services to protect and support our pupils.

### **Safeguarding Team**

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) & Designated Teacher:

Mrs Kelly Stanesby

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL):

Mrs Keelie Gibson

If you ever have any worries about a child's wellbeing, safety, or behaviour—no matter how small—please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. We are always here to help.

Our **Safeguarding Policy** can be found on our school website.

### **Operation Encompass**

We are proud to be an Operation Encompass School.

This means that, when the police attend an incident of domestic abuse where children are present, they will inform our DSL by the next morning. This early sharing of information allows us to offer the right support and care for pupils who may have been affected.



### **If You Have Serious Concerns About a Child**

If you believe a child may be at risk of harm, please contact:

- Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service:  
0300 111 8007
- Out of hours please call:  
0345 604 2886
- If a child is in immediate danger, always call:  
999

Your vigilance and partnership help us keep every child safe, supported, and protected.

Thank you for working with us.

# WEEKLY AWARDS

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



# MENU



## Spring / Summer 2025-26



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	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)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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

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 13th April we will be on week two of the menu

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# 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](mailto:info@bernardsfarm.co.uk)



# Ceremony Of The Seed

Free family friendly events  
presented by Wild Rumpus

**Come and play in a world of stories, seeds, and shared memories.**

Step into our magical ceremonial space, where friendly characters invite you to swap a cherished memory of nature for a seed! Plant, make, imagine, and add your own memory to our ever-growing seed sculpture, then take home a little piece of magic to grow. Perfect for families of all ages, this gentle adventure invites you to pause, play, and feel a renewed closeness to nature.



## WHEN & WHERE:

**April 10th** 12pm - 4pm  
St. Bartholomew's  
C.E. Primary School,  
Longnor

**April 11th** 12pm - 4pm  
Westwood Rec, Leek

**April 12th** 12pm - 4pm  
Rudyard Lake

**April 18th** 11am - 3pm  
Biddulph Library

**April 19th** 12pm - 4pm  
Jubilee Park, Tean

No booking required,  
free to attend, for  
further information  
please email  
[hello@outsidearts.org](mailto:hello@outsidearts.org)

Find out more about Wild Rumpus  
at [wildrumpus.org.uk](http://wildrumpus.org.uk)



# Nature in Your Neighbourhood

A community led project improving green spaces in the Staffordshire Moorlands

## What Is NIYN?

Nature in Your Neighbourhood is a five year project supporting communities to boost biodiversity and monitor habitat health across the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Local residents have nominated their own neighbourhood green spaces—and now we're working together to make them thrive.

### Find your local NIYN site:

[www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/nature-your-neighbourhood](http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/nature-your-neighbourhood)

#### Building skills and knowledge:

- Training in seasonal wildlife and plant surveys
- Resources and tools for nature monitoring
- Guidance for planning wildlife friendly greenspace management
- Support for community action and habitat improvement



#### Ways you can get involved:

- Join wildlife and plant surveys at a site near you
- Record local nature using a simple phone app
- Take part in planning your site's wildlife friendly future
- Help create real, positive change for local biodiversity

No experience needed—everyone can contribute!



## GET IN TOUCH

Email: [wilderenquiries@staffs-wildlife.org.uk](mailto:wilderenquiries@staffs-wildlife.org.uk)

Website:

[www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/nature-your-neighbourhood](http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/nature-your-neighbourhood)



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# Farm to Fork

## HAF Programme

At Intake Farm, Ipstones, ST10 2JT



**7th & 8th April, 9am - 1pm**

**Free for HAF Eligible Children**

**£25** per session for **non-HAF** children

To book log on to: [www.eequ.org](http://www.eequ.org)

Call: 07795 420664




## COMMUNITY

The next session of Tea and Tots Too takes place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

For more information please email:  
[office@st-bartholomews.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-bartholomews.staffs.sch.uk)

**Suggested  
donation £2  
per family**

Supported by Longnor Parish Council

## COMMUNITY

The next Forest Friends session will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

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@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](http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events)



Free thanks to funding from The Staffordshire Freemasons

For more details contact [getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk](mailto:getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk)

## COMMUNITY

On Wednesday 22nd April from 9.30am, Caudwell Children are offering a session exploring how behaviour is communication and understanding why distressed behaviour may occur. The session looks at how to understand what behaviour may be communicating and practical strategies to support your child to understand their emotional regulation. This session is **FREE** to attend and no diagnosis is required. To attend you will need to complete an application form via [THIS LINK](#). See below for details

# **FREE** FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION

**With Caudwell Children at Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub!**

**Wednesday 22nd April 2026  
9:30am - 1:30pm**

### **Supporting Emotional Regulation & Behaviour**

A session exploring how behaviour is communication and understanding why distressed behaviour may occur. The session looks at how to understand what behaviour may be communicating and practical strategies to support your child to understand their emotional regulation.

**This session is FREE to attend and no diagnosis is required.**

This is the first time Caudwell Children have been able to offer these sessions in person - they are usually delivered online.

To attend you will need to complete an application form at [www.caudwellchildren.com/families/family-support-sessions/](http://www.caudwellchildren.com/families/family-support-sessions/)

- ✦ Click on the box - 'Book a Family Support Session'
- ✦ Complete the online application form - select session 'Supporting Emotional Regulation & Behaviour (virtual)'
- ✦ For Q21 please enter text - 'STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS FAMILY HUB - 22/04/26'
- ✦ Submit the application.

The Growing Together Team will send you a confirmation e-mail.

Come along on 22nd April at 9.30am to the Family Hub at Staffordshire Moorlands!

Tea & Coffee will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any queries speak to Donna in the Hub or e-mail [growingtogether@caudwellchildren.com](mailto:growingtogether@caudwellchildren.com).

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