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### CALENDAR:

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### CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

Discover AWE's Apprenticeships: A Parent's Guide

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION GIFT & CRAFT FAIR:

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### YEAR 12 AND 13 BTEC DANCE TRIP:

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**LOST PROPERTY:** We seem to have accumulated a lot of lost property since the beginning of term and we are hoping to reunite items with their owners. To this end, all lost property will be on display for both parents and students to look through and hopefully claim from **Wednesday 15 November until Friday 17 November**, from 8.30 until 4.00pm from Reception.

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In October next year, our Year 9 students and staff will travel to Northern France and Belgium to visit the Menin Gate in Ypres, where George Ashwin Curnock is commemorated, and go to the grave of Robert Arthur Patterson near Athies. They will also visit Thiepval Memorial, where Bertram Saxelbye Evers' name is enscripted, and see the memorial plaque placed five years ago in St George's Memorial Church in Ypres to commemorate the sacrifice made by former St Bart's students in World War I. The plaque reads:

*'This plaque commemorates those soldiers who attended St Bartholomew's School, Newbury. They are named individually in pride of place at our school. They gave their lives in the First World War and their sacrifice will be remembered by us all.'*

Alexander Herbert Davis died in 1915 and is buried just 400m away from the school in Newtown Road Cemetery.

Dr Fitter spoke of our thoughts being with those who risk their lives in order to do their duty and to uphold values such as democracy and freedom of speech around the world. He reminded us of the importance of kindness, respect for others and promoting peace in our own community.

Following Dr Fitter's speech, our Head Students read the traditional Roll of Honour – the names of those 101 St Bart's students who perished in war. Bugle calls by Ethan (Year 11), Matilda (Year 12) and Zoe (Year 12) were heard, and then the School reflected during the two-minute silence.

Mr Robbins, Deputy Headteacher, concluded the service with a poem called 'The Owl' by Edward Thomas, written in 1915.

*Downhill I came, hungry, and yet not starved;  
Cold, yet had heat within me that was proof  
Against the North wind; tired, yet so that rest  
Had seemed the sweetest thing under a roof.*

*Then at the inn I had food, fire, and rest,  
Knowing how hungry, cold, and tired was I.  
All of the night was quite barred out except  
An owl's cry, a most melancholy cry*

*Shaken out long and clear upon the hill,  
No merry note, nor cause of merriment,  
But one telling me plain what I escaped  
And others could not, that night, as in I went.*

*And salted was my food, and my repose,  
Salted and sobered, too, by the bird's voice  
Speaking for all who lay under the stars,  
Soldiers and poor, unable to rejoice.*







Following the service, the School Officers laid wreaths in the Memorial Garden, joined by members of the CCF, symbols of those young people who found themselves wearing uniform in conflict, by the flagpole to lower the flag to half-mast.

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## Calendar

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Y12 UCFB Wembley Trip	Wednesday 15 November	
Sixth Form House Netball	Wednesday 15 November	
Non Uniform Day for Children In Need	Friday 17 November	See below
Set up of PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair	Saturday 18 November	Hall, 2.00-4.00pm
PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair	Sunday 19 November	Hall, 11.00am-2.30pm
Y11 PRACTICE EXAMS Continue	Monday 20 November	Hall (until Wednesday)
Y13 Physics: Live Conference, London	Tuesday 21 November	All day
Sixth Form Interview Exchange	Wednesday 22 November	4.30 – 6.30pm, Downe House
Parents' Association Meeting	Wednesday 22 November	WCC, 7.00pm

[View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there](#)

## Non Uniform Day for Children in Need

### Friday 17 November

We will have a Non Uniform Day on Friday 17 November for Children in Need.

You can donate to this excellent charity through ParentPay. To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.

[Please use this link to make your donations](#)

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## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GIFT & CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday, 19 November 2023**

Our annual craft and gift fair will be held at school on Sunday, 19 November, 11am-2.30pm. St Bart's Gift and Craft Fair is our biggest fundraising event of the year so we'd love your help to make this a great success! We are looking for helpers and donations - please refer below for more details and contact [stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com) if you are able to help in any way. We are always extremely grateful for any help or donations you can provide. We could not do it without you!

### HELP!

Can you spare us a couple of hours? *We are particularly short of help setting up on Saturday, and packing away on Sunday, 2.30-4.30pm.*

- Saturday 18 November: 2.00 - 4.00pm - setting up
- Sunday 19 November: 8.30 - 11.00am or 2.30-4.30pm

### RAFFLE

Are you able to provide a raffle prize or donation for a food or beauty hamper? We are still accepting donations of raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay (until 2pm on Friday, 17 November) or can be bought at the fair - top prize £200 cash!

