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Thanks to Phil Cannings at the Newbury Weekly News for the use of his photos which can be purchased, half price, [here](#).



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Calendar

Wednesday 2 July ~ Staff Training & Development Day. School closed to Students.

German Exchange Trip	Thursday 3 July	Bath, 8.30am-4.30pm
Y8 Careers Event - 'People Like Me'	Thursday 3 July	Hall, All day
Krakow Parent Information Meeting	Thursday 3 July	Online, 5.30pm
Y8 Catch-up Vaccination Day	Friday 4 July	See below
Year 6 Movie Afternoon	Friday 4 July	Hall, 1.10-3.10pm

KS3 & KS4 Reward: Non-school uniform - selected students	Friday 4 July	
Y10-13 CCF Summer Camp	Sunday 6 July	Dartmoor, 10.30am (returns 11 July approx 6pm)
Sports Day	Monday 7 July	
A Level & GCSE Art Exhibition	Monday 7 July	Curnock, 4.00-6.00pm See page 11
Y7 and Y9 Reports Issued	Tuesday 8 July	
Y12 Champions of Enterprise (no Y12 lessons on this day)	Tuesday 8 July	Hall/Foyer/WCC
Nature Reserve Official Opening	Tuesday 8 July	WCC, 1.10-6.00pm
Y10 Separate Science Day	Tuesday 8 July	
Y7 PP Trip to High Score	Wednesday 9 July	12.15-2.45pm
Amsterdam Music Tour Parent Information Meeting	Wednesday 9 July	Hall, 6.00-8.00pm

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

Catch-up Vaccinations - Friday 4 July 9.30-11.30am

The NHS Berkshire Immunisation Team will be in school on Friday 4 July from 9.30am to catch up with any missed HPV and Tetanus/Diphtheria and Polio booster/Meningitis vaccines to any Year 8, 9 or 10 students who were not vaccinated at the previous session. If you have not completed a consent form and wish for your child to have a vaccination, please email westschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk, call 0300 3650077 or contact kwakefield@stbarts.co.uk.

Parents Association –A big thank you to Rebecca and dates for the diary

A message from the Chair of the PA, Matt Franklin-Wilson, and Deputy Headteacher, Mr Robbins:

"This term, after many years on the committee, Rebecca MacAulay is stepping down from the Parents' Association. On behalf of the Parents' Association and the school, we would like to pass on our appreciation to Rebecca for her contribution over many years. In recognition of her hard work and commitment, a 'Rebecca' rose will be planted in the school grounds."



Calling all parents – please do add the following dates to your diary.

- **Year 7 Disco: Friday 11 July (tickets on ParentPay)**
- **PA Quiz: Friday 17 October**
- **Christmas Fair: Sunday 23 November**

We hope to see you at one or all of these events! To learn more about the PA and how you can get involved, visit [our website](#).

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Volunteer at Your Local Library

Make a difference to a child's life and volunteer this summer. You will encourage children to take up and complete the Summer Reading Challenge, explain how the challenge works and administer the challenge material. Volunteers have a training induction session to complete before they start.

This is an opportunity to develop confidence, social skills, employment opportunities and literacy skills. You can make a positive contribution to your community and a chance to make new friends. Contact: Rosie Flower Volunteer Officer – Cultureandlibrariesvolunteers@westberks.gov.uk or 01635 503905. See poster on [page 13](#).

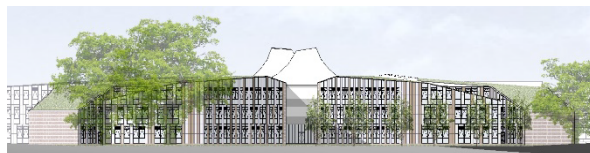
St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find [Careers Guidance](#) and [Further Resources](#) on our website in addition to information about how parents, carers and local businesses can [get involved](#) in our careers events.

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VACANCIES

TECHNICIAN: SCIENCE

We are looking for a part-time Technician: Science to join us from 1 September 2025 on a permanent basis.



