

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

*"You need to persevere so that when you done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised."
Hebrews 10:36*

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Head's Message

How glorious it has been to see the blue skies this week. *"When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest."* (Ernest Hemingway, 'A Moveable Feast'.) While the weather was so favourable, Mr Rogers kindly planted four trees on our grounds, which were donated to the school as part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project. The trees have been gifted to parks and schools across the country to celebrate Japan's relationship with the UK. As a proud global school, we were thrilled to have received them.



The children thoroughly enjoyed their cosy reading World Book Day yesterday. We had many activities occurring around school, including a live event for the infants with award winning author Helen Stephens, a very special reading buddies and book review session and a digital broadcast of Michael Rosen's 50 Years Show for the junior children to enjoy. Today, Mr Hanson led a Girls' Football session at lunchtime as part of the #letgirlsplay scheme. I have tasked him with arranging a full schedule of sporting fixtures for the summer term, so watch this space. On Tuesday the whole school took part in Mars Day and attended special online workshops, including one with Tim Peake. Next week we have a double parent information evening on Monday. On Friday we have Comic Relief, a Down Syndrome Assembly and a PTA Cake Sale to round off the week.

Test Timetable

KS2 SATS – Monday 13th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Tuesday 14th May: English reading

Wednesday 15th May: Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 16th May: Mathematics paper 3

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check must be administered 2 weeks from Monday 3rd June

Phonics Screening Check must be administered in the week commencing Monday 10th June

Easter Assembly

On Friday 22nd March Rev Jenny from St Oswald's will be leading an Easter Assembly at school, and the children will be singing a few songs. Families are warmly invited to attend the short service, which will start at 9.10am. Please note the date change of this event.

Mental Health Training

As we have previously mentioned at present Mrs Watson is completing the Mental Health Lead training and Mrs Walker is taking part in Trauma Informed Schools training. In February we stated that we held a whole school staff meeting to ensure that we are all focusing on mental health and embedding consistent strategies in the classrooms. Our staff room display perfectly highlights some of the approaches we are using to support the children.



Drop in Sessions for Parents/Carers

Please find attached some information on drop in sessions at Oakenclough Family Hub in Wilmslow for parents/carers whose children are on the ASC/ADHD Pathway for Diagnosis. These sessions give parents/carers the opportunity to discuss queries and speak to professionals that might be able to offer support whilst your child is on the waiting list. As these are drop in sessions there is no need to book.

Lateness

We would like to remind our families about the importance of your child/children being on time in the morning.

Children who arrive on time in the morning have a chance to talk to their friends and classroom staff and the opportunity to listen and understand instructions for the morning's activities.

Children who arrive late miss out on these opportunities and their arrival into the classroom can be disruptive to the other children as activities start as soon as the children enter the classroom. In the morning entrance via the main school office should only be used in exceptional circumstances or for children who have special educational needs for whom this is necessary. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates

11th March – PGL meeting – Class 4 families at 5:00-5:30pm
11th March – SATs meeting – Year 6 families at 5:30-6:00pm
11th March – Last week of teacher led after school clubs
15th March – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day and a non-uniform day
15th March – Down Syndrome assembly for the children led by Steve Hart
15th March – Class 2 PTA Cake Sale
18th- 20th March – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings
20th March – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
21st March – Down Syndrome Day (Odd Sock Day)
22nd March – Easter Assembly led by Rev Jenny (all families invited) at 9:10-9:40am
22nd March – PTA School Disco at 6:00-7:15pm
25th- 27th March – Class 4 PGL Residential at Boreatton Park
28th March – Last day of term
15th April – Summer term begins

News from Reception

This week it has been a very busy week in Reception! We all enjoyed our live Q&A session with Tim Peake who told us all about life on the ISS and his journey to and from space. We learnt about the planet Mars and designed our own Mars Rovers. We took part in a live author session with Helen Stephens as part of World Book Day; she read her book How To Hide A Lion and her new book Smelly Peggy. It was a fantastic session where we learnt about her life as an illustrator and author; we even had a lesson on how to draw a character!

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight has been Mars Day, which was a great success, and we enjoyed learning about Mars, listening to the astronaut Tim Peake and creating our own Mars rovers. In maths, Year 2 have been dividing by 2 and 10, and Year 1 have been counting up to and down from 50. In English, we have been writing fact files and creating posters for the missing orangutan in our class story. World Book Day was a wonderful (and comfy) day, and we thoroughly enjoyed sharing our books with peers and reading independently and in groups. We have had a very exciting week.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have looked at comparing fractions. We have continued with our class book 'Black Dog' and worked on using exciting verbs and adjectives to create descriptions. In PSHE, the children have looked at first aid for bites and stings. In art, we worked on our sketching skills. We thought about how to see like an artist and how to break down objects into simple shapes. For world book day, we created reviews of our favourite books

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on statistics, reading, drawing and interpreting line graphs. Year 6 have completed their work on percentages, and have started work on perimeter and

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area of rectilinear shapes. In English, we have completed our persuasive letter linked to 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeannie Baker. A highlight this week been exploring the desert biome in geography. We also enjoyed Mars Day and World Book Day.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jonas for fantastic contributions to our new space topic.

Class 2 – Gus for leading his team to create a brilliant Mars rover.

Class 3 – Johnny for excellent presentation and always trying his best.

Class 4 – Heidi for writing a fantastic persuasive letter in English.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Viktoria for always giving 100% effort to everything she does.

Class 2 – Sasha for always being kind and trying his best.

Class 3 – Jack for working hard in English and creating sentences with exciting verbs.

Class 4 – Max for participating well in all lessons and having a good attitude to his learning.

Ethos Award (Endurance) – Class 4: Thomas for showing resilience, keeping trying even when he finds things tricky.

House Points – Clarence are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week we played team games, completing obstacle courses that involved balancing, jumping and throwing. We also practised our throwing skills with a partner using beanbags.

Class 2 – We enjoyed team games, using soft balls to throw, using underarm technique, bounce pass and basket catch. We also worked on using ladders, cones, ropes and spots to practise movements using fast feet and balance while moving

Class 3 and Class 4 – We played Tag Rugby, practising attacking and how to move forward while passing backwards. We were also learning when to pass and why. In netball, we were practising possession games and finding space to help team mates. We also worked on using chest, bounce and shoulder passes.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Maksym

Class 2 – Ruby and Emme

Class 3 – Tabby and Megan

Class 4 – Louie and Luke