

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." John 1:3

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Head's Message

I am sure you are all aware that we are passionate about Global Learning at St John's. This week we added the Global Neighbours Bronze Award to our International Schools Award. As a school we are very proud to be recognised for all the work we are doing on global issues. After a training and safety session, the children were finally able to use the new gym equipment this week, and I am delighted to see how much they love it! Rev Nancy led a 'Creation' worship on Thursday and will be joining us for our Harvest celebration next Friday. All next week we will be taking Harvest food donations, which can be left in the school reception. On Wednesday, Silk FM will be in school recording our Class 4 children as part of their 'School of the Week' programme. We will let you know when the children's interview will be aired. Finally, Monday is European Day of Languages and Mrs Watson has some wonderful activities planned to mark the event.

Diary Dates

Please note some of our more important diary dates for the upcoming term. Please be advised that this is just a few dates we would like to highlight. The full list of all our events can be viewed on the school website.

Wednesday 28th September – Pyjama Day

Friday 30th September – Harvest celebration at school at 9.10am. All families are welcome

Monday 17th October – Playground Portraits will be taking school photos (reserve day 19th October)

Monday 31st October – Deadline for applications for secondary school (Year 6 children)

Tuesday 1st November – Flu vaccination team in school

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 7th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 10am

Thursday 8th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 2pm

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 1:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 5pm

Thursday 15th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December – Christmas parties and school closes for the Christmas holiday

Pyjama Day

On Wednesday 28th September, we are having a pyjama day in school to support a charity called Children's Hospital Pyjamas. All of the money raised will be used to purchase pyjamas for

Macclesfield hospital and other hospitals in Cheshire. We have set up a Just Giving page for donations, which can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-john-s-primary-school>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have introduced the story, The Dot. The illustrations inspired our own artwork and we created dots of different sizes using watercolour paints; we added patterns over the top to finish our pieces. Our afternoons have been full of learning about Frida Kahlo. We have learnt about her life and how she created some of her most famous paintings. We used mirrors to look at our features in more detail before creating our own self portraits. Our main focus for the week has been to explore how we are all unique and how we can celebrate our differences.

News from Class 2

This week in maths, Class 2 have explored using place value charts to represent tens and ones and practised counting on from a number. In English, we were detectives, looking for evidence around the school and writing a diary entry for Naughty Bus. Through our IPC topic, we discussed the job roles in our school and wrote a job advert for a school cook.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have looked at partitioning numbers and adding 1,10,100 and 1000. In English, we have started our new class book 'Leon and the Place Between.' The children have created descriptions using their senses and expanding noun phrases. In IPC, we have continued our new class topic, 'How Humans Work'. We looked at the concepts of our new topic and researched how the human eye works.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued exploring place value, concentrating on ordering numbers in ascending and descending value. In English, we have continued reading, 'The Boy in the Tower,' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been planning and have started writing newspaper articles based on the unusual events that have happened in the story so far. In IPC, we have continued our new unit, '900CE', focusing on where and when Ancient Maya was.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we learned how to use our imagination to tidy and clean the hall using all sorts of movements and equipment. We then sorted everything into colour groups.

Class 2 – We are looking forward to our PE lesson on Monday after missing a session this week due to the bank holiday.

Class 3 – In PE, we played football. The children took part in a 4 team tournament. In line ball, the children took part in a 6 team tournament.

Class 4 – This week, we put all the football skills we have learned together to play matches, and, indoors, we played benchball, focusing on good teamwork.

Star Performers

Class 1: Ruby

Class 3: Ella and Shiri

Class 4: Emily and Rachel