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Our Sixth Formers, Avni, Isabella, Callum, Sid, Harry, Yuva, Laura, Mikey, Jemima and Jennifer helped to unpack the parcels from the delivery vans with Mr Wilder. Whilst accompanied by Mr Bandy and



Mrs Cox, our Year 7 students, Maddison, Pranav, Poppy, Vinayak, James, Esther, Gabriel and Hannah, headed out to make the first deliveries to the happy recipients' doors!

Mr Bandy, Assistant Headteacher, said "We had such an enjoyable morning, spreading some Christmas cheer!"

Community is at the heart of St Bart's and it is fantastic that our students were able to take part in this important initiative. I was extremely proud of how our students represented St Bart's and it was great to see the generations chatting together and enjoying this special time of year."



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Calendar

Oliver! - Performance	Wednesday 13 December	Hall, 7.00pm
MFL Karaoke Competition	Friday 15 December	Foyer, Activity Time
CCF Sunday Walk 1	Sunday 17 December	
KS5 Awards Evening (Y13: 2022-2023)	Monday 18 December	Hall, 6.30pm
Rehearsal for Carol Service	Tuesday 19 December	St Nicolas Church, all day
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End of Term	Wednesday 20 December	school day finishes 12.30pm
Spring Term Begins	Monday 8 January	

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

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: ADVIZA WEBINAR: Year 8/9: Choosing GCSE Options

Wednesday 10 January 2024, 6pm to 7pm. The webinars will be recorded and become available on the Past Webinars page so that they can be viewed again at a later date. Bookings are free and can be made via the Events page on the [Careers Portal](#) now. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

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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CHRISTMAS BOOK GROTTA

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped the library spread some Christmas cheer by donating books to Jolabokaflod, St Bart's version of the Icelandic festive tradition 'book flood'! We now have a fully stocked Book Grotto with shelves of free books for our staff and students to choose and gift to a friend. We even have wrapping paper to use so that it doesn't cost a thing!

What should students do if they want to take part?

1. Sign up to Jolabokaflod **via your student school email** by filling out the [Jolabokaflod Sign Up Form](#)
2. Pop into the library during Activity Time (Mon-Thurs) to choose and wrap your book and hand into the Library for safekeeping
3. Come to Curnock breakout area on Friday 15th December to exchange books and enjoy some sweet treats

It's as easy as that to spread a little Christmas cheer!

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Well done and thank you to our other entrants.



Aimee Hutton (8C2)

Guaravi Deegwal (9C1)
Aimee Hutton (8C2)
Chloe Johnson (9C2)
Eve MacLeod (12E7)
Sai Gramya Bayyana (9C3)
Dotty Dolinski (7P1)
Emmeline Lloyd (8D2)
Ollie Manton (9E2)
Abi Marshall (8P3)
Ben Maskell (8D2)
Alice Rumens (7E1)



Winner - Sophie Lystor (10D3)



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THE ST BART'S WHOLE SCHOOL QUIZ 2023

This general knowledge, multiple choice quiz is sat by every student (and lots of staff) every year. The scores from every student count towards the House Championship. This year, Patterson are the winning House.

The students with the top score in each year group were: Georgina Rushmer-Wilson (7D1), Klenam Agodzo (8P1), Lucas Vrolijk (9D2), Amos Fitch (10P1), Abi Hamblin (11P1) and for the Sixth Form, Will Heslop (12D7) and Alex Scourfield (13E3).

We publish the quiz in BartholoNews every year and many St Bart's families do this quiz over the festive period. The answers are at the back of this edition.

1. What is the recent argument between Rishi Sunak and the Prime Minister of Greece all about?

- a) the Elgin Marbles
- b) Lord David Cameron
- c) the Brexit deal
- d) Mediterranean fishing rights

2. Which is the 24th letter in the English alphabet?

- a) Y
- b) X
- c) U
- d) W

3. What is a sycophant?

- a) an angry and dangerous elephant
- b) someone who sucks up to powerful people
- c) an American fire hydrant
- d) someone who prefers Dec

4. Name this British butterfly.

- a) Peacock
- b) Red Admiral
- c) Brimstone
- d) Painted Lady



5. Which of these numbers is the largest?

- a) 6×10^9
- b) 7×10^8
- c) 8×10^7
- d) 9×10^6

6. Which of these countries does not share a land border with France?

- a) Belgium
- b) Germany
- c) Austria
- d) Italy

7. Which King of England is known as the mad King?

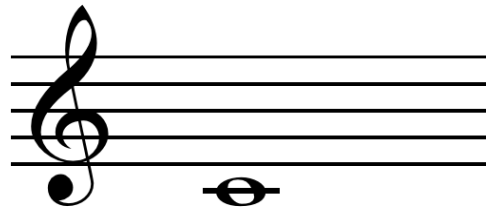
- a) Charles III
- b) George V
- c) Alfred IX
- d) George III

8. Complete the famous proverb: 'People in glass houses,'

- a) can see for miles
- b) have high heating bills
- c) should not throw stones
- d) love gardening

9. Name this note.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D



10. What is a syllabub?

- a) a disturbing and sustained noise
- b) a place of worship
- c) a sweet, cream-based dessert
- d) the different sounds that make up a word

11. Who replaced Mrs White in the board game Cluedo in 2016?

- a) Dr Orchid
- b) Mrs Lavender
- c) Lady Rose
- d) Miss Tulip

12. In the English Civil War, the Royalists were known as Cavaliers. What were the Parliamentarians known as?

- a) Arrowheads
- b) Squareheads
- c) Dunderheads
- d) Roundheads

13. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquility?

