

St Bartholomew's Primary School

November 2024



3rd Newsletter of school year 2024 - 2025 - Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers / Staff

Grateful thanks our Parent Council Members and to all who volunteered, donated, bought raffles, helped in anyway and joined us on the day. It was wonderful to see the community come together to allow us to have such a very successful Christmas Fayre on a very snowy, cold and wet Saturday. Our choir entertained us they were just fantastic !!

We raised an amazing £1202.87 thanks to everyone's effort. A very special thanks to all our classes who made and sold their 'Christmas Crafts' The start of our funds for future outings for all our classes. Thank you also to the following businesses who very kindly donated some wonderful raffle prizes: Time Capsule Waterpark, Bizzi Izzi at the View , Occasions Flowers and Angel Nail & Spa.

Look out for information about upcoming events to share in your children's learning throughout the year. Our Parent Council will be relying on your support for upcoming events and planning is already underway for a variety of exciting events. Please check your groupcall messages regularly for updates. Thanking you in advance for your much needed help.

Our Class Hamper raffle is still on sale £2.00 a strip this will be drawn at our P1-P3 Nativity on Friday 13th December.

Kind regards
Deirdre Bolland

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS/CARERS

In line with North Lanarkshire Council aspiration to become a leading digital authority, the main portals that we use for communicating with parents/carers are:

Email and text: please provide our office staff with your **up-to-date details** to ensure you receive our most recent updates.

Class Dojo: all parents /carers are invited to join class DOJO where they will see regular updates about their child's social and emotional learning/progress.

School website: blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/ class pages on the school website provide parents/carers with regular information on their child's learning as well as updates from our weekly school assembly i.e. Winning House, Cool Cup, and pupil of each class of the week

X (Twitter) : There is a twitter feed on the home page of our website and you can also follow us on your phone or home computer/tablet. We use X to share news of the wide range of activities St. Bartholomew's pupils are involved in and to celebrate children's wider achievements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 3rd of December:

is our Christmas Dinner day. You will have received our MS form in your email to submit if your child is having a meal.

Tuesday 10th December:

Is our annual outing to the Pantomime in the Pavilion Theatre Glasgow. This year it is 'Beauty & The Beastie'. We thank most sincerely Mark and Lucy Millar for funding this every year. Please note children should be in school uniform. Thanking you

Wednesday 11th December:

P4 - P7 Carol Concert in the hall. Tickets are on sale now priced £3.00
Curtain up 2.00pm.

Thursday 12th December:

P1 to P3 children's Christmas Party

Friday 13th December:

P1 - P3 Christmas Nativity Show. Tickets are on sale now priced £3.00
Curtain up 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th December:

P4 and P5 children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December:

P6 and P7 children's Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December:

End of year Mass in St Bartholomew's Church 10am

Friday 20th December:

School closes at 2.30pm

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and Holy Christmas break and best wishes for 2025. I look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 6th January.

Parents Portal

Parents Portal is the main communication system and a 'one stop shop' for parents which enables schools to streamline communications digitally with parents. The main benefits are:

- The Portal gives one sign in access to online payments for school lunch, trips and visits.
- Allows you to report the absence of your child, without having to call the school.
- Completing the annual data check form online.
- Update your contact details and electronically sign permission forms
- Book your parents' evening appointment online

To support you there is guidance within North Lanarkshire area as well as parent support FAQ's and user guides on the NLC

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal>

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TAKING PART IN:



Cross Country Running Club:

Huge well done to our P6 and P7 boys and girls who took part in North Lanarkshire's Cross Country running trials at Dunbeth Park. The children ran a tough course in very cold conditions to compete against boys and girls from schools across North Lanarkshire. The competition was fierce! The children showed superb stamina and excellent endurance and their hard work paid off. They all completed the course and one of our P7 girls qualified for the finals in March 2025. Congratulations Layla!

Foodbank Collection:

Primary 1/2 and Primary 2/3 as part of their community project included whole school and asked for donations for the foodbank. Pastor Stuart was delighted with the fantastic donations from our school community. Thank you so much!

Netball:

Miss Allington was delighted with the wonderful turn out for the p4 and 5 after school netball club this term. There were so many enthusiastic children excited to learn and develop their netball skills. It was a great opportunity for some of our children to then take part in the North Lanarkshire Fun 5z Netball tournament where we were able to compete against lots of other schools.

The After School Netball club will start up again in term 3 for our P6 and 7 children and the P4 and P5 group will have another opportunity for some after school sessions in term 4. Thanks to all the children for coming along, you have worked so hard!

Mini Vinnies:

Held a bake sale for the work of ACN they raised £271. They are also collecting items a new baby layette for the Innocents Society. There has been some beautiful home knitted goods, nappies, wipes etc handed in. Well done to the children on their hard work and grateful thanks to everyone for donations.

NHS:

Will be in school on Thursday 19th December to administer the nasal flu spray to children who have returned their permission forms sent out by nurses.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024 – 2025



December 2024 - January 2025

Schools close at **2.30pm** on Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025 (inclusive) (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

February 2025

Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Mid-term break)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (**In-service day pupils do not attend**)

April 2025

Schools close at **2.30 pm** on Friday 4 April 2025

Monday 7 April- Monday - Monday 21st April 2025

Schools return on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

*Good Friday 18 April and Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May 2025

Monday 5 May 2025 (May Public Holiday)

Tuesday 6 May 2025 (**in-service day pupils do not attend**)

Friday 23 May 2025 and Monday 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June 2025

Schools Close at **1.00pm** on Wednesday 25 June 2025

If you have any further comments or queries, please email

enquiries-at-st-bartholomews@northlan.org.uk