

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

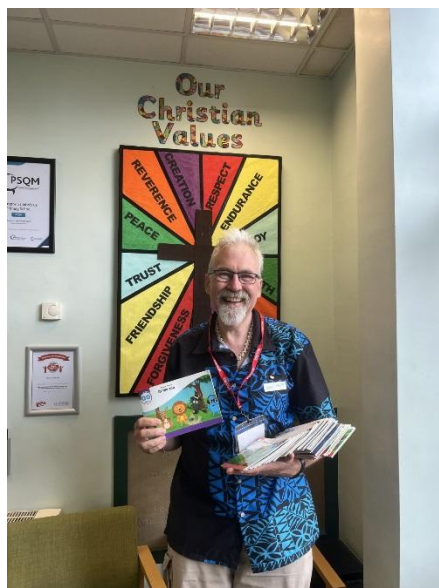
"It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him."

Deuteronomy 13:4

27th June 2025

Head's Message

The weather may have changed but our spirits have not dampened at all. How could they when we have so much going on. Two excellent sports events took place on Wednesday and Thursday. Our girls came third in their tournament at Macclesfield Stadium, and then our netballers had a wonderful match against Rainow. We are so proud of all the children who took part. Our thanks go to Mrs Davies, Mrs Salhouse and Mr Beardmore for taking charge of these events and coaching our teams/running an after school club. On Wednesday, we also had our Academies and this week the Fire Academy, along with two intrepid journalists, went on a fantastic trip to the Fire HQ in Winsford. They had a marvellous time and we are so grateful to Mr Ladds for organising it. Our new Reception 2026 starters had a transition visit on Tuesday which, as always, was such a lovely event. Many of these children are now joining us for lunch. Today, Colin Butler came to lead worship and tell the children all about our link school in Melanesia. After the worship Colin mentioned how desperate they are for phonics book in the Solomon Islands, and so I was very happy to donate all of our old Monster Phonics books to him. Our last event today is our PTA Class 1 cake sale. Next week, our big event will be our Leavers' Disco on Friday.



Meet and Greet and School Counsellor

Please note that our Meet and Greet sessions will end on Thursday 17th July and re-start on Monday 15th September. We will assess how the children come back to school after the summer holidays, and then invite children to Meet and Greet if we feel they would benefit from it. Please do not assume that if your child is currently attending then they will automatically carry on in September. We will email parents before 15th September and invite the children we feel would most benefit from the sessions.

Similarly the counsellor will decide at the end of this term which children no longer need to spend time with her. We have a waiting list of children who would like to access counselling, and so after discussions with Mrs Wareham we will invite the children that we feel would most benefit from her intervention. I hope you understand we have to be fair to all the children and prioritise Mrs Wareham's time to where the greatest need is.

Lateness

We would like to remind our families about the importance of your child/children being on time in the morning. Children who arrive on time in the morning have a chance to talk to their friends and classroom staff and the opportunity to listen and understand instructions for the morning's activities.

Children who arrive late miss out on these opportunities and their arrival into the classroom can be disruptive to the other children as activities start as soon as the children enter the classroom.

In the morning entrance via the main school office should only be used in exceptional circumstances or for children who have special educational needs for whom this is necessary. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kitchen News

The children are still benefitting from the fresh produce being grown in the St John's allotment. This week we had an abundance of radishes and we were so proud of all the children who tried a radish for the first time.

Diary Dates

- 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 watched as the chrysalis has finally hatched into butterflies; the children have loved seeing the whole process of metamorphosis from start to finish. We have used the story of The Bug Collector to inspire our own mini-beast hunts; we have thought carefully about how to care for creatures even when they are tiny! In maths, we have revisited number bonds to 10 using numicon and ten frames to support our learning.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our RE afternoon visit from Mrs Nixon. She helped us think about prayer and why it's important to Christians. We also wrote and drew our ideas for our Class 2 prayer space and we are very excited to add this to our classroom. In maths, Class 2 have started our new topic 'time' and have successfully retained our knowledge of months of the year, as well as starting to explore stop watches to help us compare different times. In English, we have been using adverbs to improve our writing and we have been sequencing different parts of a story. We also had an exciting afternoon visit from Reception this week. With Reception, we recapped our learning of mini-beasts and microhabitats which led us to labelling body parts and hunting for mini-beasts. In PSHE, Class 2 have been considering how we can show respect to our peers and our planet.

News from Class 3

What a busy week it has been in Class 3. The children have shown great resilience during tasks and produced some great pieces of work this week. In English, we started to research facts for our final write for our class book. Maths has been an interesting topic as we have looked at shapes, lines and quadrilaterals, identifying the characteristics that make them what they are. Science and geography has had the children discussing different methods of seed dispersal and how rivers are formed. In RE we looked at the Hindu religion and important symbols to their faith.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Class 4 have started a project about spirals. We will be discussing and applying different aspects of mathematics and developing our mathematical vocabulary. In English, we have continued reading 'King Kong', creating our own speeches and posters to advertise King Kong being shown in New York. In geography, we have been learning to read four and six-digit grid references on ordnance survey maps. Our Leavers' Play rehearsals are now well under way, and we can't wait to perform Wind in the Willows for you at the end of term.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Kit for his fantastic work in phonics.

Class 2 – Evelyn for superb work in English.

Class 3 – Eleanor for her fantastic work and effort in RE this week.

Class 4 – Phoebe B for excellent work in geography, reading four and six-digit grid references.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Freddie for his consistent effort in writing.

Class 2 – Sky for showing excellent focus this week.

Class 3 – Sophie for her resilience and effort in all areas.

Class 4 – Heidi for being a delightful classmate and always participating fully.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 4: Aarushi for always showing such respect to everyone.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children worked on their ball control, focusing on throwing and catching accurately. We worked in pairs to develop hand eye coordination before using targets to practise more controlled movements.

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Class 2 – In PE, this week, Class 2 worked on their football skills and played a passing game focusing on their accuracy and co-ordination. They also played a target practice game, rolling a ball to try and hit cones for points.

Class 3 – This week, Class 3 had a round robin in tennis which allowed the children to rally against different opposition. The children also practised using the long barrier in cricket to protect the ball as a fielder.

Class 4 – Class 4 split into 2 groups. Group 1 were playing tennis matches over half courts whilst Group 2 were playing a quick cricket match. They then swapped over to play the opposite sport.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Isabel

Class 2 – Ivy and Evelyn

Class 3 – Aaruhi and Asher

Class 4 – Aarushi and Hugo