

# The St Botolph's Cloud



**October 2024** We break up on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

I can't believe we are into October already. September flew by. The children have settled into school life really well. We are so lucky to have such amazing children here at St Botolph's. The Foundation children have done brilliantly, I am so proud of them all.

## Official Opening

Mrs Shephard (wife of our ex-chair of Governors) came in on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September to officially open the play tower on the KS2 playground. Mr Shephard left the school some money in his Will and it went towards the play tower. We are extremely grateful to both Mr and Mrs Shephard. The children are really enjoying it, as you can see in the picture below. Mrs Shephard also cut the red ribbon on the bench that the school have put at the entrance, this is in memory of Mr Shephard and all that he did for us and the school



Thank You  
for your Kindness

## Congratulations

I just wanted to share some exciting news with you all. Congratulations to Miss Hann (one of our lovely EYFS teachers). She is expecting her first child. Miss Hann is planning to go on maternity leave early January 2025. Dates to be confirmed. In the meantime, we will all make sure that we look after her. We are all so pleased for her.

**Parent's Evenings** These will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



The **Christian Value** this term is **Compassion**

Compassion is our Christian value this term. We are constantly celebrating our Christian values in school.



The other five values are: Thankfulness, Perseverance, Friendship, Truthfulness and Respect. The children get rewarded certificates in worship on a Friday.

## Polite Reminder -

Please ensure you label ALL your child's belongings and correct uniform and PE kits are worn. Uniform can be ordered from Nationwide School Uniforms or preloved from the PTFA website.

## Just a polite reminder that our school day starts:

Foundation stage and KS1 (YR1 & YR2) - 8.40am to 3.10pm KS2 (YR3 to YR6) - 8.45am - 3.15pm. 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.



## Contact Details

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

### Message from the Chair of Governors

As we are now all getting settled into this academic year, I am reminded of the words from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse encapsulates the spirit of our school community, where faith, learning, and love intertwine to create a nurturing environment for our children.

At St Botolph's, we strive to instil Christian values in our students, encouraging them to grow not only academically but also spiritually. Our upcoming Harvest Worship provides the opportunity to come together to give thanks and share our blessings with those in need by generously donating to the Sleaford Community Larder. The generosity and compassion shown by our children and families were truly heart warming.

I am also pleased to announce that we have been able to invest in new playground equipment and a bench at the main entrance that will benefit all our children and families, this has been part funded by a legacy left to the school by the former Chair of Governor's Denzil Shephard. I was fortunate enough to attend the grand opening where Mrs. Shephard cut the ribbon for us. Denzil had a passion for the school and is great to we can have a lasting reminder of this for all to enjoy.

I am grateful for the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, parents, and the wider community.

Ian Freeman

Chair of Governors



There are five **Safeguarding Officers** at St Botolph's CE Primary School:

Mrs Dunham, Miss Hann, Miss Hewerdine, Mrs Wright and myself.

Please contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns or questions.



### Early Birds and Badgers Polite Reminder -

If invoices are two months in arrears it will not be possible for your child/ren to attend Early Birds and St Botolph's Badgers until the account is paid up.



"Leaders have created an ethos where the school's Christian values are at the heart of everything."  
Ofsted March 2023

"Children get off to a strong start in the early years. They access a well-resourced and vibrant learning environment which provides opportunities to learn through play."  
Ofsted March 2023

"Pupils enjoy reading and there is a strong reading culture across the school."  
Ofsted March 2023

## St Botolph's CofE Primary School **ADMISSIONS 2025**

*Open Mornings:*

*Tuesday 1st October 9.30am to 11am*

*Thursday 3rd October 9.30am to 11am*

*Open Evening:*

*Tuesday 1st October 6pm to 7pm*

*Head Teacher tours:*

*Thursday 17th October 9.15am or 2pm*

*Wednesday 6th November 9.15am or 2pm*

*If you have any questions, please email  
[enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk) or Contact us on 01529  
302698*



Respect



Thankfulness



Perseverance



Truthfulness



Friendship



Compassion

### Children's Eye Tests

Free NHS sight tests are available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education. The sooner any eye problem is found, the sooner you and your child will be able to get any treatment and support needed. We recommend that children have their eyes tested as they begin school in EYFS and then continue to attend regular appointments throughout education.

Children may not realise they have a vision problem so, without routine tests, there's a risk a problem may not be spotted. This may affect their development and education.

**Spotting signs of an eye problem** Although your child should have regular eye tests as they grow up, it's still important to look out for signs of any problems and get advice if you have any concerns.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include: the eyes not pointing in the same direction, complaining of headaches or eye strain, problems reading - for example, they may need to hold books close to their face and they may lose their place regularly, problems with hand-eye co-ordination - for example, they may struggle to play ball games, being unusually clumsy, regularly rubbing their eyes, sitting too close to the TV, Children can have an eyesight test at any age. They do not need to be able to read, or even speak. An eyesight test is particularly important if there's a history of childhood eye problems, such as squint or lazy eye, in your family.

For routine eye tests and if you have any concerns about your child's vision, please go to an opticians. The earlier a problem is picked up the better.

### OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st October - New Intake September 2025 Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11am

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3rd October - New Intake September 2024 Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11am

4th October - YR5 Lincolnshire Day Trip

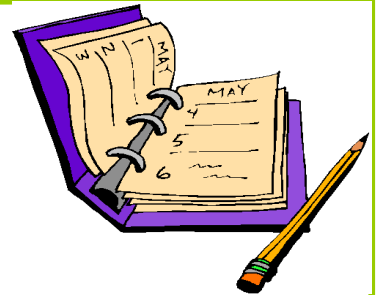
8th & 9th October - Parents Evening

10th October - School Photos

15th October - 3A Wildwood Craft Trip / 17th October - 3B Wildwood Craft Trip

17th October - PTFA School Disco

18th October - Last day of term



### Message from the Head

Please remember, the children are prohibited to use the school's trim trails and any other equipment on the field and playground before or after school. Could I also remind you to make sure the children dismount from their scooters and bikes before they enter the school gates.

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

Mrs D Wilson

Headteacher