

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

*"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"
Isaiah 30:18*

15th December 2023

Head's Message

As I write this final newsletter of the year, I am listening to the muffled sound of the junior dress rehearsal taking place in the hall and I cannot wait to see this show on Tuesday. Charles Dickens, while penning A Christmas Carol wrote, 'For it is good to be children sometimes and never better than at Christmas.' And truly there is no more joyous place to be at Christmas than in a primary school. Even though we are so close to the end of term, there has been plenty going on in school this week. Our infants performed their Nativity on Wednesday, and they were simply amazing. Year 4 and Year 5 completed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability certifications. Today, the juniors behaved impeccably as we went to Cinemac to watch Wonka. Next week, as well as The Wizard of Oz, we also have our whole school Christmas lunch and Christmas parties to look forward to before we break up on Thursday. At this time of year, as we count our blessings, I am constantly reminded of what an honour it is to be part of the St John's School community. May I thank you all for your continued support, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke 2:7

Diary Dates

19th December – Junior Christmas Play (Class 3 and Class 4) at 10-11:30am, 2-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm.
All Class 3 and 4 families invited
20th December – Christmas Lunch (children only)
21st December – Class Christmas Parties
21st December – Last day of term
22nd December – Inset Day
8th January 2024 – First day of the spring term
12th January – Chester Zoo Whole School Trip
14th January – PTA Poachers Pub Quiz
17th January – Open the Book will lead assemblies for 10 weeks
19th January – PTA Class 3 Cake Sale
22nd January – KNAPS assembly about Uganda (children only)
24th January – Year 6 Maths Workshop at Tytherington School (4 pupils) at 9:30am-2:30pm
24th January – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm
30th January – Presentation by the Fire Brigade to Class 4
6th February – Young Voices Concert (Choir Club members)
14th February – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm
16th February – Last day of half term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on our recognition of vowels and how to write CVC words. In maths, we have made simple addition sums to match a given quantity. We have given in to the glitter and created lots of very Christmassy craft! The nativity was a huge success and the children all did brilliantly!

News from Class 2

In Class 2 this week, we have combined our learning with festive activities. In maths, we used our addition and subtraction skills to make Christmas mosaics and in English we have applied our writing and grammar skills to writing letters to Santa. On Wednesday, we performed our Nativity play - it was fantastic, and I am so proud of every child from Class 2. It was so lovely to see so many of you there! In phonics this week, Year 1 have been exploring high frequency words and Year 2 have explored words with 'ti (sh)' grapheme. Also, we have been busy making lots of lovely Christmas cards for our peers and staff at St Johns. As this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2024!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have started to look at multiplication of equal groups and the three times table, multiplication and division. In English, the pupils have started their new topic of Norse Myths. The children have looked at features of myths and legends and created a character description. In computing, they have created a simple game using scratch.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Class 4 have been doing some Christmas related maths work, plotting coordinates in all four quadrants to create festive pictures. We have also completed a Christmas maths mystery, using all the skills that we have learned over the autumn term. In English, we have continued writing and editing our 'warning' stories, and, in geography, we have been researching key facts about the Alps and making our own tourist guides. We have also enjoyed our junior trip to the Cinemac and our last minute rehearsals for the Key Stage 2 Christmas production, The Wizard of Oz.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Arthur for trying so hard in phonics, there has been such a huge improvement with blending and sight reading.

Class 2 – Evelyn for excellent addition and subtraction skills with our maths Christmas mosaics.

Class 3 – Johnny for excellent work in all subjects, especially his geography research.

Class 4 – Matilda for super work in English, creating a fantastic atmosphere in her setting description.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Josephine for supporting others that might sometimes find activities tricky.

Class 2 – Bobbie for her commitment to her role in the Nativity play.

Class 3 – Abby for working hard to edit and improve her work.

Class 4 – Josh for always participating so well in lessons and having a great attitude to his learning.

Ethos Award – Class 3: Daniel for being a great friend to others.

House Points – Lowerhouse are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we set up balance beams and platforms to focus on controlled jumps.

Class 2 – Due to the Nativity, there was no PE lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Class 3 – In PE, we have competed in teams to score in hockey, and we did a variety of activities during circuit training.

Class 4 – This week, the children competed individually and in teams in various challenges in hockey and circuit training.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Sky

Class 2 – The whole class for being stars this term

Class 3 – Seth and Jess

Class 4 – Heidi and Emily