

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

3rd October 2025

Head's Message

We are so relieved that Playground Portraits managed to get the school photos completed before the onset of Storm Amy. Lots going on in school this week. Open Day events took place both here at St John's and at Tytherington High School. Harvest preparations are proceeding in earnest for next week's assembly, to which you are all invited. Our Eco Club made a super Harvest window display for St Oswald's, made from entirely recyclable materials. Sewing Seeds visited Class 4 on Thursday and delivered a workshop entitled, 'Our Wonderful World'. The children talked about how important it is to be responsible custodians of our planet. Thursday was also National Poetry Day and juniors took part in a worship linking poetry to peace (our Christian value). Next week, as well as Harvest we have another new starter show round on Monday and Class 4 have First Aid training.

PTA Christmas Fundraiser

All the children's designs are now available to view on the Gallery section of the website, and all the order forms have gone home. Can we politely remind you that should you wish to place an order, please can you return the completed form to school on Monday. Thank you.

PE Uniform Request

We have noticed an increase in the number of children not wearing the correct PE kit. Please can we politely remind parents that children should wear their school PE kit when they have PE lessons. PE kit consists of black shorts/tracksuit and a jade branded t-shirt or white t-shirt with black pumps for indoor use and trainers for the outdoors. We have high expectations of our children and we are very grateful for your support.

Diary Dates

- 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

This week in Reception we have read the wonderful text, 'Martha Maps It Out' to inspire our learning. We have created our own maps using photographs of places that we recognise in Bollington. In maths, we have been finding different ways to sort a group of objects; this made us think really carefully about the common features of each set of objects.

In RE, we focused on the people in our community that help us; we reflected on how we can help our friends. We loved reading poetry for National Poetry Day on Thursday; our favourite was 'The Duck' which everyone found very funny!

News from Class 2

This week, we've been busy building on our understanding of numbers to 10 and 20, with a strong focus on reinforcing place value. In English, we began exploring our new book *Yeti and the Bird*. The children have been captivated by the story and have written thoughtful and creative letters to Yeti, offering him advice in his search for friendship. Our science topic on plants has continued to bloom! We've been identifying wild and garden flowers, and we extended our learning by discovering the work of botanical artist Anna Atkins. Inspired by her unique style, the children created their own beautiful botanical artworks. To finish the week, we stepped back in time and had great fun playing traditional playground games!

News from Class 3

Class 3 has had a wonderful week. In maths, we ended off our week by cracking the code with Roman numerals. The children have done such fantastic writing in English this week, writing a first-person paragraph and comparing man-made structures vs nature from our book *the Varmints*. History has been ever so fun, looking at different artefacts and thinking about what they are or what they were used for. We had a look at Islam faith in RE and have explored what is similar and different to the Christian faith.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning to order and compare negative numbers and find the difference between positive and negative integers. In English, we have completed our diary entries based on 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. Other highlights this

week have been our science lesson, exploring filtering, and our Wonderful World workshop by Sewing Seeds, exploring the creation story and how we can be good custodians of the planet.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Amelie for amazing effort in phonics.

Class 2 – Deborah for trying so hard in maths.

Class 3 – Arthur L for his fantastic effort in English.

Class 4 – Ella for writing a wonderful diary entry in character a Philippe Petit.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Heidi for being so kind and looking after others.

Class 2 – Uthara for being so patient and kind.

Class 3 – Ruby for how she has looked after classmates this week. She gave a lot of comfort to a friend who needed it.

Class 4 – Freddie for being a kind and supportive friend.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 1: Eddie for being thoughtful towards his friends.

House Points – Clarence are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The class were focusing on listening to instructions and stop start games, using cones as steering wheels and moving around at different speeds and looking out for traffic lights and signals. They then moved onto awareness games in spaces.

Class 2 – This week, we split the class into two groups. One group would be on the field practising dribbling a football around and being able to keep control, stopping and starting to move. We moved onto dribbling through space without bumping into planets 'cones'. The other group were on the playground using hoops, ropes, bean bags, chalk and other items to improve their gross motor skills. The children then swapped groups.

Class 3 – In PE, we split the class into two and one half of the class played and learned how to be involved in a football match and how to find space. The second half of the class were playing line ball and practising how to pass and move and find space. The classes then swapped.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 were swimming in the morning and then came back to play 'table football'. The children were spread out on the playground and could only turn, pass, block and shoot. The children were unable to move around, using communication to score. To progress the children then had a small rope to hold to move sideways like table football.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Isabelle

Class 2 – Jonas and Kit

Class 3 – Ruby and Bobbie

Class 4 – Sophia and Olivia B

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