

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*

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Head's Message**

What wonderful celebrations we held at St John's yesterday to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Rev Jenny led a thoughtful and inspiring worship and then an array of events occurred in the classrooms. We had poetry, bunting, cards and special cakes and cookies. Please do take a moment to read the wonderful Class 4 poetry which has been posted on our website. By contrast, today is not quite so much fun in school. After lights started flickering in the Reception class yesterday, we now have no electricity in the school, as the generator sent to us has blown our circuits. Luckily we managed to feed the children before the ovens went out. Although we still have a lot of work to do before we get back to normal, I want to extend my thanks to Mr Morrall, who was at school until 3am last night. He is a living legend and this school is beyond lucky to have him. Finally, I want to send my love to all the Year 6 children. As I said in assembly today, we are so utterly proud of you, and we are all here to support you as you sit your SATs tests.

### **Forest School News**

While discussing the hot, dry weather which has caused wild fires in Derbyshire, our KS2 children were certain we should not have fires this week either. They understand from their previous explorations in fire lighting sessions just how flammable bark and pine needles are, and the whole group decided it would not be sensible to have fires this week. Eco Ambassadors in the making. Instead a flurry of sunshine fun; exploration of new swings; zip line planning and design; creating floral happazoma bunting and clay pendants.

Apples were sliced, apple skin string produced and all devoured! Lush times in our St John's wood. We thanked our apple blossom trees and looked forward to picking our very own St J crop... roll on summer - but more rain please as the cherry tree is thirsty.

### **PTA Spring Fling**

Dear Parents,

With just one week to go until the Spring Fling we are still in need of some volunteers and donations to help. If you can volunteer, please do put your name down on the list attached. We have some really amazing activities for the children planned however we won't be able to provide all of them if we don't have the helpers we need.

With this in mind we would be really grateful if anyone had a gazebo that they could lend us for the day, we ideally need about 5 more!!! Please get in touch if you can help with this.

One of the activities requires some old white t-shirts so if anyone has any of these please can you pop in the old uniform box just inside the main entrance, it doesn't matter if they are stained/dirty. The fair will be a fabulous evening for the school community to get together and raise some money. All the activities will be included in the price (£10 per child, £5 for siblings) with a Heathcoates BBQ and a Pimms and Beer tent also available. We are aware that some parents are worried about the timings of the event, but we will be there till 7 so come on down when you can we would love to see you.

At the fair we will be doing the draw for the raffle; as yet we have very few handed back in please can you give your stubs/money to any of the PTA committee or drop in the black letter box by the main entrance as soon as possible we have worked really hard to get some amazing prizes together.

Many thanks

PTA Committee

Volunteer link

<https://volunteersignup.org/TF9TD>

### **Diary Dates**

12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May - SATs week for Year 6 children (breakfast provided for Year 6 children at 8:30am)

14<sup>th</sup> May – Girls football tournament at Macclesfield Football Club at 4-6pm

16<sup>th</sup> May - PTA Spring Fling at 3-7pm

19<sup>th</sup> May - Playground Portraits in school taking year group photographs

21<sup>st</sup> May - Year 5 family lunch at 12-12:30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Last day of term

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Term starts

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Art Workshop led by council in school tbc

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

11<sup>th</sup> June - Academies start at 9:15-10:30am

14<sup>th</sup> June- Art Exhibition (further details to be confirmed)

16<sup>th</sup> June - School photos back up day

17<sup>th</sup> June - Bridgewater Hall Trip for Class 4 (afternoon)

19<sup>th</sup> June – Tim Roca MP in school from 2pm

20<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day back up day at 2:00-3:30pm. All families invited

24<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm

25<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Information Evening at Tytherington School at 6pm

27<sup>th</sup> June - Class 1 cake sale at 3:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> July - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm

4<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Disco at 6pm-7:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> July - Last week of After School Teacher/TA Led Clubs

