

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you .I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

5th September 2025

Head's Message

Welcome back to school, or welcome to St John's if your child has just started in Reception. It has been a wonderful first week and all the children have settled in beautifully, especially our delightful new starters. What was particularly amazing this year was the absence of all mobile phones from children in Class 4. Forest School started today with some enthusiastic apple picking, and swimming starts on Tuesday for Class 4. On INSET day the teaching staff were busy organising clubs and trips and all the special experiences that make the autumn term such a joyous time. A list of current key dates is below, but remember this is likely to be added to in the coming weeks. Normal newsletters will resume next week, and please note there is a letter regarding Free School Meals attached to this newsletter. If you think you may be eligible to apply, please do not hesitate to contact us. Finally, welcome to our two new members of staff, Mrs Vanaudenaerde and Miss Vaughan, who were every bit as excited as the rest of us to welcome the children back to school and start a new academic year.

Arbor

If you have not logged onto Arbor yet, please could we ask that you do so ASAP. Please look out for an 'Arbor joining' email which will require you to set up the login and new password so that you can access Arbor for your child/children.

Moving forward it is our new payment system (for school meals and snacks) as the local authority have now withdrawn ePayments.

All payments follow the same process, whether you are paying for meals or snacks. If you can simply indicate in the 'NARRATIVE' box whether you are paying for a lunch, a snack, or both, this will be extremely helpful. Thank you.

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Top Up Account by Card

Top-Up Details

Customer account

Paul Duffy (Meals)

Bill payer*

Paul Duffy

Payment amount*

£

Narrative

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Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a statutory assessment that Reception children must complete within their first six weeks of starting school. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Platinum Schools Games Award

We are delighted to have achieved the Platinum School Games Award for the academic year 2024-2025. You can only apply for this award if your school has achieved the Gold Award for five consecutive years, so it is a huge accomplishment. The award is a government lead scheme to reward schools for their commitment to physical activity and competition.

Diary Dates

9th September – Class 4 swimming lessons begin
17th September – PTA AGM at 6pm at St John's. All parents/carers invited
22nd September – After School Clubs begin
22nd September – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
26th September – PTA Beetle Drive, tbc
1st October – Playground Portraits in school to take children's individual photographs
3rd October – New Starter 2026 open afternoon at 2-3pm – for families with children starting school in September 2026
6th October – Class 4 First Aid training
6th October – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
8th October – Harvest Service at 2pm at St John's. All families welcome
11th October – New Starter 2026 open morning at 10-12pm – for families with children starting school in September 2026
15th October – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
17th October – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
20th October – Playground Portraits back up date
20th October – Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings
21st October – Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings
22nd October – Diwali special themed school lunch
23rd October – Last day of term
24th October – INSET day for teachers
3rd November – First day of term
3rd November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
5th November – Bonfire night special themed school lunch
12th November – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
17th November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
24th November – Flu Vaccine delivered in school
26th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
29th November – PTA Christmas Fair, time tbc
1st December – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
5th December – PTA wreath making event, time tbc
9th December – Infant (Reception and Class 2) Christmas Production at 2-3:00pm
16th December – Junior (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Production at 2pm – 3:30pm and 6-7:30pm
17th December – Christmas Dinner and non-uniform day
19th December – Last day of term

Please do visit our website for our important diary dates:

<https://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/events>