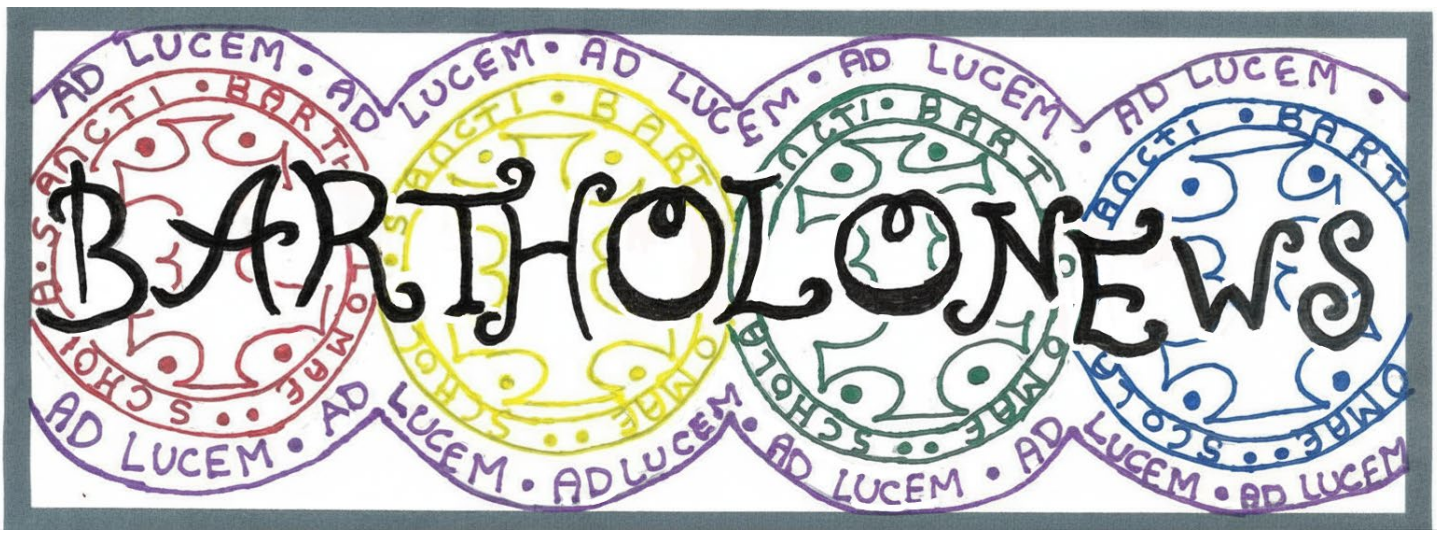


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The school hall was sold out for the evening and the Houses performed the following pieces for a packed audience of around 350:

	Open Instrumental	**Open Choral**
CURNOCK:	Nothing Else Matters	Slipping Through My Fingers
DAVIS:	Stranger Things	Queen Medley
EVERS:	Karma Chameleon	Africa
PATTERSON:	I Want You Back	Take That Mash Up

This year, our judge was Caroline Woodhouse, Head of Education at Good Vibes Academy and former Director of Music at St Gabriel's School. Thank you to her for her time and for taking the difficult decisions out of our hands!

The winners were as follows:

- Leadership Award: Patterson
- Open Instrumental: Evers
- Year 8 Composition: Evers
- Open Choral: Patterson
- **The overall winner for 2026 was then announced as Patterson!**



Patterson House Music Captains, Isobel (13P3), Lauren (13P1) and Penny (13P3), said, *"We are so grateful we got to take part in this wonderful event, and are even happier that we won it! We couldn't have done it without the hard work of all the students involved and we hope we have encouraged the younger years to run House Music themselves someday."*

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Y10 Drama Trip - evening performance	Wednesday 4 November	5.15 - 11.00pm
School Orchestra / Choir Day	Thursday 5 November	Hall, 8.50am - 3.10pm
Y10 Art / Y12 Graphics & Photography Trip	Thursday 5 November	Oxford, 9.00am - 3.15pm

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: **Chiropractic Open Day**

Friday 20 November, 10:00 to 13:00, McTimoney College of Chiropractic Oxfordshire Campus. Whether you're interested in chiropractic for people or animals, planning your next step after school or college, considering a career change, or looking to build on your existing healthcare experience, our Open Day is your chance to explore the different pathways available and discover what studying at McTimoney College is really like. Book your place here.

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.

VACANCIES

LEAD TECHNICIAN: SCIENCE



We are looking for a permanent, part-time Lead Technician: Science to join us in December 2026.