- a) in Yellowstone National Park
- b) in the Peter Pan story
- c) on the Moon
- d) in Thatcham

14. Who has the biggest selling song of the year so far?

- a) Miley Cyrus
- b) Taylor Swift
- c) SZA
- d) Harry Styles

15. What is astrology about?

- a) stars and the universe
- b) star signs
- c) searching for aliens
- d) non-grass football surfaces

16. What phrase, used in Business, relates to the profits that are made after all expenses are deducted from the revenue?

- a) the economic outcome
- b) the bottom line
- c) the top line
- d) dividend distribution

17. What scientific phenomenon is Archimedes famous for explaining?

- a) buoyancy
- b) pressure
- c) relativity
- d) nuclear fission

18. What % of the total mass of all the animals on the planet are humans and our domesticated animals?

- a) 44
- b) 26

c) 96

d) 73

19. Lyra is the main character in which modern trilogy?

a) The Hobbit

b) His Dark Materials

c) The Hunger Games

d) Little Women

20. In which year was William Shakespeare born??

a) 1464

b) 1564

c) 1664

d) 1764

21. What is Chase and Status?

a) a dating television programme

b) an electrical safety protocol for public buildings

c) a music duo playing electronic music

d) 1970s detective programme

22. Which country's capital city is the only one in the world beginning with the letter 'Q'?

a) Peru

b) Ecuador

c) New Zealand

d) Ivory Coast

23. Which of the following words cannot be spelt entirely from the top line of letters on a standard keyboard?

a) repertoire

b) perpetuity

c) proportion

d) typewriter

24. Which of these words has something in common with the four words in orange?

artwork

driftwood

network

trustworthy

a) flatworm

b) earthworm

c) centipede

d) millipede

25. Which city is hosting the 2024 Olympic Games?

a) Qatar

b) San Francisco

c) Oslo

d) Paris

26. What is formed when you burn magnesium ribbon?

a) carbon dioxide

b) magnesium dioxide

c) magnesium oxide

d) water

27. Which of these is a well-known proverb?

a) when there's a bill, you must pay

b) where there's a will, there's a way

c) when you are ill, you should pray

d) where there's a spill, run away

28. Which explorer's ship, The Endurance, sank in 1915 in Antarctica, and was rediscovered in 2022?

- a) Walter Scott b) Ernest Shackleton
c) Christopher Columbus d) Amelia Earhart

29. What are 'acute', 'obtuse' and 'right' used to describe?

- a) angles
b) diseases
c) road junctions
d) hardness of pencils

30. A husband and wife, along with their two children, have a combined age of 88. The husband and wife are both 38 years old. One of their children is 4 years older than the other. How old is their youngest child?

- a) 4 b) 6
c) 8 d) 2

Answers:

1a	11a	21c
2b	12d	22b
3b	13c	23c
4a	14a	24a
5a	15b	25d
6c	16b	26c
7d	17a	27b
8c	18c	28b
9c	19b	29a
10c	20b	30a

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ELEPHANT ON PARADE – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

The annual Festival of Light has become something of a spectacular Christmas tradition in Newbury. Many of you will have been there on Sunday to see the amazing procession of hundreds of twinkling lanterns travelling through Newbury town centre. In the build up to the event, many schools, community groups and members of the public were busy constructing some amazing structures to parade and, as you would expect, St Bart's was no exception!

We absolutely LOVE this amazing elephant created in St Bart's Art Club by talented Year 9 students, Phoebe, Ffion and Gamya. We hope they enjoyed the procession and we thank them for sharing this great image.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY DONATIONS

As a school, we raised a brilliant £969.50 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day. Students and staff alike looked resplendent in their jumpers and enjoyed a festive day. Thank you very much for your contributions!



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BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE

Last month, students from Years 7 – 11 took part in the Bebras Computing Challenge. Each participant answered questions testing their computational and logical thinking. The following were the top 10 performing students in the school for their respective categories:

Juniors (Year 7)

Nila Arulmurugan (Best in School, Junior)
Alice Johnstone
Alex Yazaki-Montes
Jamie Curry
Joseph Hunter

Eddie Read
Brodie McKenzie
Georgina Rushmer-Wilson
Josie Appleton
Alice Kirby

Intermediates (Years 8 & 9)

Jamie Fry (Best in School, Intermediate)
Ben Ransom
Eddie Appleton
Penelope Neilson
Oliver Robins

Oliver Comber
Hansika Bolli
Madeline Hall
Sam Goodwin
Florence Chalk

Seniors (Years 10 & 11)

Timmy Wraight (Best in School, Senior)
Johan Giaever-Enger
Adam Kateregga
Ollie Steele
Jacob Johnson

Frederick Johnstone
Casper Nolan
James Houghton
Henry Chalk
Clara Zeferino

Congratulations to all participants, with special mention to Jamie Fry, who achieved a perfect score of 200. Only 91 out of 209,744 students nationwide achieved a perfect score in this age group, which makes Jamie's achievement incredibly impressive!

