



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Year 1

Fun and Achieve!

Mission Statement

Aspire and believe, flourish and succeed within the heart of God's family.

We aim for everyone:

- To be happy, healthy, safe and successful
- To find enjoyment in all aspects of school life, embracing achievement in all forms as we aspire to excellence
- To have inclusive access to a broad and rich curriculum
- To have high expectations of themselves and those around them
- To acquire essential skills to meet the challenges and lifestyle choices of the future
- To develop their own character and feel valued as an individual, celebrating their unique qualities
- To develop personally, morally and spiritually within the contexts of Christian belief and practice
- To welcome and promote positive relationships
- To demonstrate respect and understanding for the environment and others within our school, local, national and global communities

Who's who?



Miss Isherwood
Class Teacher



Mrs Beck
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Bentley
Teacher

Thoughts from current Year 1 children

"I am looking forward to going to Church"

"Learning new sounds in Phonics"

"I am excited to learn and explore in my new classroom!"

"I am happy and excited to be with my friends again"

A Typical Day in Year 1

8:45 – 9:10	Registration (including Fluency in Five and DEAR)
9:10 – 10:00	Maths/English (including reading and writing sessions)
10:00 – 10:20	Whole School Worship
10:20 – 10:35	Break
10:35 – 11:10	Phonics (including handwriting and presentation)
11:10 – 11:55	Maths/English (including reading and writing sessions)
11:55 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:15	Registration
1:15 – 2:00	Topic Work – incorporating Geography, History, DT, Art, Science, Computing etc.
2:00 – 2:10	Break
2:10 – 3:10	PE
3:15	Home time

The children will do PE twice a week – your child should come to school in their PE uniform on **Monday and Tuesday**.

Aims for the Year

“I want to learn new things”

“We need to decorate our walls with lots of learning.”

“To always have fun!”

“To always try our best and never give up”



Dropping off and Picking Up

In Year 1, the children will be greeted on the main yard by Miss Isherwood or Mrs Beck. Please wait on the yard so the steps do not get congested. They will enter their classroom via their cloakroom entrance which is located on the left of the Reception Class Outdoor Area. At the end of the day, children will be collected at the classroom's back door. This is located on the Key Stage 1 yard, through the side gate, which is between the two school buildings.

Reward Systems

We have a number of reward systems in place in school. These include:

- Housepoints – your child can earn housepoints for their team; each week these are collected and the winning team is announced in Friday's Celebration Worship. Your child will have been allocated a house when they started at St. Bartholomew's and this is the House they will stay in throughout their time here. The six houses, named after our 'Courageous Advocacy Champions' are: **Attenborough**, **Bagley**, **Curie**, **Parks**, **Rashford** and **Thompson**
- Class of Excellence – children work together to gain Class of Excellence Merits. For example, these can be awarded to classes who behave excellently on school trips; or classes who join in well during Worship as well as many other reasons.
- The Gold Book – where children are setting wonderful examples and producing excellent work, their teachers may move them to the Gold Zone. They will come home with a Gold Badge to show that they have been on the Gold Zone.
- Star of the Week – each week, one child from each class is chosen, by the staff in their class, to be the Star of the Week; certificates are awarded every Friday morning during Celebration Worship
- Always Child – for those children who always do the right thing, all the time, we have the Always Band.
- Well-being Award – This is for children who have made positive steps to improve their own well-being or the wellbeing of others.



The Curriculum

We will be holding Achievement Sessions in September. Here, we will go through what is expected in Year 1 and how to support your child through the year. We will see you there – **Monday 23rd September 9am – 10am**, in Year 1 classroom.

English – The children will have an English lesson every day. A typical morning consists of:

- Reading comprehension
- Pathways to Writing, which will include elements of grammar, spelling, vocabulary and sentence structure, while working towards an extended piece of writing.

The children will read from a range of genres and will answer questions based on retrieval, recall, prediction, word definitions, ordering and sequencing using skills such as skimming, summarising and scanning.

When writing, the children will work either in collaboration with the teacher (modelled or shared writing), in pairs or independently.

