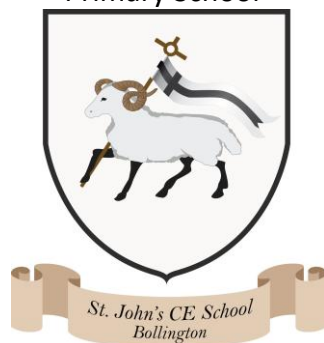


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

2nd May 2025

Head's Message

Welcome to the Bank Holiday weekend edition of this newsletter. Please note there is some information below about our exciting PTA Spring Fling, which is coming up very shortly. We have also added events to the diary dates below, including four football tournaments, so please do spend a minute to check that section. Our big news this week is that we have chicks and stick insects. The chicks have hatched, causing much joy around the school, but especially in Reception. Equally, Class 4 are thrilled at their new crawly classmate. I attended a police online safety training day on Wednesday, led by PC Andy Cornell. You may remember he delivered a presentation to parents and junior children last year in school. I am hoping that PC Alice Mayo (who Class 4 children will remember from Safety Central) will deliver similar training next term. Next week, we are getting ready to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. On this special day, red, white and blue non-uniform day children will be doing class activities, attending a themed assembly and even enjoying some patriotic lunchtime treats. Finally, I wanted to make you aware that next term we will be doing our scheduled fire drill towards the end of the school day. We are doing this to ensure that correct procedures are in place if the alarm ever rings at pick up time.

PTA Spring Fling

Two weeks today (Friday 16th May), we will be holding our PTA Spring fling. Think laid back festival, with family picnic vibes. Entry for the event will be £10 per child with all activities and games included. We will have a fabulous bar and BBQ, serving food and drinks. There will also be crafts, games and much more.

We are busy making all the final preparations, but we really cannot run the event without substantial help from the wider school community. With that in mind, we have attached a wish list of items we would love people to donate/lend for the event. If you can help with any of the items please get in touch. Also, if possible, please add your name to the volunteers list. We really want to make this a fabulous afternoon for the children and their families.

Finally, a reminder to return your raffle ticket stubs ASAP for the draw at the event. We have some amazing prizes from the Mulberry Leaf, Kickback Coffey, Yass Bean, No 74 Deli, Lyme Park and many more local businesses.

Kitchen News

We are busier than ever as the children are thoroughly enjoying their food and all the fresh fruits and summer produce on offer. They are especially keen on one of my homemade offerings. The children of St John's love their chicken curry!

Diary Dates

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

12th to 15th May - SATs week for Year 6 children (breakfast provided for Year 6 children at 8:30am on these days)

14th May – Girls' football tournament at Macclesfield Football Club at 4-6pm

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 Bollington council for children, tbc

6th June - Sports Day at 2:00-3:30pm. All families invited

11th June - Academies start at 9:15-10:30am

11th June – Year 2 (mixed) football tournament at Macclesfield Football Club at 4-6pm

14th June- Art Exhibition (tbc)

16th June - School photos back up day

17th June - Bridgewater Hall Trip for Class 4 (afternoon)

18th June – Boys' football tournament at Macclesfield Football Club at 4-6pm

19th June – Tim Roca MP in school from 2pm

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 – Girls' football tournament at Macclesfield Football Club at 4-6pm

25th June - Year 6 Information Evening at Tytherington School at 6pm

27th June - Class 1 cake sale at 3:30pm

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

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

1st September – ADHD INSET training

3rd September (Wednesday) – First day of autumn term for the children

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have welcomed our chicks and spent lots of time learning about chick care. The children have loved watching each chick hatching from their egg and comparing them to the eggs of our blue-tit family.

In RE, we have learnt about the recognisable features of a church from the outside and discussed why they are special places for Christians.

In maths, we have continued learning about the properties of 3D shapes before moving on to repeated patterns.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our history lesson. We looked at some historical sources to help us find out about William the Conqueror in 1066. We enjoyed discussing and writing about this historical

event. In maths, Year 1 have been learning to measure in metres and Year 2 have been comparing lengths of objects. In English, we have designed our character and written descriptions of our character. In computing, we have considered what items an astronaut needs to live on the ISS and we used iPads to create a sketchpad list.

News from Class 3

This week brought the sunshine and energy for Class 3. In maths, we have continued with time and started converting between 12-hour clocks to 24-hour clocks. English was a factor of creativity when we discussed the main character and her personality and then created their own character, describing them with similes. In RE we held a discussion focusing on churches, and asking if they are all the same. What is a church? The children have been working very hard and their work is testament to this.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and how we can calculate perimeter and area of shapes. We have also been exploring coordinates, including reading and plotting in all four quadrants, reflecting and translating. In English, we have completed our guidebooks about how to look after a new, imaginary pet. In history, we have been exploring the historical figures on banknotes, and, in design and technology, we have been making our own bridges and testing them to see how much weight they can support.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Freddie for his thoughtful ideas during RE.

Class 2 – Uthara for excellent work in phonics.

Class 3 – Jensen for his fantastic work in history and science this week.

Class 4 – Max for writing a fantastic guide about how to look after a pet.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Deborah for showing such kindness when her friends need help.

Class 2 – Maggie for hard work and resilience this week.

Class 3 – Asher for his incredible patience and kindness towards others.

Class 4 – Shiri for having an exemplary attitude in every lesson, every day.

Ethos Award (Friendship) – Class 2: Finlay for nurturing his friendships.

House Points – Oak Bank are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children focused on measuring long jumps; beanbag throws and speed over a short distance. We linked our PE to maths. We also went swimming with our Year 1 friends.

Class 2 – This week, we competed in short and long sprints and relay races in different groups and teams.

Class 3 – In PE this week, we took turns in three different jumping events - long jump, high jump and triple jump. We recorded our scores to compare with other children in the class. We also played a football match in two class teams.

Class 4 – This week in PE, the class took part in three different jumping activities in groups of eight. The jumps were: high jump, long jump and triple jump. We linked the work to maths by recording our scores.

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Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Freddie

Class 2 – Bertie and Harper

Class 3 – Gruff, Lola-Rose and Olivia H

Class 4 – Joey and Heidi