St Bartholomew’s Hospital
making history

Bart’s has been making history for almost 900 years! Use the Discovery sheet to help you complete the tasks.

Order the events

Complete the timeline of key events in the history of Bart’s below. Write the correct letter in the correct circle on the timeline.

A Bart’s is saved from closing down.
B The NHS is founded.
C The hospital is founded in Smithfield.
D The first block of the new hospital opens.
E Bart’s Medical College is founded.
F William Harvey makes a great discovery.
G Patients may have been treated with goat’s milk.

Did you know?

Smithfield used to be called ‘Smooth Field’. When Bart’s was founded the City of London was the size of a small town today. The hospital was built on fields on the edge of the City.

Match them up!

Match these verbs with their meanings. You may need to use a dictionary to help you. Draw a line to connect the verbs and meanings. Then change the verbs into nouns.

HINT! All the nouns can be found on the Discovery sheet. There could be a trick one! One example has been done for you.

- cut off a limb
- try to heal or cure
- give medical care
- set up something
- give money or goods
- make unconscious

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Right or wrong?
Some of these statements are wrong!
Put a ✔ beside the correct ones and a ✗ beside the wrong ones.

- Bart’s was founded by King Henry VIII.
- The old hospital was part of a monastery.
- Londoners had to pay for medical care at Bart’s in the past.
- William Harvey discovered that germs cause diseases.
- Bart’s was one of the first hospitals to use anaesthetics in operations.
- Today surgeons at Bart’s specialise in performing amputations.

DID YOU KNOW?
When Bart’s was rebuilt in the 1700s the new wards were large and airy with big fireplaces. The four-poster beds were well spaced out and had thick curtains to keep out draughts.

Brighten the hospital!
The staircase in the administration block of the new hospital was decorated with paintings by the artist William Hogarth. He painted two scenes from the Christian Bible showing people caring for the sick and injured.

Do the maths!
Can you solve the maths problems below without using a calculator? Write your answers as numbers in the boxes.

Each ward in the new patient blocks had 14 beds. How many beds were there in 6 wards?

If 15 of the beds in the 6 wards were empty, how many patients would there be?

Each patient block had 12 wards. How many beds were there in one block?

One of the four blocks was for hospital administration, not patients. How many beds did the hospital have in total?

How would you decorate a wall in a hospital today? Draw or paint your own design in the box to the right.