

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

Children in Class 4 have visited various high school open events this week. Please remember the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child is the 31st October. Rev Nancy led a worship this week based on our current Christian Value of Creation. On Thursday, we hosted the diocese who filmed some of our children talking about Living Well Together. All the children involved were remarkable ambassadors for our school. During their Forest School session this week, the children in Reception picked apples that they placed into our new apple press, and made delicious juice. We celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday, and the children wrote some beautiful poems based on this year's theme of 'Environment.' Next Monday, it is World Mental Health Day. This year the event will be focussing on making mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority. Please note next Friday the PTA are holding both a Reception class cake sale and a school disco after school. Finally, please take a moment to read the diocese newsletter which contains a lovely story about our Global Neighbours Award.

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.

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

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have been using the book, 'The Growing Story' to inspire our learning. We have created timelines of our life and compared the different stages. We have considered how

we have changed. In maths, we have introduced the skill of subitising (recognising a quantity without touch counting). We all enjoyed collecting apples then using the apple press to squeeze fresh juice. On Thursday, it was National Poetry Day and we collectively learnt a poem about autumn and learnt how to illustrate it with leaf rubbings.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 celebrated National Poetry day on Thursday, by going on a nature walk to collect and draw natural objects which inspired our writing. We created a class poem and some children wrote their own poetry about the seasons. In maths, we looked at comparing numbers using greater than and less than, partitioned numbers using a part whole model and counted in tens on the number line. For our IPC topic, we looked at famous portraits, playing detectives to spot the clues which told us who the subject of the portrait might be. We used this as inspiration for drawing our own self portraits, capturing our hobbies and interests. We also followed the journey of a letter through the postal service.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have examined Roman numerals. We have learned how to read numerals to 1000 and completed some simple sums using Roman numerals. In English, we have continued our class book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. The children have sequenced key events within the story. As part of national poetry day, children took part in a live lesson where they created their own acrostic poem based on nature. In our topic of 'How Humans Work', we have studied why two eyes are better than one and created an eyesight test. In the second half of the week, children studied sound, looking at pitch and volume. The children used instruments to help with their understanding.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, in Year 5, we have completed our work on place value, focusing on rounding to various degrees of accuracy. In Year 6 we have been learning about common factors, common multiples and prime numbers to 100. In English, we have continued reading 'Boy in the Tower', by Polly Ho-Yen, and we have written a formal letter and created a wikipedia page, linked to the events in the story. In IPC, we have continued our new unit, '900CE', focusing on identifying primary and secondary sources of information and considering reliability and bias.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we pretended to be pirates and practised our balancing skills using lots of different equipment including the benches and beanbags.

Class 2 – In PE, we practised ball skills, sending the ball by rolling and throwing.

Class 3 – This week we played football matches, putting the rules we have learnt into practice. In basketball we also played some games and were putting our skills into practice.

Class 4 – In PE this week, we enjoyed playing football matches as we have now learnt all of the rules of the game. In basketball we had matches and were displaying evidence of excellent learning as we were utilising our newly learnt and developed skills.

Star Performers

Class 1: Arthur

Class 2: Oscar and Sophie

Class 3: Joseph and Heidi

Class 4: Leon and James