

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

4th July 2025

Head's Message

What a lovely week we have at school. We took part in two more sporting events, as well as our usual after-school clubs, lunch time sports and Academies. First, our netball team was in action again after school on Wednesday, and then some children attended a tennis event on Thursday. As always, all of the children represented St John's magnificently. We held our final new starters transition afternoon on Tuesday, and will be holding our Parent Information evening (for the family members of all the children starting in September) next Monday at 4pm. Our Academies reached Week 4, and the highlight for me was the Police Academy solving a real crime in Bollington, and placing parking warning notices on cars as they did so. Next week, we have our Year 6 Family Lunch as well as our move up afternoon on Monday, where children will spend time in their September classes. Finally, we do hope all the children have fun at tonight's PTA Leavers' Disco.

Reports Out

Reports will be going out on Tuesday, but please note because we do not get the SATs results for Year 6 until this day, Mrs Watson will not be emailing Class 4 reports out until the evening.

Staffing for September

We are pleased to confirm the staffing arrangements for September

Class 1 – Mrs Jobbins, Ms Goodall and Ms Vaughan

Class 2 – Mrs Vanaudenaerde, Mrs Moisei and Mrs Woolley

Class 3 – Mrs Steyn, Mrs Howarth, Mrs Heath and Mr Di Marco

Class 4 – Mrs Watson, Ms Forrest, Mrs Cooper and Mr Di Marco

Leavers' Assembly Collection for Poppy

Our wonderful Poppy in Year 5 has asked if she can do a collection at the start of the Leavers' Assembly, on behalf of the East Cheshire Hospice. Poppy has been committed to fundraising for this worthy cause for some time, and we do hope you will support her.

Diary Dates

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 learnt about the body part names for an insect before we labelled each part of an ant. We created a mini beast guessing game where we each wrote three clues about our chosen creature; we then added a lift-the-flap element to keep everyone guessing. In maths, we used numicon and number lines to identify and match up the odd and even numbers. We used our knowledge to then subitise quantities and decide if they could be shared fairly. In RE, we have focused on symbols that represent the Holy Spirit; we have created beautiful watercolour doves and wind catchers.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our maths lesson where we have been continuing to learn about time. Year 1 have been looking at stopwatches whilst Year 2 have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past. This week, Year 2 have been extremely busy doing their optional SATS. They have all worked incredibly hard and applied their knowledge and skills superbly. Year 1 have also been completing some of their termly assessments and they have been super too! Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon with Reception on Tuesday and they used their artistic skills to do some wonderful painting. In geography, Class 2 have been continuing to discover what it is like to live in China, specifically Shanghai. In science, Class 2 have been choosing suitable materials that will be successful when making different objects.

News from Class 3

With the end of term in sight, Class 3 have been working incredibly hard. In English, we started our new book, Weslandia, and gave our opinions and predictions about the text. In maths, we had some fun moving towards the end of our shape unit. We investigated mirror images and designed maths monsters completing their bodies to form a line of symmetry. In geography, we looked at the importance of rivers to animals and the eco-system. In science, we looked at the data collected and made a graph to represent the findings. Finally, we planted our germinated seeds which we have been watching grow.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started an end of year project about spirals. We have studied different types of spirals and have focused on The Golden Spiral which is linked to the Fibonacci sequence. We have also produced artwork linked to our learning. In English, we completed our work on King Kong, and we also wrote letters to our local MP, asking him about the government's plans to tackle climate change. We told him all about our link school in Melanesia and the problems they are facing. In geography, we have drawn our own maps using symbols and including grid references.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Theo for an excellent set of mini beast clues.
Class 2 – All of Year 2 for their hard work this week.
Class 3 – Finn for his fantastic effort in his symmetry and shape work.
Class 4 – Olivia B (Year 5) for fantastic artwork linked to our spiral project in maths.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Callum for always being such a great role model.

Class 2 – Finley T for always listening and following instructions.

Class 3 – Tabby for always offering a helping hand.

Class 4 – Sigrid for always working with such enthusiasm.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 3: Cora for her reverence in class, towards staff and peers.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – In our final swimming lesson of the year, the children demonstrated their skills by either swimming a width or a length, star floating, swimming on their backs and jumping in unassisted.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 learnt about hockey and the fundamentals of the game. We looked at how to hold the hockey stick and how to move the ball in different directions, completing challenges moving in and out of cones and other obstacles.

Class 3 – Class 3 participated in a dance off. The class was split into houses and copied the dances from the big screen. The children were scored on enthusiasm, teamwork and attitude to giving things a good go. They also had a rounders match with the class split into two teams.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 split into two groups. Group 1 played 2v2 tennis matches in a round robin format. Group 2 played quick cricket and scored points based on good batting skills, catching and other fielding displays. They then swapped over half way through the lesson.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Freddie

Class 2 – Maksym and Kobi

Class 3 – Finn and Scarlett

Class 4 – Freja and Max

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