

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Trust

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Psalm 56:3

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Head's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of the spring term. Please note our new Christian Value is Trust and therefore our Ethos Award will be linked to this. I cannot think of a better start to 2024 than a whole school visit to Chester Zoo. It was such a magical experience and the children were all amazing. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came with us and shared the adventure. Congratulations to the four students who participated in a gymnastic event this week. They all represented St John's magnificently and we are very proud of them. On Wednesday, Open the Book led their first of ten assemblies in school, focussing on 'Jesus, the fisher of men'. Next week, Year 5 are attending a dodgeball event and we wish them well. We also have our Year 2 Family Lunch to look forward to. Finally, please see below for a list of our scheduled diary dates for the spring term.

Health and Safety Annual Inspection

On Thursday we had our annual Health and Safety Audit. The inspector gave glowing feedback about the school and the wonderful Mr Morrall.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising a Class 3 Cake Sale today. There is a meeting tonight at the Poachers at 8pm, and the PTA do hope you can make it.

Diary Dates

22nd January – After School Clubs begin

23rd January – Year 5 Dodgeball competition at Wilmslow High School at 9-11:25am

24th January – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm

29th January – KNAPS assembly about Uganda (children only)

30th January – Presentation by the Fire Brigade to Class 4

6th February – Year 6 Maths Workshop at Tytherington School (4 pupils) at 9:30-2:30pm

6th February – Young Voices Concert in Manchester (Choir Club members)

7th February – Reception Class community litter pick

14th February – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12:00-12:30pm

16th February – Last day of half term

26th February – First day of term

26th February – Thinking Day – Children may come to school wearing their Rainbow/Brownie/Guide or Beaver/Cub/Scout uniform if they wish to do so

6th March – Year 6 Art Workshop at Tytherington School (4 pupils) at 9:30-2:30pm
7th March – World Book Day (theme – Reading is a Gift)
8th March – Girls’ Football session – at lunchtime with Mr Hanson as part of the #letgirlsplay scheme
11th March – PGL meeting – Class 4 families at 5:00-5:30pm
11th March – SATs meeting – Year 6 families at 5:30-6:00pm
11th March – Last week of teacher led after school clubs
15th March – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day and a non-uniform day
15th March – Class 2 PTA Cake Sale
18th- 20th March – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings
21st March – Down Syndrome Day (Odd Sock Day)
22nd March – PTA School Disco at 6:00-7:30pm
25th- 27th March – Class 4 PGL Residential at Boreatton Park
28th March – Easter Assembly (all families invited) at 1:30-2:00pm
28th March – Last day of term
15th April – Summer term begins

News from Reception

This week, we have read the story of The Odd Fish which taught us all about the dangers of plastic in the ocean. We have created our own models of the odd fish using recycled materials to remind us about the importance of keeping the oceans clean. We have carried out an ocean rescue using our small world role play area. In maths, we have looked at Hungarian number frames to help us understand how to count on when making ten.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight has been creating leaflets about wolves using our knowledge of adjectives, non-fiction and connectives. In maths, we have completed our learning about shapes. Year 2 have moved on to lines of symmetry, and Year 1 have begun exploring numbers to 20. Our new science topic, Animals and Humans, has allowed us to explore our senses. Our first Forest School session on Friday was fantastic, and we can't wait to continue our outdoor learning.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have continued their topic of multiplication and division. They have multiplied 2-digit numbers by a one-digit number and multiplied by 10 and 100. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our topic of myths. This week, we moved away from Norse myths and explored the Greek myths of Persephone and the Pomegranate Seeds, King Midas, and Pandora’s Box. We have created predictions and written as a character. In history, we have looked at the Roman Invasion of Britain and of Boudicca’s rebellion.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been learning long multiplication, multiplying up to 4-digit by 2-digit numbers, and they have been dividing 4-digit by 1-digit numbers using a compact method, recording their remainders as fractions. In Year 6, we have been working on ratio and proportion. In English, we have been researching key facts about NACA and NASA in preparation for starting our new Literacy Tree book, Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race, by Margot Lee Shetterly. A highlight this week has been writing our own opera lyrics for a recitative and putting them to music.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Florence for being so resilient and participating well in our forest school sessions.
Class 2 – Ruby for working independently on her leaflet about wolves in English.

Class 3 – Lola-Rose for creating an excellent history fact file.

Class 4 – Leon showing a great understanding of primary and secondary historical sources when learning about Anne Boleyn.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Lilia for always being on hand to help with tidying or taking care of others.

Class 2 – James for being resilient and always trying his best.

Class 3 – Jess for increasing her independence.

Class 4 – Sigrid for showing great perseverance in lessons, especially with new tricky maths operations.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 4: Scott for always being trustworthy and a wonderful role model.

House Points – Lowerhouse won last term and are currently in the lead this term.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we created a jungle scene using a range of apparatus. The children moved around like different jungle animals.

Class 2 – We have worked in teams to quickly move objects from point A to B, while practising different skills such as balancing cones and bean bags.

Class 3 – In PE, we have been doing gymnastics, learning rolls such as: pencil, log, egg and teddy bear rolls.

Class 4 – This week, we practised our gymnastics, and in dance we have been rehearsing and practising our dances whilst learning group skills.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Guy

Class 2 – Gus and Sophie

Class 3 – Lola-Rose and Jess

Class 4 – Sigrid and Matilda

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