### CAFÉ

Can you make cake or soup for our café? Cake donations can be left with school reception on Friday, soup on Sunday. It is helpful to please list ingredients and make sure your contributions are nut free.

We have over 70 stalls this year! Please bring your friends and family along with you for some fabulous shopping and refreshments.

Thank you!

## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Discover AWE's Apprenticeships: A Parent's Guide

Wednesday 29 Nov 2023, 17.00 – 19.30. Paices Hill, Aldermaston, Reading RG7 4PR. Are you a parent of a Year 11 or 13 student, exploring options for their future? Join our event to learn about AWE's apprenticeship programmes. All apprenticeships are listed in more detail [here](#). Spaces are limited [so register now to secure your place](#).

St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY  
19 NOVEMBER 2023  
11AM - 2.30PM

**YOUR PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!**



**PLEASE GET IN TOUCH  
IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER  
FOR ONE OF THE TIME  
SLOTS THIS WEEKEND**



## SIXTH FORM WINTER BALL

Last Friday, the Sixth Form hosted its annual Winter Ball. The event is a hugely popular fixture in the Sixth Form social calendar and was a sell-out. The 2023 theme was Winter Wonderland and the hall was dressed in its best sparkly finery, as were the students. and a DJ set from Alleyne provided the tunes. The night raised over £500 for the Sixth Form charity, Sebastian's Action Trust, and was a brilliant success.



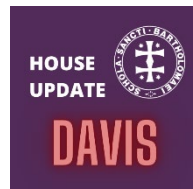
A huge thank you to the Winter Ball Committee led by Sophie Casey, Nya Taank and Bella Warner, and to all the staff, particularly the Sixth Form team, who supported the event.

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## DAVIS HOUSE UPDATE



The new term went off with a bang as Dr Fitter announced us as House Championship winners for a second year in a row! This was a remarkable achievement and just showed that every contribution to the house, however big or small, can add up to big results. Congratulations to all of our Davis students! This year, we continue with Miss Suggitt as Head of House, who joined us at the end of the Summer Term. Mr Fry as Progress and Achievement Leader and Ms Moore as House Manager. Ms Fryer also joins us in the



office every Friday.

We are having a big focus on raising money for our House Charity this year, Swings and Smiles, a play facility in Thatcham for disabled children and their families. We have set Davis students an ambitious target of '£4,000 for 2024' as it costs this much for the facility to run for one year. Our younger students have already been baking and car washing, and others are busy making plans for some exciting fundraising events later in the year, so watch this space!

**£4000**  
**2024**

SWINGS  
& SMILES

It has already been a busy term with some fantastic performances in House Music and winning the Year 8 composition part of the evening - a huge well done to all of those that were involved. Our Year 7s had a great time in the New Forest on an outdoor pursuits day where they became a strong team in some challenging activities – unfortunately, some of them ended up very wet in the lake!

Finally, we are always on the look out for DAVIS DIAMONDS! A new in-house reward scheme that is given to



Davis students who go above and beyond and really embrace our Barts Values. This term, tutors will be nominating tutees of the week to be a DAVIS DIAMOND. But pop into see us in the house office and tell us about your or your friends' amazing achievements!



We are also on instagram, scan the QR code to follow us! Go Team Davis!

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## YEAR 12 AND 13 BTEC DANCE TRIP

The Year 12 and 13 BTEC Dance students attended a performance piece called 'The Four Seasons' by the James Wilton Dance Company at Arlington Arts on 17 October 2023. This piece was created in response to a recomposed version of Vivaldi's creation 'The Four Seasons' by Max Richter.

The dance opened with Spring and we saw movement inspired by the styles of Capoeira, acrobatics, martial arts and contemporary. The movement content between the two dancers was primarily contact work, with the dancers manipulating each other and the male lifting the female. Each season followed thereafter with its own unique lighting state that enhanced the different qualities in each season.

The lighting throughout this piece was excellent. There was a ball of light hanging upstage, almost like a moon that helped to convey a reflective mood during Autumn. When the winter season came along, a dancer performed a piece within a circle of fairy lights on the floor, with the lights representing stars. The female dancer also danced whilst holding a light; as she moved she aimed the light towards different parts of her body.

Neutral colours of costume were used throughout to direct the audience's focus on the movements being made. They allowed the dancers to move unrestricted and the muted colours linked more to the idea of nature.

I feel like the dance was very effective in delivering its choreographic intent. The audience was clearly able to understand each season that was being presented by the lighting, actions and dynamics used. We all had a lovely evening and it has inspired us in our own choreography.

