

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

13th June 2025

Head's Message

The Academies have started and what fun the children had this week. My thanks to the staff and to all our external community friends for running an Academy and allowing the children to access such wonderful opportunities. For some, the Academy they pick will set them on a course that will be life changing, and that is actually what the Academies should be about. This year two of our Academies are also offering trips to their headquarters which is super exciting for the children (and staff). Also this week, some Year 2 children entered a football tournament at Macclesfield Stadium. I do believe this is the first time we have entered infants into a competitive competition, and they did marvellously placing third. Again our thanks to the parents who took the children to the event and especially to Orin's dad for organising the children and ensuring they were rotated in and out of games fairly. Please do check the updated Diary Date section below as lots of events (mainly sports) have been added. On Monday, Scoop and Scales delivered a whole school assembly, as part of Bollington Town Council's Green Week. To celebrate this event there is an Art Exhibition this weekend at the Arts Centre. Every child from St John's has contributed a piece of art work for this exhibition, and so we do hope you will go along and see all the amazing pieces the children have created. Finally, highlights from next week include a trip to the Bridgewater Hall, a football tournament, our Academies and (fingers crossed) a visit from our MP Tim Roca.

Phonics and Multiplication Checks

Many of our children took part in either Phonics or Multiplication Checks this week. They all did a super job and we are very proud of them.

Diary Dates

- 14th June - Art Exhibition at the Art Centre in Bollington from 10-3pm
- 15th June - Art Exhibition at the Art Centre in Bollington from 10-3pm
- 16th June - Cricket session for 8 students from Class 4 at Wilmslow High School at 9:30-2pm
- 17th June - Bridgewater Hall Trip for Class 4 (afternoon)
- 18th June - Year 5 and 6 boys' football tournament at Macclesfield Stadium at 3:45-5:30pm
- 19th June - Tim Roca MP in school from 2pm. Parent/carers discussion at 2:45pm
- 19th June - Year 4 and 5 netball match v Gawsworth at 3:45-4:30pm
- 20th June - Water Safety assembly led by our PCSO at 9:30-10am (juniors)
- 24th June - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm

25th June - Fire Academy visit to Winsford Fire and Rescue Centre at 9:15-12:15pm
25th June - Year 6 Information Evening at Tytherington School at 6pm
26th June - Year 5 and 6 netball match v Rainow at 3:45-4:30pm
27th June - Class 1 cake sale at 3:30pm
1st July - New Reception children starter afternoon at 1:30-3pm
3rd July - Tennis session for 8 students from Class 3 and 4 at Wilmslow High School at 9 -11am
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 created a story map to help us retell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have written speech bubbles and we have started writing our own versions of the story. In maths, we have learnt how to programme the Beebots; we have taken time to plot out a route using instruction cards before setting them off and seeing if we were correct! To celebrate World Ocean Day we created our own prints of fish using recycled materials. These will be displayed at the exhibition this weekend.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our geography lesson where Class 2 have started to learn about China and what it is like to live there. Class 2 enjoyed locating China on a map, discussing the features of China and how it is similar and different to the UK. In maths, Year 1 have been finding a quarter and three quarters of shapes. Year 2 have been exploring how to find a half of an amount and why two quarters is the same as one half. In English, we have been practising using commas and applying them to our writing. In science, we have been learning about how paper is made and why recycling paper is very important.

News from Class 3

This week has been a very busy week in all areas but Class 3 have tackled it head on! In English, we have been working on describing the archaeologist Howard Carter and looking at how we would have written a telegram. Maths has been an exploration of money and working out change. Class 3 had a fantastic time outside after making seeds and testing their theories about how wind affects seed dispersal. We have been looking at rivers in geography, and the children have been on the lookout for what they observe in our local area.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been exploring pie charts and have learned to draw a pie chart. In English, we have completed our stories based on 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy, and we started work on our new book which is 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. In our science lesson, we have been looking the human timeline, describing how humans change from babies to old age, and in geography we have looking at the 8-point compass. We have also been putting in last minute preparation for playing with the Hallé next week.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Isla for fantastic independent writing of a story.

Class 2 – Arthur L excellent work in science.

Class 3 – Lola-Rose for her fantastic investigation work in science.

Class 4 – Lilian for amazing work on our maths investigation, considering probability.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Isabel for her consideration of others.

Class 2 – Heidi for her calm and sensible approach to learning.

Class 3 – Emme for her servant heart and always wanting to help others.

Class 4 – Olivia B (Year 5) for an excellent attitude to learning and for being a wonderful class member.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 2: Ivy for always showing respect to everyone around her.

House Points – Oak Bank are in the lead by 3 points.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 worked on ball control using rackets. The children used obstacles to help them manoeuvre the ball in a range of directions.

Class 2 – Class 2 completed a six session circuit which included jumping, sprinting, agility course, hurdles and two core exercises. They worked in teams to compete against others to score as many reps as possible.

Class 3 – In PE this week, Class 3 completed a circuit consisting of six sessions. They looked at different movements and how our muscles work on different activities.

Class 4 – Class 4 used three different throwing techniques, under arm, over arm and cricket bowl, to compete in teams to hit as many wickets as possible. The children also played small tennis rallies to learn and understanding different shot selection.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jacob

Class 2 – Guy and Joseph

Class 3 – Gruff and Jack

Class 4 – Johnny and Phoebe

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