We are seeking someone with experience to lead our team of Technicians and to co-ordinate the use and development of practical resources and facilities. You will provide guidance and support to meet the practical requirements of the Science curriculum, including liaising with all areas of the school and outside organisation, ensuring that health and safety requirements are always met.

HOURS: 30 - 32.5 hours per week (8.00am to 2.30pm or 3.00pm) term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £29071.00 - £31015.00 gross pa (£15.07 - £16.08 per hour), pro rata for term-time. Starting salary equates to £21890.37 gross pa based on 32.5 hours pw.

To find out more details and to apply please visit this page on our website and scroll to the link to browse jobs.

Closing date: Monday 2 November 2026

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 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Over the past couple of weeks, students and their families have been busy collecting and delivering food donations to our House Offices, as part of our annual school Harvest Appeal. Our St Bart's community has responded to the appeal with great generosity and we wish to extend a huge thank you to our staff, students and families for their many contributions.



The Harvest Appeal is in support of three local charities -



Loose Ends, the Fair Close Centre and West Berks Foodbank. Loose Ends Newbury offers a drop-in centre for anyone in our community who may otherwise go without a hot meal. They welcome people who are homeless, lonely or vulnerable as well as those who are simply struggling to make ends meet. Fair Close Centre is a key community asset in Newbury for our older residents, offering a warm welcoming space and hot lunches. The centre is a perfect opportunity to meet new people, learn new things and try new activities. West Berks Foodbank provides emergency food and

support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



As well as supporting these valued charities, the House that collected the greatest number of donations will be rewarded a non-school uniform day in recognition of this effort. On Monday, Miss Ostinelli, Assistant Headteacher, and our Head Students, Ben, Favour, Zoe, Fernando and Tabitha, had the extremely tricky task of judging which House would be awarded the winners. As ever, the competition is extremely close. All the Houses have made a huge difference to their local community and should be really proud. Thank you so much to everyone who donated.



This week the school will be helping to pack up the West Berks Foodbank van and making deliveries to Loose Ends and the Fair Close Centre. We look forward to reporting who the winner is and about the visits in BartholoNews after the half term. Watch this space.

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NATIONAL RESTART A HEART DAY

On Friday 16 October, as part of National Restart a Heart Day and in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation, the South Central Ambulance service came into St Bart's to raise awareness of cardiac arrest and the importance of learning CPR. CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure, performed when the heart stops beating, often called a cardiac arrest.



A selection of students from our Year 7 tutor groups, with the support of some of our Sixth Formers, took part in a workshop led by Scott Taylor-Dawley from South Central Ambulance service, using Classroom RevivR, an interactive digital tool that teaches CPR and defibrillation skills.



Students learnt about recognising the symptoms, the number to call in an emergency and DR ABC - a first aid mnemonic that stands for Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, and Circulation. They had the chance to practise the CPR technique, and the students also learnt about how the use of a defibrillator can improve the chances of survival and where the nearest ones can be found.

We hope all the students involved found this a useful opportunity and took away some life-saving knowledge. Our thanks to the British Heart foundation for organising the day.

If you are interested to learn more at home you can visit British Heart Foundation's website.

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CARNEGIE AUTHOR VISIT

On the afternoon of Wednesday 14 October, award-winning author Tia Fisher visited St Bart's to talk to Year 9 students and some members of last year's Carnegie Award Shadowing group. Members, Riddhi Anasane (8E3) and Hannah Goldschmidt (8C1) tell us more…



"Tia Fisher's first book, 'Crossing The Line', won the Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Medal in 2024, as voted by students reading the shortlisted Carnegie Awards books. Her second book, 'Not Going To Plan', was shortlisted for the Carnegie prize last school year (2025 - 2026). It is very popular among many students at St Bart's; it's a truly life changing verse novel, focusing on topics that many would agree are not talked about enough.

We really enjoy Tia's writing because she manages to perfectly portray the characters in a light, gentle way while discussing serious topics. Books like Not Going To Plan and Crossing The Line are exactly the kind we need to see more of.

The students who attended Tia's talk were deeply moved by her words. We loved hearing Tia read from her book, tell us where the inspiration for the book came from, and it made us think: what would we do in the same situation? There were so many questions from students at the end of the talk!

Tia Fisher voices what many people feel and go through, as well as preparing many for what's coming. We are truly excited for her newest book, Operation Doodlebug, which is coming out on 5 November; we know it'll be just as great - if not greater than - her other two books."

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READY FOR GREENFEST!

10 Year 7 and Year 8 students worked with Lisa Hill from the Nature and Climate Network, organisers of GreenFest, in the Art department on Tuesday 13 October to create bunting for GreenFest.