*Julia Parsons (13C4)*

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## PE

### House Rugby

Well done to all the boys who took part in this year's House Rugby. The results are as follows...

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 <sup>st</sup>	EVERS	PATTERSON	DAVIS	PATTERSON	PATTERSON
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DAVIS	CURNOCK	EVERS	EVERS	CURNOCK
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CURNOCK	DAVIS	CURNOCK	CURNOCK	EVERS
4 <sup>th</sup>	PATTERSON	EVERS	PATTERSON	DAVIS	DAVIS

### House Netball

Well done to all the girls who took part in this year's House Netball. The results are as follows...

#### A teams

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 <sup>st</sup>	EVERS	CURNOCK	CURNOCK	PATTERSON	CURNOCK
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DAVIS	PATTERSON	PATTERSON	DAVIS	& EVERS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CURNOCK	EVERS	DAVIS	CURNOCK	DAVIS
4 <sup>th</sup>	PATTERSON	DAVIS	EVERS	EVERS	PATTERSON

#### B Teams

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 <sup>st</sup>	CURNOCK	EVERS	DAVIS	DAVIS	CURNOCK
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DAVIS	PATTERSON	EVERS	CURNOCK	EVERS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	& PATTERSON	DAVIS	PATTERSON	EVERS	PATTERSON
4 <sup>th</sup>	EVERS	CURNOCK	CURNOCK	PATTERSON	

### Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 Rugby team played at Newbury Rugby Club under lights for the first time.

Twenty boys represented the school, with everyone playing at least a half of each match. The rest of the squad trained at school and will play at the Rugby Club next time.

St Bart's played excellently, beating The Downs School 6 tries to 1, then beating Kennet School, 6 tries to 1. Players of the matches were Rupert and Tom. The future of the green and white hoops is in safe hands.



### Year 10 Rugby

Year 10 played a County Cup match v Kennet School under lights at Newbury Rugby Club. Before kick-off, BBC Weather had forecast clear conditions followed by light rain. This turned out to be a 45° angled rainstorm whilst the boys were warming up, resulting in the boys getting wet whilst they waited for the opposition to arrive, and being very cold at kick off time. Despite this, the boys fronted up and gave a strong whole-team performance. The final score was 0-22 to Kennet, but this didn't reflect the close game which saw St



Bart's tackling excellently, scrummaging well, dominating the rucks and getting very close to scoring on several occasions - including outstanding runs from Tristan and Max.  
Players of the match were Archie, Christian and Harry.

### Year 8 Football

Our Year 8 girls had their second round of West Berkshire fixtures on Tuesday. This was the best football they have played since starting at St Bart's which was reflected in the results. The A team won 3 out of 3, beating Kennet School C with a goal from Bella, which was excellently worked from a corner. They also beat St Gabriel's School, 1-0, and won 2-0 against a strong Park House School A side, with all goals coming from Alice,



who stepped up from Year 7 to help out. The B team were extremely unlucky only to draw, 1-1, with The Willink School with Jessie scoring from Year 7 who also stepped up. Unfortunately they lost 1-0 to The Downs School in their final game. A great evening of football - well done all and a big thank you to all the Year 7s who helped out at the last minute.

### Year 10 West Berkshire Football Festival

Well done to the Year 10 girls who took part in their festival last night. Despite dreadful conditions with the wind and the rain, the girls worked hard in their games and kept on smiling!

Both the A and the B team lost both of their matches, but despite their losses, they held their heads up high!







## Badminton

Well done to the 8 Year 10 and Year 11 girls who took part in the Key Stage 4 area badminton tournament. All girls played exceptionally well, but a big well-deserved well done to the A team who were overall winners and brought home the gold medals!

## Year 10 Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the Year 10 Sports Leaders.

The Year 10 Sports Leaders have completed a 4-hour course with Mark Foster and his team and have been awarded a Chance to Shine Cricket Leaders Award. This is going to be particularly useful for them in the Spring and Summer Terms when they will be delivering Cricket in Primary schools.

Well done to you all - you performed brilliantly in your training.



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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL  
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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY

19 NOVEMBER 2023

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*over 60 fabulous stalls!*



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*It's*  
**Christmas!**  
...*nearly*

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS**

We are looking for a piece of artwork to go on the  
front of the St. Bart's Christmas card

Your design must be flat and contain a high  
quality image/symbol/scene of Christmas.  
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**Designs to the Art Office by  
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# Oliver!

**ST BART'S MAIN HALL AT 7PM  
11TH, 12TH AND 13TH DECEMBER**

**TICKETS £1.50**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY**

