

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

"It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him."

Deuteronomy 13:4

6th June 2025

Head's Message

We know we have reached the last half term of the academic year when the school is buzzing with Sports Day excitement and Class 4 know their parts for our 2025 Leavers' Play. I can hardly believe that our Academies start next week. It is such an exciting time. This week has been extremely busy in school. In particular I would like to highlight that Bev was in Class 1 on Wednesday focussing on prayer with the class. We also had our School Improvement Partner (SIP) in school, and he was exploring our phonics and RE. He was thrilled with the progress the children are making in phonics, and very excited to see how well staff were delivering Read Write Inc. He also observed RE lessons, as we are officially on the SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) list for next academic year. On Thursday Year 4 had a practice run for their Multiplication Tables Check and Reception height and weight checks were completed. Today, Cllr Kent led a special recycling assembly. The school is taking part in an art exhibition on Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th June in the Art Centre, as part of the Town Council's Green Week. The children have all been working so hard this week designing and making posters, cushions, jam jars and a giant statue, so we do hope you will go along and see the exhibition when it opens. Today, was rounded off with a fabulous Sports Day, despite a few isolated showers. Thank you to all the family members who came along to support the children, and to the PTA for the refreshments. Congratulations to Clarence who were worthy winners, after such a thrilling event.



Governors

Two parents have been nominated for parent governor, and as we have two vacancies they are both duly elected with no need for an election. Our thanks to Liz Newbon and Emma Bagshaw, who will now serve a four-year term. We thank them for their commitment to our school. The vacancies arose following the departure of Andy Selwood, who had been a magnificent parent governor at St John's for eight years. We wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication to the role, and for standing for election twice. He will be missed. We have also added another new member to our Governing Board, Clare Wearne, who is currently an RE teacher at Tytherington High School. Again, we thank her for joining us.

Phonics and Multiplication Checks

Please note that on Monday our Year 1 children will be taking their Phonics Screening test and our Year 4 children will be taking their Multiplication Tables Check. On Tuesday some Year 2 children will re-sit their Phonics Screening Test.

Kitchen News

This week, we have been thrilled to welcome children from Allsorts, who will be starting with us in September, to join us for lunch. They get the benefit of lovely transition time along with a warm, tasty and nutritious school lunch.

Diary Dates

11th June - Academies start at 9:15-10:30am
14th June - Art Exhibition
15th June - Art Exhibition
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 really enjoyed learning about the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff; we have looked closely at the reoccurring elements of the story, the characters and the setting. We designed our own bridges and built them using a range of materials, considering how to make them more stable. In maths, we have looked at sharing objects between groups, recognising if each group is fair and equal. We are beginning to link this learning to our understanding of odd and

even. In RE, we shared our experiences of special times and celebrations. We also welcomed Bev into class to learn about the importance of prayers and how we can create a prayer space in our forest school space.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was the art exhibition that we have been taking part in. Class 2 began the week by looking at landscapes and how we can replicate these landscapes with collages made of paper. We trialled using different colours and overlapping paper to produce wild landscapes and then moved on to urban landscapes. In maths this week, Year 1 have been finding halves, thirds and quarters of shapes and amounts, whilst Year 2 have been comparing different fractions and finding fractions of amounts. In RE, Class 2 have been comparing the upbringing of Jesus in Nazareth to our upbringing today. In science, we have been considering how we can reuse different materials to help us produce less waste. We drew, labelled and discussed our ideas.

News from Class 3

A very warm welcome back to Class 3! What a way to start the week, straight into our art exhibition! Everyone has been exceptionally busy! In maths, we started money discussing pounds and pence as well as the correct way to write it with our symbols and decimal point. English is linking onto our previous story relating to Egypt. The children have shown some amazing thinking skills before we start writing. RE has been a fun topic of discussion as we discovered how and why Christians worship. The best part of the week has been designing our cushions for the art exhibition. The patterns are based on the patterns we find in nature and why we want to preserve the beauty of nature we have.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been practising telling the time, including converting being analogue, digital and 24-hour clock times, calculating time intervals and reading timetables. In English, we have been completing our stories, inspired the 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol-Ann Duffy. In RE, we have been exploring the big question, 'What is the nature and character of God?' We have also had a wonderful time creating artwork ready for the art exhibition, based around the theme of recycling, and we have started working on the Leavers' Assembly.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Callum for a fantastic bridge design.

Class 2 – Sasha for excellent work with fractions.

Class 3 – The whole of Class 3 for their magnificent effort in making their pillows for the art exhibition.

Class 4 – Olivia B (Year 6) for writing a great story, with a mixture of action, description and dialogue.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Eva for being a good friend to others.

Class 2 – Vikroriia for an exemplary attitude to all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Jack for a concerted effort and improvement in all areas.

Class 4 – Kit for always participating in all lessons to such a high standard.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 3: Freddy for the respect and care he shows not only to adults and peers but the environment around him.

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House Points – Oakbank won last term.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children practised for their sports day races with a focus on being respectful to others when we win or lose.

Class 2 – The children used their PE session to get ready for Sports Day.

Class 3 – We have spent this week ensuring we are ready for our Sports Day.

Class 4 – This week, we have focussed on Sports Day prep.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Kit

Class 2 – Finley T and Orin

Class 3 – Emme and Laela-May

Class 4 – Hugo and Shiri