7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School

7<sup>th</sup> July - All classes move up afternoon at 2-3pm

7<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Information Evening for New Reception Children at 4-5pm

9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

15<sup>th</sup> July - Eureka Trip for Class 2

16<sup>th</sup> July - Academies Celebration Assembly at 9:30am-10:30am. All families invited

18<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Play at 9:30-11:30am. Class 4 families invited

18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

1<sup>st</sup> September – ADHD INSET training

3<sup>rd</sup> September (Wednesday) – First day of autumn term for the children

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we found a mysterious egg in the playground... this egg turned out to be a baby T-Rex! Our learning has been focused around the story of How to Look After Your Dinosaur; it

shares lots of ideas of how to care for such a pet. This marks the start of our learning for the next few weeks. In maths, we have focused on repeated patterns; we have used natural objects and coloured shapes to create some more complicated patterns.

We all enjoyed celebrating VE Day on Thursday, and the children thought carefully about how children of their age might have felt as an evacuee both during the war and just after.

We also spent some quality time with Rev. Jenny. The children loved showing her round our classroom and introducing her to the chicks.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we explored our classroom to look for different solid objects that can change shape. We enjoyed discussing and writing about our findings. To celebrate VE Day, Year 2 wrote some fantastic letters to soldiers, thanking them for their services. As a class, we made crowns and flags to take to a celebratory lunch. In maths, Year 1 have continued measuring in centimetres and metres and Year 2 have been comparing the lengths of different objects whilst considering appropriate units of measurement. In computing, we have designed our ISS and in history we have recapped the story of William the Conqueror. We did some group based role play to act out this story from 1066.

### **News from Class 3**

What a week we have had in Class 3. Although it was a short week, it was packed with activities and fantastic efforts all around. We finished off our current maths topic and are starting our new topic of fractions as decimals. The children have been working on advertising skills and language used in this concept. VE Day was a huge success, learning about what it was like when the war finally came to an end. We wrote a diary entry, designed spitfires and medals, watched an interview with someone who was evacuated at the age of 4 and ended the day off with a sweet treat. It has been an all-round winner of a week.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been exploring statistics, including reading bar charts, line graph and pie charts, and we have been learning to calculate the mean of a set of data. In English, we have been revising key vocabulary in grammar. Linked to VE day, we have also been writing some fantastic personification poems about war and hope. In design and technology, we worked on making a truss bridge using spaghetti and masking tape, and, in science, we have been exploring the inheritance of characteristics in plants and animals. For VE day, we watched a special docu-drama produced by the British Legion and wrote poems, personifying both war and peace, and we all made our own section of bunting.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Deborah for excellent work making patterns during maths.

Class 2 – Fred for excellent investigative skills in science.

Class 3 – Neymar for his fantastic contributions, understanding and effort during maths.

Class 4 – Harry for writing a wonderful poem for VE day.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Jacob for being so welcoming to our visitors at school.

Class 2 – Rosie for always being ready to listen and learn.

Class 3 – Olivia for always being someone you can count on.

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Class 4 – Natalia for a wonderful attitude and taking pride in her work.

**Ethos Award (Friendship)** – Class 1: Eva for always fixing problems between friends.

**House Points** – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – We linked our topic of dinosaurs to our PE session, acting out how different dinosaurs may have looked and moved. We loved learning new yoga positions this week too.

Class 2 – Bank Holiday.

Class 3 – In PE this week, we introduced rounders bats and tennis rackets to help strike whilst playing matches. Introducing bats and rackets instead of kicking helps with hand eye co-ordination, awareness and timing.

Class 4 – This week, we competed in long distance races, running laps of the field against three others. We put ourselves into fair races and raced one or two laps. We also introduced rounders bats and tennis rackets to rounders and practised striking which improved our hand eye co-ordination, awareness and timing.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Isla

Class 3 – Dyiako and Tabby

Class 4 – Jessica and Kit