

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

16th May 2025

Head's Message

We are so proud of the Year 6 children for completing their SATs tests this week in such a calm, positive and determined manner. They were superstars! However, as I say every year, a test is just a reflection of a day and these children are so very much more than a score. My thanks to the whole school for their silence and patience during the tests, and to Mrs Hemmings for being our governor in attendance each day. My other highlight of the week has been the Class 3 paper aeroplane competition that has taken place outside my office at lunch time. Every year Tytherington High School hold a darts competition, but that event is nothing compared to the tactical aircraft brilliance occurring at St John's. Thank you children for top class lunchtime entertainment. Congratulations to our girls' football team who did tremendously well by making the semi-finals of a tournament at Macclesfield Football Club on Wednesday. The 2025 Academy sheet went out this week as a school survey, due to ongoing issues caused by our electricity problems. Please ensure your child picks their three choices by Tuesday next week. As this is the final newsletter of this half term, just a reminder that next week we have school photos on Monday and a Year 5 family lunch on Wednesday before we break up on Friday. Finally, we do many of you will join us at tonight's PTA Spring Fling. It is sure to be a wonderful event, and we are so grateful to all the volunteers who made it happen.



Forest School Update by Marcella

The children have been enjoying the shade of the woods during their sessions. Year 6 made cheese toasties on the campfire whilst weaving and discussing the nature sounds of the forest.

Year 3 visited the poorly cherry tree and compared it to the healthier trees around it. The children reflected on how sad it was that the tree was unwell but how amazing it has been for it to provide homes within its bark.

Staffing News

We will be advertising for a Teaching Assistant after half-term. If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, please do tell them to get in touch.

Kitchen News

What a treat it was to serve breakfast to the Year 6 children this week, as they started the day together before their SATs exams. I am now busily preparing for our next family lunch which is on the 21st May.

Diary Dates

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)
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 - 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 loved reading our new story, The Girl and the Dinosaur. We considered the vocabulary and wrote about what we'd hope to discover if we were digging on the beach at Whitby. In maths, we have focused on the composition of teen numbers, using numicon to build number jigsaws to show a quantity. In RE, we have learnt about how to put a prayer together to say thank you or ask for help. We have loved identifying different fossils and carrying out a dig to discover dinosaur bones, ammonites and fossilised plants.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we investigated stretchy objects and the materials they are made from. In English, we have been very busy writing our descriptions of our characters using verbs, adverbs, similes and adjectives. In maths, Year 1 have been practising

addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers, and Year 2 have been adding and subtracting across a ten with 2-digit numbers. In RE, we have been learning about baptism and why it is very important to Christians. In history, we enjoyed learning about the Norman rulers in England and we discussed the importance of castles during this period.

News from Class 3

Class 3 had a fantastic week and it is clear how well the children worked by what they have presented in their books. In maths, this week we looked at decimals and how fractions and decimals relate. English has been a lot of fun, starting our planning and writing of our twisted narratives. Our Maya map designs in history were a work of art and the children really gave their upmost best showing us how they would have designed a Maya city if they were the ruler.

News from Class 4

This week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests. Year 5 have been learning all about Melanesia, where we have our link school. They have also been writing poems and prayers based on our school Christian values. The class have also been identifying adaptations of living things and explaining how they help an organism to survive. In RE, we have been exploring Old Testament stories and what they suggest about the nature of God, his characteristics and his relationship with people.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Eva for fantastic independent writing.

Class 2 – Sasha for hard work and enthusiasm in history.

Class 3 – Laurie for working independently and his beautiful work in RE.

Class 4 – All our wonderful Year 6 children for an amazing attitude this week!

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Liam for being so helpful to the adults in the room.

Class 2 – Ruby for trying her best in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Aaruhi for always being a role model member in the class.

Class 4 – Megan for being kind, polite and friendly.

Ethos Award (Friendship) – Class 4: Jessica for being a wonderful friend to everyone.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we created a gymnastics circuit where we focused on balancing, jumping and rolling.

Class 2 – This week in PE, we used measurements in centimetres to score our standing long jump and running long jump and compared our scores in class. We took part in curling and target practice games working in teams.

Class 3 – During PE this week, we played a rounders tournament, competing against the rest of the class. We used rounders bats and tennis rackets and played a three game tournament.

Class 4 – In PE, we competed in a mini Olympics which included a sprint race, long jump, long distance race, curling and archery. Teams are split into five and one player competes in each activity and the scores are put together to see the winner.

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Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Callum

Class 2 – Arthur H and Rosie

Class 3 – Finn and James

Class 4 – Poppy and Thomas