

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

20th June 2025

Head's Message

The warm weather certainly arrived this week. Temperatures are forecast to drop on Monday, so I do hope you all enjoy a wonderful, sunny weekend. Thank you to all the families who attended the Art Exhibition. There was a super turnout with many glowing compliments for the children's work. Some of the creations will now be used as displays in school. (The very essence of re-cycling.) Despite Gawsworth cancelling the netball match on Thursday, we still took part in two great sports events this week. Mr Di Marco accompanied some Class 4 children to a cricket tournament and our Year 5 and 6 boys competed in a football tournament at Macclesfield Stadium. Our thanks to Mr Palazzo for acting as coach during that event. Sadly our MP, Tim Roca, was forced to postpone his visit on Thursday, and this is now scheduled for Friday 21st November. We wanted Mr Roca to talk to children and families about his work to ban mobile phones in schools. As a reminder at St John's we support banning smartphones from primary school children completely, and from September hope there are no children's phones at all on our school site. Today, we have had two informative assemblies. Class 2 and 3 attended a Personal Safety talk delivered by our PSCO Lorcan. Class 4 took part in a live assembly, hosted by Michael Rosen, to support Refugee Day. I must admit though, the highlight of the week for me was the trip to the Bridgewater Hall on Tuesday, as Class 4 played alongside the Hallé orchestra. This is always such a special event in the school calendar and the children were simply amazing. Next week, we have another jammed packed diary. Our Fire Academy children will be attending the Winsford Fire and Rescue Centre, we have new starter transition, sports events and a PTA cake sale.

Kitchen News

This week, all the children have thoroughly enjoyed the fresh produce that has been served directly from the Reception allotment. In this warm weather, the children have particularly enjoyed the seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables offered every day.

Diary Dates

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

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about the different mini beasts that we might find in our garden. We have read the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar as we observed our own caterpillars turn in to chrysalis. In maths, we have learnt about different position words, linking to last week's story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. In RE, we learnt all about the Hindu festival of Holi. We created our own Holi t-shirts using lots of bright colours!

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our science experiment. Class 2 have been testing materials to see if they are suitable to make a plant pot. We tested lots of materials, recorded our findings and formed our conclusions. In maths, Year 1 have finished off their fractions topic by making a whole using thirds and quarters, and Year 2 have been working on word problems that contain fractions. In English, Class 2 have been making predictions about our new story and have written sentences to describe and justify their predictions. In geography, we have been looking at natural features and human-made features in China, and in RE we have considered what it would be like to live in Nazareth at the same time as Jesus.

News from Class 3

The heat has hit but that did not stop Class 3 this week. We have had a jam packed week, starting with a new topic in maths. We are looking at lines, angles and shapes. In English, we have looked into the discovery of Tutankhamun and artefacts that were found in the tomb. In RE, we have looked into Judaism and what is important in this religion compared to Christianity. In geography, we have been looking at rivers and how they are formed. French was fun, hunting around the classroom to find the French names of animals. I hope you enjoyed getting your children's cushions back from the exhibition. They put a lot of time and effort into them and are very proud!

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we revised the relationship between addition and subtraction and completed puzzles based on this relationship. In English, we have been reading 'King Kong', writing poems based on Skull Island, and letters in role as one of the characters. In science, we have been exploring the gestation periods of humans and other animals, and, in RE, we have been exploring the significance of the soul in people's beliefs about the afterlife and its role in Abrahamic worldviews. We have the most amazing time at the Bridgewater Hall, playing with the Hallé on Tuesday, and we enjoyed taking part in the Great Big Live Assembly for World Refugee Day.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Deborah for her effort in phonics.

Class 2 – Arlo for excellent work in maths.

Class 3 – Hugo and Tabby for their fantastic warning posters in English.

Class 4 – Henrietta for wonderful contributions in our RE lesson about the soul.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Liam for trying hard to be thoughtful.

Class 2 – Florence for being kind and respectful to all.

Class 3 – Seth for his consistent effort to improve in all areas.

Class 4 – Freja for always being thoughtful and reflective.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 1: Callum for showing so much love and respect for people when they are sad.

House Points – Oak Bank are slightly in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the Reception children have continued to focus on their ball control using rackets. This time we focused on bouncing a ball and passing to a partner.

Class 2 – The children played a football rounders competition. They practised their kicking skills and directional shots.

Class 3 – We have spent this week playing a football rounders tournament, and we focused on teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 had small tennis rallies in teams of three, working on shot direction and striking low and high. They also played a football rounders match and focused on leadership and teamwork.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Eva

Class 2 – Fred and Heidi

Class 3 – Cora and Hugo

Class 4 – Ella and Shiri

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