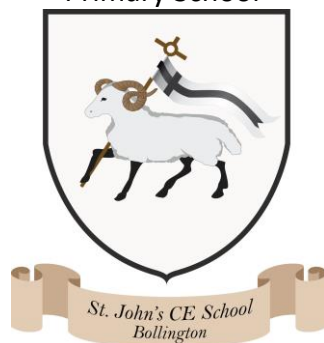


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

Head of Teaching, Learning and Assessment: Mrs E. Watson

## 'Christian Value' – Respect

*"Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God."*

*Romans 4:20*

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Head's Message

It has been a lovely week in school with the children showing their enthusiasm and love of learning in the classrooms. We have now commenced our full programme of PE lessons, swimming, peripatetic music lessons and Forest Schools. Teacher led school clubs will commence on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, with the exception of Mrs Watson's clubs which start back a week later due to maths training. Please note the information on attendance below, which we are required to remind parents of. Tonight, the PTA is holding their AGM in the school hall at 7pm, and we hope to see you there. Finally, just a reminder that if you think you may be eligible for free schools meals then please contact the school office who will be delighted to help you.

### Attendance

Non-attendance is one of the single biggest blockers to achievement, with evidence suggesting that an attendance figure of below 96% will have a detrimental effect on the achievement of that individual student. An attendance of between 90-95% equates to up to a month off school. By focusing on good attendance, we can make a significant impact to the outcomes of our pupils. The 2013 regulation amendments make clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please also note that it is important to inform school, before the start of the school day, if your child is going to be absent. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### Penalties for unauthorised absence

Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days.	£60.	£60 per child = £120 per parent.
After 21 days, but before 28 days.	£120 per parent.	£120 per child = £240 per parent.
After 28 days.	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the magistrate's court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance.	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the magistrate's court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance.

## **Uniform**

Here is the school uniform for St John's. Your co-operation in ensuring your child is in the correct school uniform is much appreciated. If you have any difficulty in acquiring any of the items below, please contact the school office.

Girls: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey skirt or trousers, grey/white socks or grey tights, black school shoes. Girls may also wear green and white checked gingham dresses in warmer weather.

Boys: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey trousers/shorts, grey socks and black school shoes.

PE: school branded jade t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt with black shorts and pumps (indoors) and a dark tracksuit and trainers (outdoors).

Please note the following items are NOT school uniform and should not be worn in school: leggings, boots, football shoes and cardigans of alternative colours. There must also be no hooded tops and no logos on the non-school branded items. Thank you.

## **Diary Dates**

18<sup>th</sup> September – After School Clubs begin this week

25<sup>th</sup> September – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

28<sup>th</sup> September – Tytherington School Opening Evening

28<sup>th</sup> September – Wonderful World RE special workshop for Class 2 delivered by Sowing Roots organisation

29<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Assembly at 9:30-10:15am. All families welcome. Donations for Silklife Foodbank

11<sup>th</sup> October – Tytherington Creative Writing Workshop, 4 Year 6 children at 9:30-11am

16<sup>th</sup> October – Playground Portraits in school taking photographs

16<sup>th</sup> October – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

18<sup>th</sup> October – Playground Portraits reserve date

18<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Reception families invited

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

30<sup>th</sup> October – First day of term (please note teacher-led After School Clubs will not run this week due to Parent/Carer Evening meetings)

## **News from Reception**

Reception have had a great start to our school year! We have focused on the story of The Colour Monster to help us understand our different emotions. We each tried lino printing and using water colours to create our own colour monster. We extended our learning by mixing the primary colours to create lots of exciting new colours on our own paint palette. We are settling into our routines well and everyone is trying their hardest. We are very proud.

## **News from Class 2**

In English this week, our book is 'Cave Baby', and Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed acting out a particular scene from this book, as well as using different nouns and adjectives. In maths, we have explored place value whilst developing our skills of counting and identifying different numbers. Our science topic is taking us through the seasons of the year which is much fun to explore and learn about. We have enjoyed our table points competition (which is ongoing) and Mr Hanson has been delighted with the progress of our handwriting and our enthusiasm for wider learning.

### **News from Class 3**

Class 3 have had an excellent start to the year. In maths, we have started our topic of place value. The children have looked at number lines, how we can represent numbers and different ways to partition numbers. In English, we have enjoyed our class book, 'The First Drawing'. We have created setting descriptions, expanded noun phrases and have created a storyboard. In history, the pupils have started researching Skara Brae and have created a timeline of the Stone Age. In science, we have looked at the human skeleton.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, Class 4 have been working on Place Value. Year 5 have been partitioning, reading and writing, and ordering and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000. Year 6 have been extending this learning to numbers up to 10,000,000 as well as working with negative numbers. In English, we have started reading 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have been writing letters of advice to Philippe Petit, saying whether we believe he should or shouldn't go ahead with his stunt! A highlight of this week has been starting our first history topic of the year, 'Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?'

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Finley for trying so hard with his listening during our busy carpet times.

Class 2 – Asher for exceptional work in maths.

Class 3 – Ella for history research.

Class 4 – Max for really challenging himself with his maths work.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Florence for being so helpful and thoughtful towards others.

Class 2 – Rosie always being so kind, polite and respectful.

Class 3 – Megan for always smiling and trying her best.

Class 4 – Edward for being such a welcome addition to our class.

**Ethos Award** – Class 1: Arthur for being so kind and respectful to everyone.

**House Points** – After two weeks, Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, the children learnt how to find a space and carefully listen to instructions. We moved in different ways, responding to traffic light colours telling us when to stop, get ready and go.

Class 2 – We have been working on our fundamental movement skills.

Class 3 – In PE, we revisited key skills which we will need for this year.

Class 4 – This week, we revised our sports skills and techniques from last year.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Josephine

Class 2 – Orin and Eleanor

Class 3 – Sophia and Arthur

Class 4 – Heidi and Dylan

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