78 St Bart's students received a Gold certificate for achieving a top 10% score in their respective categories and therefore are now invited to participate in the Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC). The OUCC is taking place between 15 – 19th January 2024. This event encourages students to develop their skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. We wish them all the best!

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KENYA SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP LINK

A massive thank you to all students who purchased food or jewellery from the Kenya themed sale on Monday activity time. We raised £134.00.

We will be sending out a parcel to our school link in Kenya which will include ponchos purchased with this money.

Committee meetings are in the gym on a Monday at 12.10, Any student interested in getting involved would be welcome to come along and join us.



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CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIE!

Sophie Kuijpers in 11E2 auditioned for Kingsclere Performing Arts College and has now been offered a place at the school. Kings PA is a growing performing arts school that opened in 2017. Kingsclere Performing Arts aims to provide the highest level of vocational training in all aspects of performing arts. They provide pre-professional training in dance, acting, and singing from the age of 16. The school has a 100% acceptance to drama schools across the UK for university. We wish Sophie all the best of luck at Kingsclere and can't wait to one day see her on the West End.

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PE

Year 8 Football

Well done the Year 8 girls who took part in the West Berkshire Girls Football Finals at Park House School. The B team finished 9th from 14 teams beating St Gabriel's 4-0. The A team finished 3rd from 14 teams beating Park House to bring home the bronze medals! Well done to all who played.



conditions were freezing!



Year 9 Football

Our Year 9 girls played their final football fixture of the season last Thursday. Our A team won 4-3 against St Gabriel's in an extremely entertaining match with goals from Jess, Francesca and 2 from Lizzie - this meant we came 3rd overall in the West Berkshire League. Our B team also won 4-0 with an excellent performance against Kennet B, including a hat-trick from Mariella and another goal from Georgia. This meant our B team came 5th overall! A huge congratulations to all players involved, as the

U18 West Berkshire Football League

The girls were evenly matched against Kennet School in the final of the U18 West Berkshire Girls' Football League, with great defending from both sides. Poppy made some fantastic saves and was always a safe pair of hands, giving the team confidence to push up the pitch.

It was 0-0 at half time with all to play for St Bart's had fresh legs and made regular subs to keep the pace and pressure up. This paid off, with Erin scoring early in the second half, giving the team a boost. St Bart's kept up the relentless shots on goal and Mya secured a second goal to seal the win. A great team performance and another trophy for the cabinet.



Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 boys' rugby team played The Downs School in their last league match. The Year 9s made a strong start to the match scoring 3 tries in the opening 5 minutes. This dominance continued with the final score being 40-5 to St Bart's. Player of the match was awarded to Deacon for his excellent all-round performance. Well done to all involved!

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 boys' rugby team played The Downs School in their last league match. The Downs School were leading at half time, but St Bart's won the second half with two great tries - one scored by Joe who beat several players in a run down the wing to score in the corner, and one scored by Amos following a strong run by Tristan. Amos kicked brilliantly and scored a very difficult conversion. Final score - Downs 22 St Bart's 12.

Players of the match were Joe Bell for his running with the ball, and Joe Hill for his tackling.





Senior Rugby

The Senior Rugby Team have reached their third successive U18 Berkshire Cup Final with a 19-0 win over The Downs School last Wednesday. St Bart's got off to a slow start, repeatedly gifting The Downs territory and possession by giving away penalties, but despite this the St Bart's defence, which has been excellent all year, stood firm and didn't give any

try scoring opportunities away. However, as soon as St Bart's managed to get their hands on the ball, their physicality told. A combination of big carries through the middle and then pace out wide gained the opportunities and patience in the red zone, resulted in three tries being scored. The defence continued to stand firm throughout the game. Players of the Match were the second row partnership of Jayden and James, who made a huge amount of tackles and made some really strong carries through the middle.



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Outstanding Teacher Training with the OTT SCITT and Downland Alliance partnership



INFORMATION EVENT

Wednesday 13th Dec 2023 at St Bart's 5.30pm-6.30pm



GET INTO TEACHING

Come and meet members of the team to find out details about our teacher training courses,
Secondary placements at Kennet School, St Bartholomew's School and The Downs School
Primary placements across West Berkshire.

We'll tell you more about who we are, what we offer, and how to apply for our courses.

If you are thinking about becoming a teacher, attend one of our events!

Whether you are a teaching assistant, a career changer or you graduate in the summer of 2024 and would like to train to teach because you want to make a difference to young people's lives, training to teach could be the next career move for you!



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