The St Botolph's Cloud

September 2025

'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their life'





A warm welcome to our new children in Foundation Stage and to their parents too. We hope your journey with us will be a good one. I have no doubt that your child(ren) and you will enjoy being part of our family.

The staff are all excited to be starting a new term. They have lots of exciting things planned as always.

Christian Value

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.



Foundation Stage NEW INTAKE SEPT

2026 Headteacher tours will take place for two weeks from 13th October 2025 until 24th October 2025.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays will be PM tours 1.30 – 3pm (arrival at 13.30pm ready to start the tour)

Thursday and Fridays will be AM tours 9.30am - 10.15am and then 11.00am until 12.00pm (arrivals need to be both 9.30am and 11am ready to start the tour)

The school gates will be open from 8.30am.



KS2 (except 3A & 4A who will enter through the gate at the side of the office) and Year 2 children will be left at the gates near the carpark and will walk themselves to the classrooms.

Year 1 and Foundation Stage will come through the main entrance to the school and use the gate on the right to walk

round to the playground.

Lessons will begin at 8.40am in KS1 & 8.45am KS2. All children should be in school by that time.

KS1 and Foundation finish at 3.10pm, followed by KS2 at 3.15pm.

When collecting your child, the KS2 and Year2 parents will stand around their gate area. <u>PLEASE DO NOT COME</u>
ONTO THE PLAYGROUND.

Year 1 and Foundation Stage parents will need to walk round and collect their children.

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.



BotsFest

Thank you to you all for coming to Bots Fest. What a day. We all loved it and we raised £1348 It was great to see you all there.



<u>Pupil Illness</u> Please remember that if your child has sickness/diarrhoea they should remain off school for **48 hours** after their last bout to fully recover and to avoid spreading the bug to other children

Please inform school if your child is absent., telephone the school and leave a message on the school answerphone, remember to leave a reason for the absence.

Contact Details

School Telephone: 01529 302698 School email: enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk School Website: www.stbotolphs.co.uk

Up and coming events:

<u>SAT's Tests - Year 6 - (POLITE</u> <u>REQUEST)</u>



These take place in May 2026, please do not take any holiday time at this point of the year.

Direct email addresses

musiclessons@stbotolphs.co.uk
earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk
enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk
changeofaddress@stbotolphs.co.uk

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Please can you be mindful about letting the school office know about after school childcare

<u>arrangements</u> for your child(ren). If possible please send a note in with your child for the teacher in the morning or send a message on DOJO before 8.30am (after this time it may not been seen once the school day starts)

Late messages mean phone calls down to the classroom which disturbs the teaching and the class. An email would be preferable as this can be forwarded direct to the class teacher, please email - enquiries@stbotolphs.co.uk. The sooner we know the arrangements the easier it is for all parties.

Early Birds and St Botolph's Badgers invoices are sent out via email, by the 10th of each month for the previous month's attendance—payment is always due by the end of the month the invoice is created, invoices paid late will incur a late payment fee of £6

If your invoices are two months in arrears it will not be possible for your children to attend Early Birds and St Botolph's Badgers until your account is paid. The charge for Early Birds 7.30am £5.90 (includes breakfast) or from 8.05am £3.10 per child per session and the cost of Badgers is £7.20 per child per session, Badgers finishes at 5.30pm prompt late collections incur a fee of £1.50 per 15 minutes.

We accept payment by childcare vouchers Please contact Mrs Ormesher in the School Office if you require more information regarding payments. For Bookings email Earlybirds.badgers@stbotolphs.co.uk

House Colours and Dojo's

Your child is in a House. (please see below). They will be awarded dojo's throughout the week when they show any of our Christian values. These will be counted up and shared with the whole school on a Friday in certificate worship. During this worship children will be chosen for a star reading certificate, Christian values certificate and a Headteachers certificate. If your child is awarded the Headteachers certificate you will be invited into school via a dojo message, on the Friday morning at 9am. You will be sent a dojo on a Wednesday evening.

House Colours

Hogwarts - Red

Narnia - Green

Atlantis - Blue

Wonderland - Yellow

Eddie Shore Award

Congratulations to Oliver Gunter who won our new "Eddie Shore award" in July.

Eddie was a pupil here at St Botolph's and sadly passed away in July 2024. He was kind, caring, a great friend, a wonderful human being, a good sportsman and lived by our Christian values. This was everything the staff at St Botolph's thought that Oliver epitomised too, that's why he won this year.

This award will be given out again next July to another well deserving pupil.

New school website

We have new school website, please logon and find out what your child's curriculum and learning journey looks like here at St Botolph's.

You can find, class information, dates, policies, lovely pictures and lots more.

Home - St Botolph's Church of England Primary School

Message from the Governors

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, staff, and families especially those who join us in foundation, as we begin a new academic year at our amazing school. September always brings with it a sense of fresh beginnings filled with new possibilities, goals, and opportunities to grow.

In our Christian tradition, I am reminded of Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." As we start this new term, may we lean into that promise—knowing that each day is a chance to learn, serve, and shine in all we do.

I'm excited to see how our school will flourish this year. I pray that God grants our children confidence and joy in their learning, our wonderful staff wisdom and strength, and all of our families continued peace and encouragement.

Let us walk together in faith, with open hearts and hopeful spirits.

With every blessing,

Ian Freeman

Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd September - First Day of Term

Wednesday 24th September - Flu Immunisation

Thursday 25th September - Year 6 Construction Day Trip

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th September - Year 1 Conker Club Trip

Thursday 9th October - School photos

Friday 17th October - 3A Wild Woodcraft Trip

Tuesday 14th October - 3A Wild Woodcraft Trip

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 the 24th October 2025 and return on Monday 10th November 2025. Here's to another great year

Mrs D Wilson

Headteacher