During the year, there will be a range of genres that are taught and to stimulate the children's writing, we will use a variety of methods such as engaging texts, real-life experiences, videos and images.

Reading

The children will carry out daily reading sessions. In addition to this, the class teacher and teaching assistant will hear children read individually during DEAR Time. The reading material during DEAR time can include texts from the class library or their reading books (fiction or non-fiction).

Children will continue to use BoomReader at home as their reading record. It is therefore important that when you hear your child read at home you add to their record by either using the app or logging on via and website.

Children will also access reading and writing materials throughout their learning day through exploring time.

Reading books will be sent home on Mondays for the whole week in their new reading packs. Please bring reading books every day as your child will be read with or take part in independent reading. Books to be changed on Mondays.

Library books will be chosen on Thursdays to be returned on Mondays.



Jolly Phonics

To support the children in their phonics development and to help them to learn to read, school teaches the Government approved Jolly Phonics program.

Maths – The children will have a Maths lesson every day. Our Maths lessons are based on the White Rose scheme and focuses on mental Maths, arithmetic, fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Although we follow the White Rose scheme, we carefully adapt it and use a range of resources, including physical manipulatives, to support our children.

During the year we will focus on:

Autumn: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Shape

Spring: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Place Value, Length and Height, Mass and Volume

Summer: Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Position and Direction, Place Value, Money, Time

The Rest of Our Curriculum

Science

Our topics for Science in Year 1 are:

Autumn: Human Body, Seasonal Changes, Materials

Spring: Seasonal Changes Link, Animals, Caring for Planet,

Summer: Seasonal Changes, Plants, Cooking and Growing,

RE

As a Church of England School, Religious Education (RE) is extremely important to us. RE will be taught by Mrs Bentley. The topics that we will be covering in Year 1 are:

Who do Christians say made the world?

Who is Jewish and how do they live?

What does it mean to belong to a faith Community?

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

What do Christians believe God is like?

How should we care for the world and others?

Computing

Computing is so vital to today's world and our children's future. Our computing curriculum focuses on four main areas: online safety, computer science, information technology and digital literacy.

The Computing Topics that we will be studying are:

Digital Citizenship (Project Evolve)
Information Technology

Digital Literacy
Digital Project

Computer Science using CS First

MFL

Our topics for Spanish in Year 1 are:

Greetings
Numbers and Colours

Nursery Rhymes
Relationships

Numbers and Colours
Changing Me

PE

The children will have two PE lessons each week; one with KeyPE and the other led by the class teacher. The focus of our lessons will change each half term.

Year 1 PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

Music

Music will be taught weekly, and children will be given opportunities to play instruments within these sessions.

History and Geography

History and Geography are taught separately as they require two very different skill sets.

Our History topics for the year are: Toys, Kings Queens and Castles, Explorers

Our Geography topic for the year is: The World & My School. The children will also complete two fieldwork studies: our school grounds and our local park.

Art and Design Technology

Our Art topics for the year are: Painting and mixed media, Drawing (making your mark), Sculpture and 3D Paper Play

Our Design Technology topics for the year are: Structures (constructing windmills), Textiles (puppets) and Food (Fruit and Vegetables)

What do we want from the children?

All we will ever ask of the children is for them to do their best with everything that they do! Nobody can ask for anything more and we will celebrate all of their unique talents.



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Our new class friend!

My name is Bertie Bartholomew, and I live in Year 1 at St Bartholomew's Primary School, Westhoughton. I have been helping your teacher, Miss Isherwood, set up your classroom for a very exciting and fun year ahead. We have lots of fun activities and areas to learn and explore in. It is going to be so brilliant!



Miss Isherwood has told me that you are such a busy and hard working class, and when you were in Reception, you enjoyed sharing pictures and news on Teams. However, Miss Isherwood says that we don't use Teams in Year 1, so I have come up with an idea. On Miss Isherwood's desk, I have a special box for you to use. If you would like to share what you have been doing at home over the weekend, or during the holidays, write me some sentences, a letter or draw and label a picture of what you have been doing.

I cannot wait to meet you all and be a part of your journey at St Bart's.

See you all soon,

Bertie
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