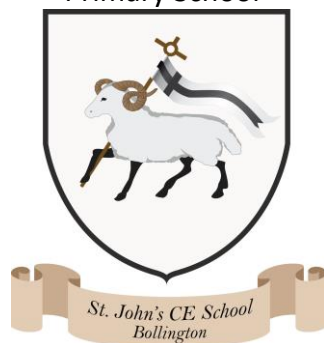


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Friendship

"Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty."

Job 4:16

25th April 2025

Head's Message

We have already reached the summer term, and I do hope that you will spare a moment to look at the diary dates attached below for the months ahead. We have so much to look forward to including Academies, Sports Day, family lunches and a bittersweet Leavers' Play. Summer is always such a joyous time in school as Reception await the chicks, the blue tits have hatched and we are hoping this year sees the arrival of swifts to St John's. We are thrilled that Mrs Steyn and Mrs Gregory have joined us, and look forward to welcoming a new bursar in due course (our thanks to Mr Duffy for helping us out at present). This week our boys were in action against Rainow in a football match and despite the result they played magnificently. Swimming and Forest Schools started back and Mrs Watson held a Year 6 SATs Information evening. We even treated Mrs Steyn to her first St John's fire drill. I am thrilled I have arranged Tim Roca, MP for Macclesfield, to come to school in June to first talk to the students, and then to parents about how he can support us in our efforts to ban smart phones from school. More details of this event will follow. I have also booked INSET training in September (for staff) with Colin Foley, as we work to continue our commitment to our neuro-diverse pupils by achieving the ADHD Friendly School Award. Finally, I am sending attached to this newsletter an information leaflet about drop in sessions with the Education Psychology team.

Diocese Message

*I am just writing to let you know that your school will be prayed for in the **May** edition of the Cycle of Prayer. The Cycle of Prayer is available to download from the front page of the Diocesan website, on the Diocesan Facebook page and on the PrayerMate app.*

Test Timetable

Please see below a timetable for this year's test cycle:

Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs

Week commencing Monday 2nd June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

Week commencing Monday 9th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Test

Week commencing Monday 7th July – Year 2 SATs (no longer a statutory requirement)

Forest School Update by Marcella

The Reception children enjoyed their first session back, we looked for more changes in our environment, focusing on the blossom on the apple trees. The children made pancakes and learnt about how birds and bats communicate.

Diary Dates

28th April - After School Teacher/TA Led Clubs begin
29th April - PTA Meeting at Church House Inn at 7pm
1st May - SEND Hub Coffee Morning at Dean Valley (for parents/carers) at 8:30am-11am
2nd May - Class 1 cake sale at 3:30pm
5th May - Bank holiday (school closed)
8th May - VE Day 80th Commemoration organised by Bollington Town Council. Meet at The Market Place from 9.15pm, where the Town Mayor will read The Tribute, and the beacon at White Nancy can be safely viewed
12th to 15th May - SATs week for Year 6 children (breakfast provided for Year 6 children at 8:30am on these days)
16th May - PTA Spring Fling at 3-7pm
19th May - Playground Portraits in school taking year group photographs
21st May - Year 5 family lunch at 12-12:30pm
23rd May - Last day of term
2nd June - Term starts
2nd June - Art Workshop led by council in school tbc
6th June - Sports Day at 2:00-3:30pm. All families invited
11th June - Academies start at 9:15-10:30am
14th June - Art Exhibition (further details to be confirmed)
16th June - School photos back up day
17th June - Bridgewater Hall Trip for Class 4 (afternoon)
20th June - Sports Day back up day at 2:00-3:30pm. All families invited
24th June - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm
25th June - Year 6 Information Evening at Tytherington School at 6pm
1st July - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm
4th July - Leavers' Disco at 6pm-7:30pm
7th July - Last week of After School Teacher/TA Led Clubs
7th July - Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School
7th July - All classes move up afternoon at 2-3pm
7th July - Parent Information Evening for New Reception Children at 4-5pm
9th July - Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
15th July - Eureka Trip for Class 2. Further information to be sent to families in due course
16th July - Academies Celebration Assembly at 9:30am-10:30am. All families invited
18th July - Leavers' Play at 9:30-11:30am. Class 4 families invited
18th July - Last day of term
3rd September (Wednesday) – First day of autumn term for the children

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have returned to class to find six mystery eggs in our incubator and eight eggs in the blue-tit nest outside in our camera box. We have candled the incubator eggs and learnt about the embryo inside and how it grows. We have researched which animals lay eggs and the common features that they share. In maths, we have been sorting 3D shapes into groups.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our computing lesson where we have started our new topic, International Space Station. Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed learning about the ISS, its purpose and the different components. In English, we have been rhyming words, alien words and phrases. In maths, Year 1 have been learning to measure objects with rulers, and Year 2 have been learning to compare different lengths of lines and objects. In history, we have started learning about monarchs and in PHSE we have been discussing and considering appropriate contact.

News from Class 3

A very warm welcome back to Class 3! The summer term really has started off with some beautiful sunshine, and we have a fantastic few weeks planned. This week, Class 3 have settled in well and we have started with time in mathematics. In English, we are looking at the book 'Cinderella of the Nile' and what links we can find between the original fairy tale and our book. We had some fun in science and started an experiment with plants and will start tracking the results over the next week.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have completed our work on algebra, solving equations and solving problems with two unknowns. In English, we have been creating our own imaginary animals, and we are in the process of writing our own guide books, telling people all they need to know in order to have one as a pet. In science, we have started our unit about evolution and inheritance, looking at variation within a species, and, in design and technology, we have been exploring beam and arch bridges.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Isla for fantastic contributions during our science lesson.

Class 2 – Sky for continuous engagement and enthusiasm.

Class 3 – Laela-May for her fantastic work in history.

Class 4 – Joey for challenging himself in maths lessons, working with perseverance to solve problems.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Callum for being an excellent role model to others.

Class 2 – Gus L for always being kind and sensible.

Class 3 – Gruff for working independently and wonderful behaviour this week.

Class 4 – Talia for having a great attitude with her learning, always searching for ways to improve her work.

Ethos Award (Friendship) – Class 3: Henry L for being a great friend to others.

House Points – After our first week back, Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children focused on balancing on beams, jumping safely and log rolls.

Class 2 – No sports news due to the Bank Holiday.

Class 3 – We have started this half term with athletics and rounders. In athletics, we looked at sprint races and relay races, sorting ourselves into races that are fair. In rounders, we played football rounders to learn and understand how to field and where to run.

Class 4 – This week, we competed in sprint races across the field and had a six-team relay race. We played a football rounders game to recap on the rules and how to play the game.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Kit

Class 2 – Bank Holiday

Class 3 – Henry V and Freddie

Class 4 – Harry and Sigrid

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