

# The St Botolph's Cloud



January 2025



## Happy new year to you all.

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good New Year too. It was super to spend time with family and friends, but it is also lovely to be back with the children.

We have got lots more exciting learning for the children this term. The staff will be informing you all about what is happening in your child's year group. So, please have a look on the website.

A Big Thank you to Peter, Francesca and the PTFA who raised an amazing £1700 from all their hard work organising the Christmas Fair and events, we really do appreciate all you do. PTFA - please let us know if you would like to join the PTFA.

**Eye Tests** Please could I encourage you to get your child(ren's) eyes tested. We are seeing an increasing number of children struggling at school when trying to read. Many thanks.



## FOOD AND DRINK

We ask that if you send your child to school with a packed lunch that you involve him/her in making healthy choices. We are delighted to see that the vast majority of lunchboxes are already packed with healthy options which the children enjoy.

### **Some suggestions for a healthy**

**lunchbox** Sandwich/Wrap/Pasta  
Cubes of cheese/Sticks of  
carrot, cucumber etc Fruit  
Yogurt, Crisps (low salt, reduced  
fat options are best), Snack bar  
- a healthy option is good, Small  
piece of cake, bun, flapjack.



**Please do not** send in chocolate bars or any food that contains nuts ie Nutella.



Please make sure that the children only put **water** in their water bottles, no juices please.

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

**Perseverance, Thankfulness, Truthfulness  
Compassion, Respect 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.

*Please ask your child to tell you what they have learned in these sessions.*



## Contact Details

School Telephone: 01529 302698

Email: [enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk)

School Website: [www.stbotolphs.co.uk](http://www.stbotolphs.co.uk)

### Early Birds and Badgers Invoices

The before and after school club invoices are sent out via email, usually around the 10th of each month for the previous month's attendance and payment is due by the end of the month the invoice is created. December 2024 invoice payments are due by the end of January 2025.

Please notify school of email address changes.

The charge for Early Birds is £3.10 (drop off from 8.05am) or £5.90 (drop off from 7.30am breakfast included) per child per session and the cost of St Botolph's Badgers is £7.20 per child per session until 5.30pm or £8.90 until 5.55pm. These prices represent very good value for money and all the children enjoy attending in a safe and friendly environment.

Email [earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk) for availability.

### Official goodbye:

We say a fond farewell to Rev Rock, who has moved on. I would just like to thank her for her continued support and dedication to the school since she has been with us. She will be missed.

We will be saying an official goodbye to her on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in worship.

We wish her all the love and luck in the world.



### Message from the Chair of the Governors

Well that was a very busy December, I thoroughly enjoyed the Cantata, the KS1 nativity, the school choir singing at the care home and the pantomime, I want to say a massive thank you to all the staff and volunteers who make all of these activities possible, it a great way to show God's love to us by giving us his son, plus a little bit of Santa always go down well at the same time.

As we start of the new year, I would like to invite any parents that are willing to get involved on our governing board to get in touch with either the school office of contact myself at [chair@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:chair@stbotolphs.co.uk) as we have a vacancy for a school governor. Please let us know by the 20<sup>th</sup> January if you are interested.



If you are like me, I love Christmas and will not take down my decorations until the last minute, although I will probably eat too many mince pies and rather too much Christmas pudding.

Thank you all for your support during 2024, and I look forward to a great 2025 where we should all take on the mantra of St Botolph's and strive to be the best we can

*Ian Freeman*

*Chair of Governors*

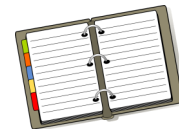
### Diary Dates

Monday 6th January - First day of term

Tuesday 14th January - YR6 Sat Parent information evening 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd January - YR5B RAF Waddington Trip

Friday 24th January - YR5A RAF Waddington Trip



Monday 27th January - Young Voices

Wednesday 5th February - YR Graces Amazing Machines

W/C 10th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet day

Thursday 13th February - YR5 Jorvik

Thursday 13th February—PTFA Disco

### Parking and drop off times.

Just a polite reminder regarding parking and dropping off outside the school. There are still a handful of parents that parking on the zigzags and near junctions, it is causing safety concerns from other parents and local residents. Please refrain from doing this we do not want any accidents and want to keep everyone safe.



The following **email addresses** have been created to help facilitate quick and traceable responses to queries:

[studentabsence@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[holidayrequest@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:holidayrequest@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[changeofaddress@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:changeofaddress@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[sportsclubs@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:sportsclubs@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[musiclessons@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:musiclessons@stbotolphs.co.uk)

[enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk)



School Email

## PUPIL ILLNESS

Please remember that if your child has any sickness or diarrhoea he/she should remain off school premises for **48 hours** to fully recover and to avoid spreading the bug to other children.

Thank you for co-operating with this important matter of sickness.

Please inform school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school and leave a message on the school answerphone.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure that your child (ren) are adhering to the school uniform. A list is on the school website for your information. It is also key that the PE kit and school uniform are named. There are a few children coming into school with nail varnish on, big hair bows and bright hair bobbles. Please make sure that socks are plain too, there are a few children who have cartoon characters on their socks and patterns. Please could you keep to the school uniform guide lines? Many thanks. **No jewellery please except watches, earrings are allowed, but must be covered in tape for PE. Religious jewellery is allowed.**



**PE KITS** - lots of children are forgetting to bring them and don't seem to have the right clothing, particularly for outdoor PE. It is cold outside now, the weather has turned. Please make sure the children have the appropriate attire.

**Staff News** I just wanted to share some super news with you. Miss Stewart, our lovely EYFS (Foundation) lead, will be getting married over the Christmas break. When she returns, she will be Mrs Jones. We all wish her love and luck on her special day. What a lovely Christmas it will be for her. Also Miss Hann will be leaving us in January to go on Maternity leave, I will share more news of her exciting new arrival in due course. We are excited to welcome Mrs Devine will be standing in for Miss Hann.



**Fundraising** A big thank you for all your generous donations - £58.07 was raised for The Children's Society through Christingle and £140 to Save The Children for Christmas Jumper Day

## Message from the Head

It is a pleasure and an honour to be the Headteacher here at St Botolph's school.

**Mrs D Wilson**

**Head Teacher**