

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

*"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

*Jeremiah 31:34*

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

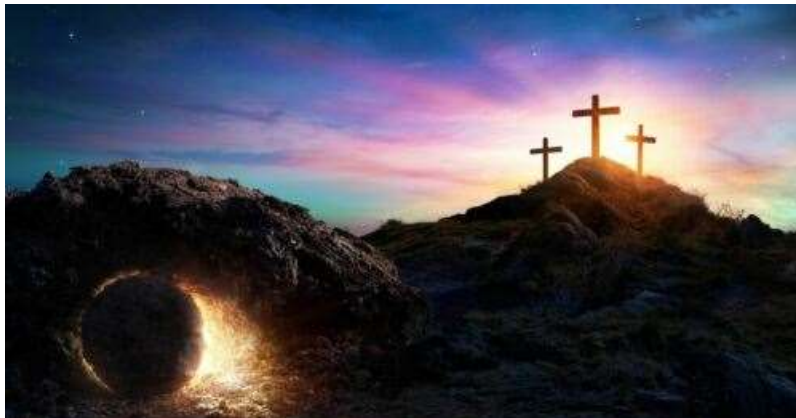
### Head's Message

It was wonderful seeing so many of you this week as you attended your meetings with your child's teacher. I hope your appointments were useful and informative. Please remember that if there are any issues you have, or points you would like to discuss that you were not able to this week, then please contact the class teacher or myself for a further appointment. We are always here for you. Today, we had a Down Syndrome assembly led by Steve Hart from Down Syndrome Cheshire. We told him our fundraising total stood at £203. Steve thinks we've raised the most out of all their partners! Thank you all so much for your generous donations to this worthy charity and for your donations to Comic Relief, where our total raised stands at £112. Open the Book visited us for the last time this term on Wednesday and retold the story of Joshua. We have also recently had assemblies led by Rev Nancy (the theme was Lent), and our PCSO Lorcan, who spoke about online safety. Unbelievably, next week is the last week of the spring term. On Monday the children will be watching a Wind in the Willows theatre performance in school. On Wednesday we are thrilled to welcome our Year 1 parents and carers to join us for lunch. Finally, on Friday we have our Easter assembly at 2pm before we break up for the Easter holidays. Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

*It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice,*

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."*

*Luke 23:44-47*



### **Autism Awareness Week**

It is Autism Awareness Week next week, and the Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT) have provided an assembly for schools to use. We will be delivering this on Tuesday morning to the juniors.

### **Cancelled Transition**

Sadly, Tytherington High School have cancelled their IT Transition event which had been due to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **British Science Week**

We were thrilled to take part in British Science week, which this year started on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The theme was Connections. Please take a look at our website to see the brilliant science work completed by Class 3 and 4. For more information you can also visit:  
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/the-theme-for-2023-connections/>

### **Message from Allsorts**

Allsorts have asked us to inform parents not to let their children out of their sight at home time, and not to let young children play on the field by the orchard and in the Forest School area. The Allsorts external gate is not always locked as parents pick their children up, and they are worried a child might be able to wander through the gate and get off site.

### **Diary Dates**

17<sup>th</sup> April – First day of term and Reception place offers released  
24<sup>th</sup> April – After School Clubs begin for the summer term  
1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> May – Reception and Class 2 Trip to Peak Wildlife Park  
8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
9-11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week for Year 6  
12<sup>th</sup> May – Family Coronation Tea and Cake Event at 2pm  
15<sup>th</sup> May – Playground Portraits in school to take photographs  
15<sup>th</sup> May – Colin Foley, Neuro Diverse Workshop at 5:30pm for parents/carers  
22<sup>nd</sup> May – Playground Portraits (back up date in case of bad weather)

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have been scientists! We have looked closely at the surface of the moon, and then we carried out an investigation to work out how craters are made. We dropped a pebble and a marble from a range of heights to see how the size of each crater was affected; we learned about the importance of a fair test. In literacy, we have used the story How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers to encourage us to think about all the ways we would try and reach for a star. We have shared our ideas through discussions and sentence writing. To extend our learning about stars, we have listened to podcasts about constellations and created artwork showing various formations. In maths, we have introduced the concept of doubling using multilink, numicon and patterns on butterflies.

### **News from Class 2**

In English this week, Class 2 have started a new book, 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Willis. We wrote about the changes at each point of the life cycle of a caterpillar or tadpole and described the setting of the story using adjectives. In maths, both year groups began a new unit on multiplication and division. Year 1 practised counting in twos, and Year 2 worked to make and add equal groups. In IPC, we finished our 'Superhuman' topic, looking at how exercise is important for a healthy body. We began a new topic 'It's Shocking' in which we will explore electricity. In RE, Class 2 talked about Jonah and the Whale and why Jonah changed his mind.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, Year 3 have continued their topic of length and perimeter. The children have looked at how to measure and calculate a perimeter. Year 4 have started their new topic of fractions. We have looked at understanding the whole, counting beyond one and how to partition mixed numbers. In English, the children have enjoyed our class book, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have used modal verbs when giving advice or making a prediction. In our new topic of 'Let's Plant It', we have looked at the life cycle of a plant. We have also started to research different types of rocks.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been working on perimeter and area. Year 5 have been finding perimeters of rectangles and regular polygons, and Year 6 have been learning to calculate areas of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. In English, we have continued exploring the novel, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We have been creating expanded noun phrases and sentences including relative clauses to describe some of the main characters in the text. In IPC, as part of our topic 'Earth as an Island,' we have been designing our own islands, considering physical and human features, and we have been exploring pop art by Andy Warhol and creating our own artwork inspired by his work.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – We have been completing target practice using under/overarm throws to throw bean bags on to targets.

Class 2 – This week, we have been working on target practice, using under/overarm throws to judge our distances when throwing balls/bean bags.

Class 3 – We have been playing tag rugby in small game situations and learning the rules of rugby.

Class 4 – This week, we have been playing mini games, 3v2, of tag rugby to try and use tactics to beat the opposition in an overload situation.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1: Maisie

Class 2: Lola-Rose and Asher

Class 3: Megan and Poppy

Class 4: Rachel and Scott

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