Emily Barr (7P1), Elise Horridge (7P1), Louisa Locke (7D3), Merrigan Hyde (8E2), Flo Digby-Lister (8E1), Mollie Swinhoe (8E3), Edie Osborne (8E3), Tilly Bijak (8E3) Niva Israni (7D2), Jaanvi Palagiri (7D2) worked with such enthusiasm to create a fantastic array of designs inspired by the environment and sustainability.

GreenFest is a free community event taking place on Saturday 24 October in school. The students have added their bunting triangles to a much larger collection of 400 triangles that have been produced throughout the summer. The bunting will be on display alongside interactive stalls, workshops and family friendly activities all dedicated to environmental action and education.







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GEOGRAPHY READING TRIP

After a few weeks of preparation, it was finally time for the Year 11 Geographers to head out again for some more fieldwork. This time the destination was Reading town centre. Across 3 days, the Geography students and teachers headed down to Newbury train station to catch the train to Reading. After a morning of exploring the town centre and surveying the different retail areas, the students were rewarded free time to grab lunch. This was definitely the part they had all been excited about - popular choices were Five Guys and Wingstop.

Here is what Sophie Meynell (11P3) had to say about the trip, "*The trip enlightened me on the realities of UK cities, as we experienced the varied leisure, cultures and people in Reading. Listening to the people's opinions and forming our own views on the area gave me an authentic feel of the place.*"

Robert McDonald (11P1) said, "In Reading, we studied footfall, Environmental Quality Surveys (EQS), retail surveys and questionnaires to investigate how rebranding had affected the Central Business District. We also had the best weather out of all the groups."

The Geography teachers would like to say well done to every Year 11 student who attended both fieldwork days - they were all an absolute pleasure to take out and teach outside of the classroom.

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PE

Year 7 Rugby

St Bart's hosted the Year 7 B Team Area Rugby Festival. Thirty boys who had not played rugby before represented the school and played brilliantly. Unfortunately, only Kennet School were able to join us on the day. The boys were split into three teams and the match was split into three sections, with all boys playing at least a third of the match. The final score was St Bart's 45, Kennet 10. Tries were scored by Nat, Tomi, Godwin and Charlie. Charlie was player of the match for his excellent ball carrying and tackling.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team travelled to Reading Blue Coat School for the opening round of the County Cup. St Bart's started the match really well, and Joe Hunter Smart went over to score, but after a couple of injuries to St Bart's players RBCS took control of the match. Players of the match were Nat for his tackling, and Leo for his excellent play in both the backs and forwards. Final score St Bart's 5, RBCS 55.



Key Stage 3 Basketball Festival

Well done to the 15 Year 7 and 8 students that took part in the West Berkshire Basketball festival at Trinity School. Students had the opportunity to compete against six different schools in a fun and competitive environment. All students enjoyed the festival and represented St Bart's extremely well.

Key Stage 4 Basketball Festival

Well done to the 6 Year 11 boys who took part in the West Berkshire Key Stage 4 Basketball Festival at Trinity School after school. They won 3 group games against Park House, Kennet and Trinity, the game against Park House was particularly competitive and went to extra time. We then played Kennet in the final and beat them to be overall winners! Well done boys, we are very proud of you.





Senior Football

Unbelievable scenes in Oxford as the Senior Boys Football Team defeated a strong Cherwell School team to progress into the Round of 64 in the prestigious ESFA National Cup.

A close contest throughout the game with chances at both ends. In the second half Bart's went ahead with an Eli wonder goal from 25 yards. After Cherwell equalised, the boys put in a real shift to keep in the game with last ditch challenges from Luca and Sam at the back as well as outstanding saves from Charlie. In a tense final showdown from the spot Stan, Jacob, Charlie, Ewan and Eli put away their penalties in emphatic style with Charlie making a crucial save, securing a remarkable Bart's victory.

Mr Wilder said; *"I could not be prouder of every single player. We came together as a team and gave everything we had. A testament to our character. An historic win for this exceptional group and we aren't finished yet."* Mr Langton said; *"A fearless performance. Absolutely nothing was left on the pitch."* Congratulations to everyone involved in the senior squad this term. An excellent start to the season.

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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

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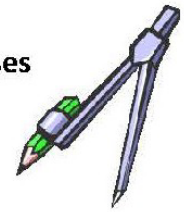
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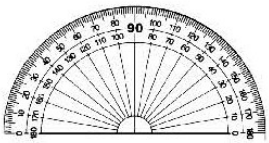
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