If you are keen to support the work of teaching staff in the Science Faculty in order to raise student achievement, we would love to hear from you. Full training will be provided.

HOURS: 22 hours per week: Wednesday 8.30am to 4.00pm and Thursday/Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm, term-time only, plus 6 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £24404.00 - £25992.00 gross pa (£12.65 - £13.47 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £12439.23 gross pa (pay review pending).

EXAMS ASSISTANT

We are looking for a part-time Exams Assistant to join us on 1 September 2025 on a permanent basis.

We are looking for someone with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail, to support the Examinations Officer in the administration and organisation of all aspects of examinations in accordance with the regulations laid down by the awarding bodies, deputising for the Examinations Officer, as necessary.

HOURS: There is significant flexibility in the distribution of hours, as there are pressure points throughout the year around the various exam periods. The role is term-time only, plus 6 training days pro rata, and we would be looking for the successful candidate to work an average of 20 hours per week with the understanding that there will be significantly more work in certain weeks, and less work in others.

Working hours will be agreed in discussion with the Exams Officer and there will be scope for significant planning of commitments in advance.

SALARY: £27269.00 - £29093.00 gross pa (£14.13 - £15.08 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £12635.98 gross pa.

To find out more details and to apply, please visit [our website](#) and scroll to the link to browse jobs.

Closing date for both roles: Sunday 13 July 2025

All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks. Tel: 01635 521255 email: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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SILVER DofE

27 Duke of Edinburgh's Award students in Year 11, successfully participated in their three-day Silver DofE Assessed Canoeing Expedition. The students started south of Oxford and finished in Henley-on-Thames. The students had the most gorgeous weather for their expedition and were so grateful that they were canoeing and not carrying those heavy rucksacks for three days! The students said it was a fantastic way to finish Year 11, especially after all their exams.

Florence Hatton (11C1) added, "I had so much fun this weekend doing my Silver DofE and may be planning to do Gold in the future. I especially enjoyed cooking different meals after a long day of canoeing. As groups, we all helped each other take the canoes in and out of the water every time we met a lock. Even though the weather was so hot, we managed to keep cool and even jumped into the river once we arrived at the second campsite!"



See more photos [on our website](#)

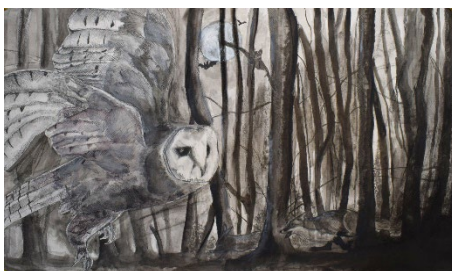
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HOUSE ART

Congratulations to everyone who took part in House Art, a key final piece of the House Championship Cup puzzle! Our KS3 theme for this year was Networks. KS4 and KS5 students entered their course pieces. All the winners will receive certificates and awards in their House Assemblies (separate arrangements for Y11 and 13) in recognition of their efforts. Well done!



*Alice Rumens (8E1)
Fire Scene*



*Eibhlin Lamb (11P3)
Night Owl*



*Jess Smith (13E3)
Girl with Pomegranate*

	KS3	KS4	KS5
1st	Alice Rumens 8E1 Fire Scene	Eibhlin Lamb 11P3 Night Owl	Jess Smith 13E3 Girl with Pomegranate
2nd	Raphael Fu 8D2 Urban Network	Izzy McAnally 11D2 Flower top	Evie Dancer 13C2 Girl
3rd	Laura Arnold, Albie Axten and Darcie Hood 7P2 Ocean Dress	Casper Nolan 11E Duck Lady	Maria Goncalves 12D3 Nature Collar
4th	Bhavik Bayyana 7C1 Urban Shop Tower	Gamya Bayyana 10C3 Waterfall	Ava White 12P3 Dress



Read the full results and see photos of the entries on [our website](#).

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GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK FOR THIRD YEAR RUNNING!

