

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

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Head's Message

I cannot believe we have reached the last newsletter of this academic year. When I look back on all the memories we have made as a school community, I am filled with pride. I know I say it every year, but it is such an honour to be the Headteacher at St John's and I feel privileged that you have entrusted us with your children. Although we may not be ready to say goodbye to Year 6 yet, they are ready for the next exciting chapter in their life. In September a new adventure begins, and one which we hope they make the very most of, fulfilling their amazing potential. We will be here cheering them on. As we approach the end of term the weeks seem to get busier and busier. On Monday the Bloomin' Bollington judges came to inspect our entrance, Beverley was in Class 4 designing prayer spaces, Year 6 were at Tytherington, we hosted a wonderful work experience young lady, we had our Move Up afternoon and then we held our new starter parent information evening after school. That was just Monday! On Tuesday, the Year 6 children received their SATs results, and in the afternoon had the gift of a Bible or special book from the Sunday School Foundation Trust. We held our last week of Academies on Wednesday with the Tennis Academy going to the rec for a final game. We then had our Year 6 Family Lunch followed by a guitar assembly where our young musicians showed us the super progress they had made. Our Kitchen Hygiene Inspection took place today, and I am thrilled to report we have maintained our 5 star rating. On top of all this we still have Forest School and Wind in the Willows rehearsals in full flow. Next week, Class 2 are going to Eureka on Tuesday. On the same day members of the Police Academy will be going to Wilmslow to cut the ribbon and open the new Police HQ. On Wednesday please join us for our Academy Celebration where we will be hearing from more of our super musicians. Please bring some money as the Enterprise Academy have been making some wonderful things to sell. Finally, on Friday we have our Leavers' Play. As well as bringing some money to support Poppy, who is fundraising for the East Cheshire Hospice, do remember your tissues. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all the very best summer holiday.

Kitchen News

It was lovely to round off our special lunches by hosting Year 6 families on Wednesday. I have been busy preparing the new menu ready for September, and wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Forest School Update by Marcella

It has been such a wonderful year exploring and learning in the Forest School with all the children.

Diary Dates

15th July - Eureka Trip for Class 2

16th July - Academies Celebration Assembly at 9:30am-10:30am. All families invited – please bring money to buy from the Enterprise Academy

18th July - Leavers' Play at 9:30-11:30am. Class 4 families invited – please bring money to donate to the East Cheshire Hospice

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, we spent the first half of the week learning all about mini beasts from other countries. We did some amazing observational drawings of our favourites. We were excited to have a visit from the giant stick insects from Class Four; Shiri and Olivia taught us all about them and helped us to carefully hold each one. In maths, we have focused on giving instructions to recreate models; we found that we needed to be clear and precise to be successful. We started a short project on bees later in the week; we created tessellated patterns using hexagons to represent honeycomb before adding pictures of the bee's life cycle.

News from Class 2

Our highlight was our maths, where we have been learning to tell the time. Year 1 have been learning to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to, whilst Year 2 have been learning to tell the time past the hour and to the hour. Class 2 have worked hard on these important skills and have made great progress. We have also been very busy in phonics, recapping some crucial sounds and applying them to our reading. In English, we have used our letter writing skills to write letters and cards to our friends, or to someone we are thankful for. In geography, we have completed our topic by comparing Shanghai to the UK. In art, we have been using our pencil skills and painting skills to create maps.

News from Class 3

With only a couple of days left in the term, Class three have really put their best foot forward. This week we started our planning for our English write by inventing our own civilizations. In maths, we have been revising previous topics and having fun with shapes, building our 3D shapes with shape nets. In RE, we had lovely discussions around the symbols in Sikhism. The week was topped off with our final forest school which as always was jam packed with fun activities.

News from Class 4

This week, Class 4 have started their end of year theme park project. They have been designing and budgeting for their own theme parks, working out income, outgoings and profit. In art, they have been painting waterfalls, exploring depth perception, using colours, sizing and adding details. On Monday, we enjoyed our 'move-up' afternoon, with the Year 4 children coming to visit their new classroom. Year 6 enjoyed their last Forest Schools session of the year, and Year 5 continued their work on story mapping the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The leavers' play, The Wind in the Willows, is nearly ready to perform, and we can't wait for you all to see it!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Deborah for excellent participation in phonics.

Class 2 – Kobi for excellent progress in maths.

Class 3 – Emme for her beautiful work in geography.

Class 4 – Arthur for amazing work designing and budgeting for this own theme park.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jacob for being kind to friends.

Class 2 – Maisie for playing beautifully with others.

Class 3 – James for showing respect towards staff, peers and the environment.

Class 4 – Harry for great concentration and doing his best in all lessons.

Ethos Award (Reverence) – Class 2: Finlay for showing kindness to his friends when they get hurt.

House Points – Adelphi are this terms winners!

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we used a range of equipment to set up obstacle courses. We focused on our jumping, balancing and throwing skills to complete each race.

Class 2 – The children played some games on Monday and then moved athletically to their new September classes.

Class 3 – This week, in PE we split the class into two groups. One group would play tennis matches in singles. The other group would play quick cricket. The groups would swap after half of the lesson.

Class 4 – In Class 4 this week, we had a tennis tournament playing singles, playing against different oppositions and competing to see who wins the tournament. We also played quick cricket and competed to get the most runs and points through catches.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Theo

Class 2 – The whole class

Class 3 – Emme and Lola-Rose

Class 4 – Jessica and Phoebe L

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