

St Bartholomew' Primary School

August 2025



Start of school year – Headteacher's message

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children back into school this week. They have come back into school with such a positive attitude and appear happy to be back into school – seeing their friends again and settling back into school routines.

Can I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new Nursery class and P1 children and their families. They have come in smiling and positive and have been a credit to you. Thank you for the part that you have played in preparing them to start school. We look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better. We hope that all our new children and parents/carers will be happy at St Bartholomew's Primary & Nursery.

Thank you too, to parents/carers of our existing pupils for sending them back to school looking smart and in correct uniform. This forms part of our behaviour system.

Can we ask that parents check that all of your child's belongings have been **labelled**, to include shoes. We have so many children in each class and want each child to learn to look after their belongings and keep them safe. It is so much easier to give the items to the correct child if they are labelled. Many thanks.

I very much appreciate all of the continued support from our families and look forward to working with you this school year.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / CLOTHING GRANTS

If you think you may be entitled to claim free school / meal clothing grant for your child please do so at the link below. Uniform grant for this is £155.00 for primary children and £180 for secondary schools. You may be entitled to both or just clothing grant please enquire if you are not sure. <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

Children P1 – P5 are entitled to a free meal and free access to breakfast club

P6 – P7 if not entitled to free meal pay £3.40 and £1.05 for breakfast club

ALLERGIES / INTOLERANCES TO ANY FOOD PRODUCTS

As you will be aware watching media allergies/intolerances can be dangerous. The link takes you to North Lanarkshire Council Special Diets where there is link for you to complete form 1A for your child if they have allergies/intolerances.

[Special diet | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

School uniform

Daily Uniform
White shirt/Polo shirt
School tie
Black trousers/black skirt/black pinafore
Plain black shoes/plain black trainers
Black sweater/ cardigan
Red gingham summer dress (appropriate to weather)



P.E. KIT
White polo shirt
Black shorts / joggers
Plain black trainers

Children should come to school on P.E. days dressed in full school uniform with P.E. kit in school bag. Although all classes have timetabled P.E. sessions, there are often additional opportunities for sporting activities as well as staff making the most of the last of the good weather for outdoor P.E. lessons. Children are not allowed to take part in P.E. unless all jewellery/earrings have been removed. Football colours of any kind are **not permitted** – in school – this is North Lanrshire Council's Policy and includes football teams i.e. local, national or international. This also includes pencil cases, bags, water bottles and other accessories. Thank you in advance for your support.

School uniform Bank: We have a number of new uniform / freshly laundered nearly new uniform items available for collection in our uniform bank, which is located in the music room. Collection can be arranged discreetly by contacting school office. We are also appealing for donations of school uniform to replenish our stocks throughout the year. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

St Bartholomew's Parent Council: We offer our thanks to the members of the Parent Council who have planned and supported events throughout the school year. The Parent Council will send out a calendar of events in August /September for the 2025/2026 school year and will survey parents to seek their views, particularly around funding for extra-curricular activities for school trips and discos. The Parent Council hope to welcome new members to the Parent Council as events rely very much on support. Commitment to Parent Council is 40 minutes of meetings per month. Potential new members should contact Mrs Bolland in the first instance using the general enquiries email. Enquiries-at-st-bartholomews@northlan.org.uk

How we communicate with you:

We communicate with parents through a mix of digital, including emails and text messages, parent portals and apps like Groupcall, school websites, class Dojo and meetings such as parent-teacher consultations. Schools utilize these various channels to share school news, important updates, event calendars, and homework information, with urgent messages often reserved for text alerts. If you have not joined the parent portal I urge you to do this here is the link [parentsportal.scot](https://parentsportal.scot.nhs.uk/) | [The digital doorway to your child's school](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/). There is a mobile app in Google Play or Apple app for portal. The class teachers have issued codes to join the class DOJO. School website : <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/> this is updated weekly it has lots of information about school. We have several methods to enhance a home-school partnerships, effective partnerships, promoting parental engagement, effective communication, and building relationships with our parents/carers.

Dates for your diary :

September

Friday 26th and Monday 29th September - September week-end holiday

October

Monday 13th to Friday 17th October - October week break

November

Monday 17th - In-service day pupils do not attend

December

Thursday 18th school closes at 2.30pm

Friday 19th – Friday 2nd January 2026 Christmas & New Year holidays

January 2026

School re-opens Monday 5th January 2026

February

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th - Mid term break

Wednesday 18th - In-service day pupils do not attend

April

Thursday 2nd April school closes at 2.30pm

Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April - Easter Break

School re-opens Monday 20th April

May

Monday 4th May - May Holiday

Thursday 7th May - In-service day pupils do not attend

This may change subject to Scottish parliamentary elections

Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May - May holiday weekend

June

School closes at 1.00 pm on Friday 26th June

Thursday 9th October - Reporting to parents - Appointment booking system sent through groupcall to allow you to book appointment

Thursday 23rd October - Primary 2/3 Mrs MacLean's class will host their first assembly parents will receive invite through class dojo.

Friday 29th August - Stay and Read with your child invite has gone out through class DOJO

Parent Council Meeting - Friday 29th August 2.00pm