The PE Department are delighted to announce that St Bart's have achieved the School Games Mark Gold Award for the third year in a row.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, which aims to celebrate keeping young people active and recognises a schools' sports engagement, provision and uptake against a national benchmark. The scheme considers 'active minutes' across KS3 and KS4, wide PE curriculum, physical literacy



in students, equal opportunities, the schools' sports culture, opportunities for participation, celebration and leadership, as well as the experience of students.

We are so delighted that the PE Department have been recognised in this way. This is an excellent achievement and acknowledgement of all the work that goes into providing an extensive and inclusive PE programme here at St Bart's.



For more information on sports at St Bart's, please do [visit our website](#).

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YOUNG CARERS MAKE A SPLASH!

On Tuesday 24 June, we took 11 of our Young Carers on a trip to The Waterside Centre in Newbury to enjoy an afternoon of rock climbing and water sports. The afternoon was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. It was great to see this wonderful group of students come together, work together and share new experiences, but most importantly have lots of fun! Over the past academic year, we have held meetings with the Berkshire Youth Team and our young carers, we have done some festive baking and now to end the year an exciting school



trip. It has been a pleasure to work with this group of students.



Kira-Mae (10E2) said, "We went to Waterside on a young carers trip and we did rock climbing, paddle boarding and kayaking. My favourite part was the paddle boarding because it was a new experience and we really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks to Mr Bastable and Mrs Siddon for taking us".

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RHODIUM READING CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to Klenam (9P1) and Mabel (8P2), who are our latest students to complete the St Bart's Reading Challenge.

In order to achieve the final Rhodium Award in the challenge, Klenam and Mabel had to read at least 57 books across the five levels. This is a great achievement and they now join our Reading Challenge Champions honour roll!

Klenam and Mabel were congratulated by Dr Fitter (Headteacher), Mr Matthias (English Teacher) and Mrs Hewetson (St Bart's Librarian). In recognition of this impressive dedication to reading, both the girls received a hamper of goodies including books, stationery, treats and the rare Rhodium Badge to be worn with pride. We hope they enjoy their hampers. Well done girls and keep on reading!



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HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION

The House Chess Competition for Years 7 to 9 took place in June. Curnock were the defending champions, having achieved a dominating win in 2024. Chess continues to be very popular in the school with lunchtime Chess clubs often oversubscribed (especially during the rainy and cold days!). We currently also run an after school Chess club on a Thursday, which is growing in popularity.

Each House put forward a team of six players, with each team playing the other three Houses over three separate days. The matches were fiercely contested between all four Houses, and going into the final matches the likely winner was in serious doubt. In the end, the change of one result in the final Curnock v. Patterson match would have led to a different winner.

	Game Wins
Curnock	12
Patterson	10.5
Evers	7
Davis	6.5

Four players were undefeated in the competition: Oliver Robins (9D3), Tom Bibin (9P1) (who also achieved this accolade in Y7), Hemanth Barigala (9P1), and Rowan Hills (7C2). The final result is shown on the left.

Curnock should be congratulated on successfully defending their House Chess title. Readers of Bartholonews with a long memory will know this is rare, with the most recent occasion being Patterson's successful defence of their title in 2017. Many thanks to all of the players for their consistent effort and to Mr Bell for running the competition.

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LONG SERVICE AWARD AND RETIREMENT PRESENTATION FOR SMOKEY!

One of our key staff members from Personalised Learning retired on Friday 27 June, after five years of dedication to supporting the wellbeing of St Bart's students. Students in Personalised Learning presented Smokey with a custom-made long service award, certificate and card. A crowd of well-wishers gathered in Personalised Learning to say farewell, as Smokey retires from life in the classroom and his successful role as Rt Hon CTGP (Chief Therapy Guinea Pig).

Smokey was delighted to receive an edible bouquet delicately adorned with cabbage leaves, purple 'flowering' broccoli, with sliced carrot to add a splash of colour to his gift. We wish him many happy guinea pig years of retirement at Mrs Sutton's home and garden. Smokey will keep us updated with his busy retirement activities, and plans to



pop in and visit us from time to time. We will miss him in the classroom, but are fortunate still to have Salt and Pepper, who have now fully qualified as CTGPs under Smokey's astute guidance and care.

