

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

26th September 2025

Head's Message

It was so lovely to see the return of more pleasant weather this week, making playtimes and PE so much more enjoyable. We were also able to gather more of the delicious apples from our orchard, which Reception turned into fantastic apple crumbles. Our teacher led after school clubs started on Monday, and we were thrilled to see so many children attend. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to meet their child/children's class teacher during Parents' Evening week. If you have failed to make an appointment please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Next week, Tytherington are holding two morning tours for Year 5 and Year 6 families. We also have our first Open Day next Friday at 2-3pm. If you have a child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2026, please do take a look at the attachment we are sending home tonight about how to apply online. Finally, please note we have moved Harvest on Wednesday 8th October from a 2pm to a 2:30pm start. Mrs Watson has signed Class 4 onto a very exciting STEM Space zoom, entitled: 'Walking Amongst Giants' which ends at 2:15pm. We do not want the children to miss the ending!

PTA Christmas Fundraising

Children in all the classes are busily creating a Christmas design as part of a PTA fundraising initiative. Teachers will send home order forms on 2nd October, and your child's design will be uploaded onto our school website (the Gallery section) that day. Order forms can then be returned to school so we can hand them to the PTA. Orders must be returned to school by 6th October, at the latest. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Year 5 and 6 Residential 2026

We are excited to let you know that Class 4's residential next year will be to Lakeside in the Lake District from Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March. Lakeside is one of the largest outdoor education centres in Europe and is on the shores of Lake Windermere. We will send out further details next week. If you do not want your child to attend please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kitchen News

It was a joy to assist Reception class this week as they made their delicious apple crumbles to take home. Fresh ingredients used and baking/cooking on the school site is exactly what we are all about here at St John's.

Diary Dates

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 2:30pm 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
10th December – Advent Spirals for all classes led by Rev Jenny
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

It's been a busy week in Reception this week! We have read two amazing books, The Family Book and In Every House. We created portraits of our families using natural objects and drew the main features of our houses. In maths, we have focused on matching pictures and making pairs using patterned socks. We loved collecting apples and making our own apple crumbles on Wednesday. We have now completed our baseline assessments and have started our phonics lessons; the children have been fantastic!

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we've been exploring how to use conjunctions in our writing. We also discovered a letter from a Yeti and had fun deciding whether or not we'd like to be friends with them! In maths, we've been comparing numbers using the language of greater than, less than, and equal to. In science, we've been learning about the parts of a plant, labelling them and thinking about the important role each part plays in helping the plant grow.

News from Class 3

It has been a very busy week in Class 3 and everyone has been working very hard. We have started our new book in English, the beautiful book – Varmints. It has sparked great curiosity as we have not yet read the whole book and children have written predication as to what they think the book is about. We are nearing the end of our Place Value topic and been spending time rounding up and down. We used our French puppets to have conversations in French and practise different phrases. The sun was very kind to us this week and we were able to go outside and draw shadows of different items.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been working on ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000,000, and we have been practising rounding integers. In English, we have continued writing our diary entries based on 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have also been learning how to identify adverbials. Another highlight of this week has been creating our poem portraits in art, exploring how backgrounds can enhance our artwork. We also enjoyed celebrating European Day of Languages, discussing the positives of learning a language and finding out a little bit about some of the European languages.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Penny for an excellent drawing of her house.

Class 2 – Maksym for producing a fantastic, detailed picture of a plant.

Class 3 – Eleanor for her great setting description in English.

Class 4 – Henry for an excellent piece of artwork, creating a 'poem portrait'.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jordan for showing kindness when others need help.

Class 2 – Ivy for being so helpful around class.

Class 3 – Arlo for always trying so hard and never giving up. He always faces challenges in calm, determined and peaceful way.

Class 4 – Tabitha for contributing so well in all lessons and always being happy to help out around the classroom.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 4: Jessica for being a peaceful influence and wonderful classmate.

House Points – Lowerhouse are now in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children played start/stop games to warm up, focusing on space, direction and speed. The children then played 'the floor is lava' using equipment; we focused on following instructions and managing ourselves within a space.

Class 2 – In PE, Class 2 worked in teams to dribble a football around the field without bumping into and players or cones. They then competed in a team game dribbling from their team to the middle of the field to collect an item. Once they had taken their item back to base, they passed to the next player.

Class 3 – We have competed in basketball passing races and communication games, using different passes to complete the circuits and using movement to not get caught. We then played 'table football' finding a space on their 4v4 pitch and only being able to pass, shoot and turn.

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Class 4 – The class went swimming and then came back to compete in team line ball matches, using communication and awareness to outscore the opponents and working hard to attack and defend.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Clemmie

Class 2 – Isla and Arthur H

Class 3 – Samuel and Henry

Class 4 – Jack and Hugo WS