# Bollington St. John's Church of England



### Where talent grows

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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

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

#### Head's Message

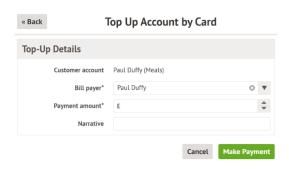
Welcome back to school, or welcome to St John's if your child has just started in Reception. It has been a wonderful first week and all the children have settled in beautifully, especially our delightful new starters. What was particularly amazing this year was the absence of all mobile phones from children 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Moving forward it is our new payment system (for school meals and snacks) as the local authority have now withdrawn ePayments.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.



### 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**

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9<sup>th</sup> September – Class 4 swimming lessons begin
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17th September – PTA AGM at 6pm at St John's. All parents/carers invited

22<sup>nd</sup> September – After School Clubs begin

22<sup>nd</sup> September – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm

26<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Beetle Drive, tbc

1st October – Playground Portraits in school to take children's individual photographs

3<sup>rd</sup> October – New Starter 2026 open afternoon at 2-3pm – for families with children starting school in September 2026

6<sup>th</sup> October – Class 4 First Aid training

6<sup>th</sup> October – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm

8th October - Harvest Service at 2pm at St John's. All families welcome

11<sup>th</sup> October – New Starter 2026 open morning at 10-12pm – for families with children starting school in September 2026

15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

17th October - PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm

20<sup>th</sup> October – Playground Portraits back up date

20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings

21st October - Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Diwali special themed school lunch

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Last day of term

24<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day for teachers

3<sup>rd</sup> November – First day of term

3<sup>rd</sup> November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm

5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire night special themed school lunch

12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm

24th November – Flu Vaccine delivered in school

26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

29<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fair, time tbc

1<sup>st</sup> December – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm

5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA wreath making event, time tbc

9<sup>th</sup> December – Infant (Reception and Class 2) Christmas Production at 2-3:00pm

16<sup>th</sup> December – Junior (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Production at 2pm – 3:30pm and 6-7:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and non-uniform day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Please do visit our website for our important diary dates:

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