

The St Botolph's Cloud



December 2024

We break up on Friday 20th December and return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Message from the Chair of the Governor's

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, I am filled with gratitude and hope. This time of year, is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have received and to look forward to the promise of the New Year.

At St Botolph's, we are blessed with a vibrant and caring school. Our dedicated staff have been working very hard over the last few weeks in preparation for this Christmas, and I am looking forward to the Cantata, Christingle services and the school nativity.

Outside of my school life, I am also involved with St Botolph's Church, why not come and join us on 7th December at 10:30am where the children can decorate our Christmas trees, (Parents are welcome to stay or leave their children in our care). On the 24th of December I will be leading the crib services at St. Botolph's Church, we have two, one at 3pm and another at 4:30pm. Come and see the nativity story presented with a twist. Plus, you can all join in (costumes will be provided if you don't have one).



Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who brought light and hope into the world. It is a time for giving, sharing, and showing kindness to one another. I encourage you all to take a moment to appreciate the simple joys of the season and to spread love and compassion within our community.



God bless,
Best wishes Ian Freeman
Chair of the Governors

Our Christian Value this term is **Perseverance**. We have six Christian values through the school:



Perseverance, Thankfulness, Truthfulness, Compassion, Respect and Friendship.

These were all chosen with the children, staff and the governors. It is important that these Christian values flow within and outside the school. The children are taught all these values and together we remind each other about these values and how they can make a difference in our lives.

Christingle

Years 3,4,5 & 6 children will walk to St Deny's Church on Thursday 12th December, please feel free to join us there. The service will start at 1.30pm. This will be led by Father Phillip



Please can we politely ask that parents stand at the rear of the church until the children are all seated, many thanks in advance.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Lobley and Miss Dixon-Willis, two of our lunchtime ladies. We wish them love and luck in their new jobs.

Congratulations to Mrs Devine Who will be joining us in January 2025 covering Miss Hann's maternity leave. Miss Hann hopes to return after October half term 2025.



Contact Details

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Christmas Fayre



On **Friday 6th December** we will be holding the **Christmas Fayre** after school. There will be games, stalls and food, mulled wine, cakes as well as a chance to visit Santa. Listen to the School Choir singing or why not take a selfie in Santas grotto.

We are holding our **Christmas Raffle**. Tickets have been sent home with every child. **£1** per ticket (£5 a book). Ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to be returned to the school via your child's teacher or school office no later than 5th December. We have some great prizes including a top cash prize. All raffle tickets sold help us raise important funds for the school, if you would like more tickets please pop into the school office.

Christmas Bake Off Cake Competition

Chance for your children to show us their baking skills. You can make cakes, decorate them or buy some fairy cakes and decorate these. There will be a winner for Key Stage 1 and 2, winners will be announced at the Fayre where we will sell the cakes to help raise funds.

And finally, we will need some help setting up the Christmas Fayre. We would be very grateful if you can spare an hour of your time from 2pm on the day of the Fayre or tidying up at the end of the Fayre. Please contact the PTFA via email if you are able to offer any help PTFA@stbotolphs.co.uk



Children in Need Day raised £328.05 a huge thank you to the children, staff and parents for supporting this amazing worthwhile cause.

Remembrance service and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

Our Remembrance service was lovely on Monday 11th November. Thank you for supporting Poppy Appeal 2023. total raised by St Botolph's was - £547.43 This is an outstanding effort!



School Nativity

Performed by Year 1 and Year 2, will take place on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 2.15pm. Tickets are limited to a total of 2 per family per performance, Tickets are available on Parentmail at £1 each.



Mrs Wright and I will be on the gates every morning.

I will be at the main entrance and Mrs Wright will be on the gate near the car park. Please say hi to us or come and see us if you have any issues or concerns.

PARKING AND SPEEDING

Please remember to be polite when parking and take particular care where you park. We all have a responsibility to safeguard our children at all times. However, drop off and pick up times can be very dangerous times and we need to look after each other.



Year 5 Cantata

This will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 6pm at St Botolph's Church in Quarrington. We do hope you can join us.



Polite reminder we are a nut free school

please do not send in any products that contain nuts this includes Nutella and cereal bars with nuts in them. Thank you.

There are 5 **Safeguarding Officers** at St Botolph's CE Primary School: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Wright, Miss Hewerdine, Miss Hann and Mrs Dunham Please contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns.



Safeguarding Our Children

Dates for your diary

Friday 6th December - School Christmas Fayre & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 10th December - YR5 Cantata at St Botolph's Church 6pm

Tuesday 10th December - 2.15pm YR1 & 2 Nativity (ticket only)

Wednesday 11th December - 2.15pm YR1 & 2 Nativity (ticket only)

Thursday 12th December - YR3, 4, 5, 6 Christingle at St Deny's 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Whole School Panto Trip

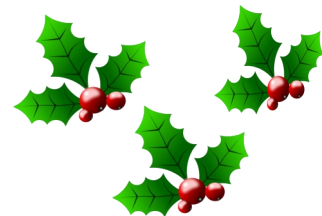
Friday 20th December Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2025 - Back to school

Tuesday 21st January - YR6 Burwell House evacuation centre trip

Thursday 24th & Friday 24th January - YR5 Trip to RAF Waddington - Red Arrows

Monday 27th January - Show Choir Trip to Young Voices Sheffield



Message from the Head

It is a pleasure and an honour to be the Headteacher here at St Botolph's school. I am looking forward to another great and busy year with you all.

We break up on Friday 20th December and return on Monday 6th January. Wishing you all a happy Christmas.

Mrs D Wilson,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Headteacher.

Head Teacher

St Botolph's CE Primary School
TERMS & HOLIDAY 2025/2026

Term 1 (38 days)	Wednesday To Friday	3rd September 2025 24th October 2025
Term 2 (30 days)	Monday To Friday	10th November 2025 19th December 2025
Term 3 (30 days)	Monday To Friday	5th January 2026 13 th February 2026
Term 4 (29 days)	Monday To Thursday	23rd February 2026 2nd April 2026
Term 5 (24 days)	Monday To Friday	20th April 2026 22nd May 2026

CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4th MAY 2026

Term 6 (39 days)	Monday To Thursday	1st June 2026 23rd July 2026
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Bank Holiday Dates

Thursday Friday 25th & 26th December 2025

Thursday 1st January 2026

Good Friday 3rd April 2026

Easter Monday 6th April 2026

Monday & Monday 4th & 25th May 2026