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ONA CRICKET: NO SOGGY BOTTOMS

On a scenic hilltop plateau overlooking where The Great British Bake-Off is filmed, star bowler of this exceedingly good-natured ONA fixture was returnee Will Freer, playing his first cricket since Y11. Still the poster boy of a display board in the hub, Will tucked into the school's top six with an almost greedy 4 for 8, proving there was nothing stale about his skills or enthusiasm. Only local hero, Archie, (a current Y11), could cook up much resistance to an unrelentingly stingy diet of ONA bowling – finishing on an enterprising 29 that included one show-stopper of a straight six. The icing on the cake for the ONA was George Shakespeare having a valiant Mr Robbins, who had earlier roamed the boundary with the brooding intensity of a Byronic hero, stumped as the coup de grace.



In the first innings of the game, Y13 Poppy (guesting for the ONA again) recorded a composed 20 before Elliot Crouch got going with a crunchy 52 (retired out). Ever-reliable run-baker Matt Richardson chipped in with 32 as the next highest scorer. Y9 James was the pick of a mixed St Bart's bowling effort, extracting sharp bounce from his disciplined lines. Yet the ONA's total of 157 was always likely to be a tricky chase, even without Mr Clayton deeming Y11 Leo lbw for nought. No bat involved? The umpire thought so.

It was great to see so many recent alumni in the ONA side, capably organised by Captain Edan Camplin, but all present were grateful to the triumvirate of teachers who helped staff the school team. Mr Robbins is already mentioned in dispatches, but Mr Weekes can dine out for months on a leg glance redolent of a Richie Richardson highlights reel (that's what YouTube is for, kids!), while Mr Horn fielded with the ardour of a Roman gladiator (if only he'd worn his plumed helmet!) and was millimetres from skewering a wicket. Final thanks to Ian Herrington for use of the Welford Park's ground and the Lawsons for scoring *en famille*.

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PE

Year 9 Girls Complete their Barclays Game On Football Activators Course

Congratulations to the following girls who following several weeks of training and have successfully completed their Football Activators Course. The course was designed to look at their roles and responsibilities as Girls' Football Activators as well as starting to understand how to try to break down barriers that girls may face in playing football and looking at strategies to encourage and motivate girls to take part in football.

They created their own acronym for girls' football which they used on the posters they designed to advertise a Year 7 Girls' Football Tournament, which they organised, led and refereed after school on Wednesday 25 June.

Fun
Opportunity
Open to all
Together
Be a player
Achieve
Learn
Love the game

Over 20 Year 7 girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play some football.

Well done Football Activators, Maya Creteur, Eva Mahoney, Lottie Baily, Anna Hall, Helena Garcia Flores, Morgan Beets and Bella Meir – you have all been superb Activators and we will look forward to you helping our KS3 girls' football club next term.

Year 9 Cricket

The Year 9 Cricket team played against The Downs School in their most recent league game. A thoroughly enjoyable game for all involved in very hot conditions! St Bart's kept the unbeaten league record intact in a close fought victory. Players of the match went to Daisy Wallis on debut and Wilf Busby.



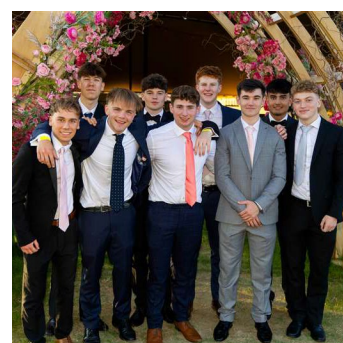
Tennis Festival



Last Wednesday, our Year 7-10s played a Tennis Festival here at St Bart's. Trinity and Park House brought some students over to play against ours. We had 40 students out from St Bart's playing across all four year groups which was fantastic, and in total 57 including the other schools. The students played doubles matches across the evening, rotating to play as many other doubles pairs as possible. It was a fantastic turnout with some lovely tennis played. Well done to all involved.

