

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

12th September 2025

Head's Message

Our first full week together has already finished and I must say the Reception class have settled in beautifully. I had the enormous joy of watching them with their Year 6 reading buddies this afternoon, and it was just wonderful. Every child reading, and every child (young and old) thrilled to be spending time with their buddy. With swimming, Forest Schools, music lessons and clubs already underway it feels as if the term has already got off to a flying start. Next week, a diocese adviser will be spending Tuesday morning in school. On Wednesday, Rev Jenny will be visiting us and participating in worship. Also on Wednesday, the PTA is holding its annual AGM at 6pm in school, and we do hope many of you can make it. I am meeting members of the PTA at 5pm that evening. My apologies that I have a zoom clash at 6pm, but I will be in school during the PTA event and will join as soon as my Tytherington meeting is over. This year, as part of their Year 6 transition offer, Tytherington will be inviting the whole class to the High School to take part in organised activities. Previously they accommodated small numbers of children for a variety of events. When they have confirmed the transition date we will let you know.

Mr Di Marco's Lunch Clubs

This term Mr Di Marco is running the following lunch time clubs:

Monday – Football or target practice

Tuesday – Boccia

Wednesday – Cricket

Thursday – Tennis

Friday – Football

On a few days in the week, due to Mr Di Marco's timetable, the clubs are only running for the juniors, but alternative activities have been put in place for the infants on those days.

Children Bringing Toys to School

Please could we politely ask you not to send your child/children into school with toys from home, unless you have spoken to the class teacher about a specific reason to do so. Currently desks are starting to fill up with an array of items, making focussing on work extremely difficult for some. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kitchen News

It has been a fantastic first full week back in school, preparing freshly made lunches for school and Allsorts. We have also scheduled some wonderful themed lunches into the school calendar. Can I

please remind you that your child is welcome to have a school dinner for just a few days a week, if you would like them to try our hot specials but do not want to commit to all week. We can cater to your specific requests.

Diary Dates

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
30th September – Tytherington School Morning Tour. Year 5 and 6 families invited
1st October – Playground Portraits in school to take children's individual photographs
1st October – Tytherington School Morning Tour. Year 5 and 6 families invited
2nd October – Tytherington School Open Evening at 6-8pm. Year 5 and 6 families invited
3rd October – New Starter 2026 open afternoon at 2-3pm
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
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

News from Reception

Our wonderful new Reception children have settled in so well! This week we have read stories about emotions and recognising how to cope with them when they get too big. We used the story of The Colour Monster to inspire our artwork which led to us exploring colour mixing and creating our own paint colours based on our knowledge. We have loved exploring outside; we have visited the orchard to collect apples ready to bake with and used the climbing frames to develop our balancing and gross motor skills.

News from Class 2

In English, we've been exploring the story *Cave Baby*, using it as inspiration to write our own captions and labels. The children have enjoyed bringing the story to life through their writing. In

Maths, Year 1 have been developing a strong understanding of place value using practical resources such as ten frames, Rekenreks, and cubes. Year 2 have been building on this foundation by learning to write numerals in words with increasing confidence. We've been busy investigating the plants around our school grounds in science. We carried out a bean investigation and even spent time in the school garden helping with the weeding. It's been a hands-on and exciting start to our science learning.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have had a phenomenal week. In maths, we have been looking at numbers and place value up to 10,000. English and history have been a topic of conversation looking back over the ages and specifically focusing in the Stone Age and what it would be like to live in that period of time. Everyone has put a concerted effort into their work this week and have settled beautifully.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Class 4 have been working on place value. We have been extending this learning to numbers up to 10,000,000. In English, we have started reading 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have been writing about the history of the Twin Towers, focusing on using pronouns and noun phrases to avoid repetition in our writing. Highlights of this week have been starting our new RE unit, which asks is every person's journey the same? We have also been learning about the areas of regulation in PSHE.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Edward for his incredible art work.

Class 2 – Posy for producing a beautifully creative and thoughtful piece of R.E. work. Posy showed great care and depth in her thinking.

Class 3 – Orin for his amazing work in RE.

Class 4 – Olivia B for making amazing contributions in our RE lesson this week, exploring the idea of a journey.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Isabelle for her kindness and helping the whole class.

Class 2 – Florence for being a kind and caring friend to others and lending a helping hand.

Class 3 – Henry for how positively he has taken on the new challenges in Year 4.

Class 4 – Megan for being so focused, and making such fantastic contributions, in all lessons.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 2: Callum for showing a wonderful understanding of our school value of peace, setting a great example to others through his insightful reflections.

House Points – Oak Bank are in the lead by 5 points.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 looked at playing games linked to colours. The class would be given a word for example 'banana' and would have to find the colour cone matching their object within five seconds. They also played a balancing game keeping their cone balanced on their head.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 played some team games, competing against other teams to race and collect as many items as possible from the middle of the field. The children would use different movements and have different challenges in how to bring their objects back.

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Class 3 – During PE, Class 3 focused on passing and dribbling in football and basketball. In football, we played a team game which involved seven teams of 4/5 people, and they would race when their number was called to race around the set track. This would evolve into playing passes and dribbling the football. In basketball, the children were practising how to dribble using alternate hands and learning to change direction and turn.

Class 4 – This week, in PE, Class 4 competed in a football passing challenge. The children were paired up and took turns to try and knock the central ball off the cone. After six games of two minutes, we would have a winning team. They then went onto a new passing game involving hitting cones and football from 10-40 yards away.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Penny

Class 2 – Eva and Viktoriia

Class 3 – Arthur and Dyiako

Class 4 – Neymar and Daniel