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On the grid...



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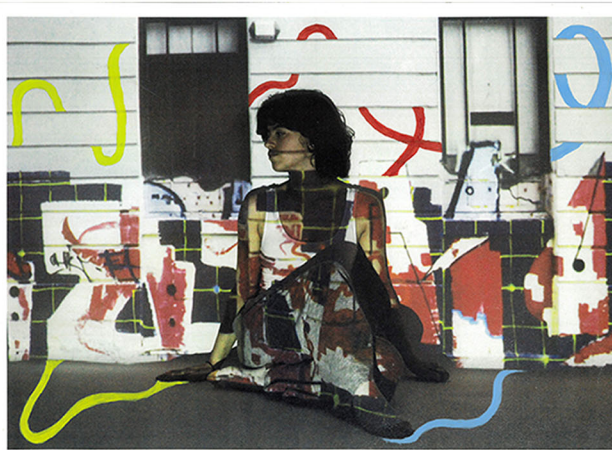
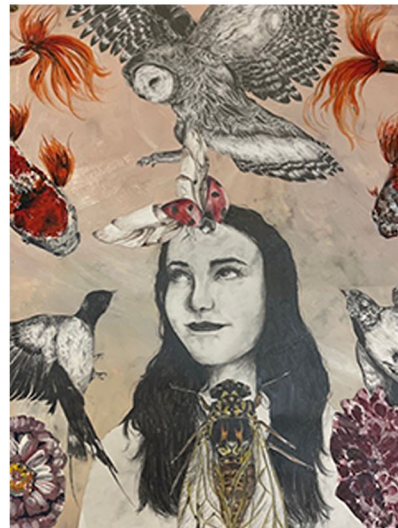
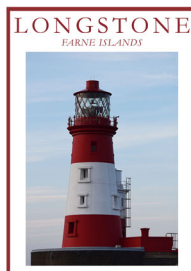
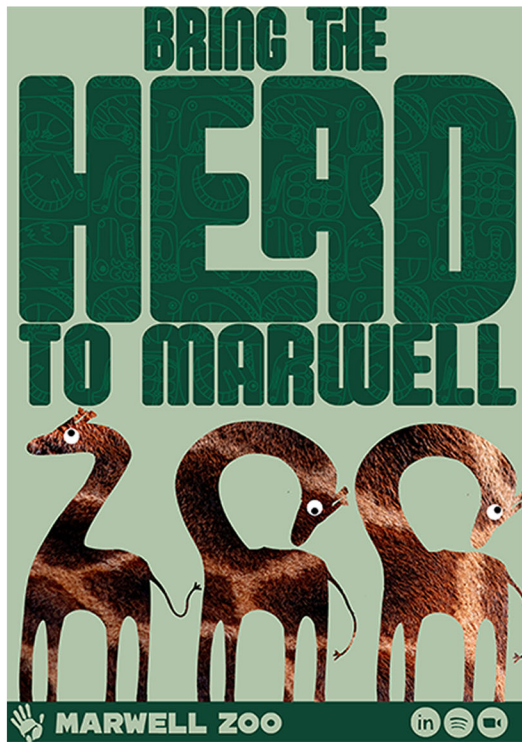
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EXHIBITION 2025

Monday 7th July 4pm-6pm



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
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St Bart's & ONA vs MCC

Tuesday 15 July, starting at 11am
Falkland Cricket Club, RG14 6TW
40 overs per side

We are delighted to confirm the revival of our fixture in July against the famous “guardian of the game”, MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), which very few state schools play.

We welcome former students, parents and members of the community to join us at Falkland Cricket Club, support the teams and enjoy some excellent sport.





Story Garden

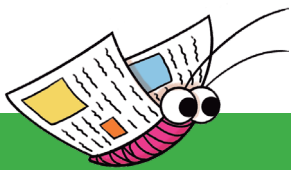
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Volunteer in your local library



Can you spare some time to volunteer in your local library?
We have a variety of hours available between
1 July – 15 September



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online at www.westberks.gov.uk/volunteer

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