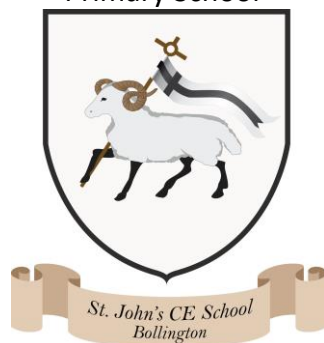


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Growth

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

2 Peter 3:18

10th May 2024

Head's Message

Even though this has been a four day week, we have still accomplished so much in school. Our girls took part in their first competitive netball match against Rainow on Thursday, and we are so proud of them all. On Wednesday evening staff attended a cluster staff meeting at Dean Valley, where teachers moderated writing from all the year groups. We have surveyed all the children and asked them to tell us what their favourite meals are. As you may be aware the Local Authority is moving to cease catering in all schools from March 2025. We are in the process of taking catering in house, and it was extremely important to us that we captured the voice of the children. I will keep you updated on our school catering when I have more information, but we expect the transition to be smooth as we will be keeping our current school cook. I have received nearly all the academy forms back, but if your child has not returned their form, please can I have it on Monday so I can confirm their places. Finally, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests next week. We are so utterly proud of each and every one of them, and we know they will do their best. We wish them the best of luck, but to us they will always be more than a score.

Bollington Library

Cheshire East Council will, on 6th June, consider a recommendation to begin the process of closing libraries, including Bollington. If the proposal is accepted, our local library will shut on 1st January 2025. The Friends of Bollington Library are asking the community to write to the Environment and Communities Committee before 5th June, to ask them to turn down the proposal, or to attend the Public Meeting at the Civic Hall on Thursday 30th May at 6pm. For further information and details of how you can get involved please email: fobollib@gmail.com

At St John's the children are writing letters to oppose this possible closure. These letters will be hand delivered to the library on 22nd May by Reception, who have an afternoon of library activities planned. We intend to forward photos of our visit to the Friends of Bollington Library and to the Macclesfield Express.

Diary Dates

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs

Friday 17th May – Class 1 PTA Cake Sale at 3:30pm

Wednesday 22nd May – Reception visit to Bollington library

Friday 24th May – Image Musical Theatre in school performing 'The Selfish Giant'

Friday 24th May – Last day of term
Monday 3rd June – First day of term
Wednesday 5th June – Online Safety Talk for families with PC Marc Harley at 9:15-10:15am
Wednesday 5th June – Online Safety Talk for junior children with PC Marc Harley at 11am-12noon
Thursday 6th June – Academies begin
Monday 10th June – Phonics Screening Check
Monday 10th June – Junior Rounders Match (mixed team) v Dean Valley Primary School at St John's at 3:45-4:40pm
Wednesday 12th June – Class 3's Roman Day class trip to Chester
Monday 17th June – Playground Portraits taking year group photographs in school
Monday 17th June – New Family Information Meeting for families whose children are starting Reception in September at 4:30-5pm
Tuesday 18th June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm
Wednesday 19th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm
Tuesday 25th June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm
Wednesday 26th June – Tytherington School Year 6 Information Evening at 6pm
Friday 5th July – Infant Talent Show at 10-11:30am. Families invited
Friday 5th July – Junior Talent Show at 1:45-3:30pm. Families invited
Friday 5th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
Monday 8th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:15am
Monday 8th July – Mental Health Information Evening for parents at 4-5pm
Thursday 11th July – Academy Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. Families invited
Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
Wednesday 10th July – Sports Day (back up date) at 2-3:30pm
Monday 15th July – Move up Afternoon for all classes
Wednesday 17th July – Bible Presentation to Year 6 at 9:15am. Year 6 families invited
Friday 19th July – Leavers Assembly at 9:30-11am. Class 4 families invited
Friday 19th July – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on herbivores and carnivores, comparing the features of both sets of dinosaurs. In maths, we have concentrated on our fluency of recognising the number bonds to ten using ten frames and dice frames. We have loved watching the blue tit chicks hatching out and seeing the parents feed and care for the babies. Our chicks are growing well and are more confident and happy spending time away from the heat pad.

News from Class 2

This week our highlight was our science lesson, where we were learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. We enjoyed writing about them in our books and searching for them on the school grounds. In maths, Year 1 have been looking at doubles and Year 2 have been learning to measure temperature in degrees Celsius. In computing, we have been learning to use algorithms to direct an animal on an online programme. In history, we enjoyed learning about Bessie Coleman, who was the first African-American woman to hold a pilot licence.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have started their new money topic. They have looked at converting pounds and pence and writing money as a decimal. In grammar, the children have looked at spelling rules for common words. In history, they have started to look at Anglo Saxon villages. The children spent a lovely afternoon in the forest making their own wattle and daub. In our computing lesson, they have continued to look at variables. They have looked at how to get their code to keep score during a quiz. In RE, we have looked at the five precepts of Buddhism.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been revising addition and subtraction of decimal numbers, both with and without the same number of decimal places. Year 6 have completed their work on position and direction, practising reflecting shapes in the x and y axis as well as along other lines within the four quadrants. They have also been completing some last minute arithmetic revision. In English, we have been writing diary entries in character. A highlight this week was our science lesson where we investigated the relationship between surface area and air resistance using balloons.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Florence for fantastic independent writing about dinosaurs.

Class 2 – Gruff for excellent use of algorithms in computing.

Class 3 – Mark for excellent wattle and daubing.

Class 4 – Charlotte for super practical science during our air resistance experiment.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Bertie for being so considerate of others.

Class 2 – Arlo for working independently when writing in English and history.

Class 3 – Scarlett for showing maturity in her attitude towards her work.

Class 4 – Louie for always being inquisitive about his learning.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 1: Fabian for being more willing to try new things.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we have used bats and racquets to keep control of a ball. We enjoyed playing games with the parachute as the final part of the session.

Class 2 – We have practised athletics including running a half a lap of the field and looking at pacing ourselves on a run.

Class 3 – We have practised athletics, including running 2 x half laps of the field and looking at using stamina to race. We also played a game of rounders and learnt the rules of the game.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 have also practised athletics running 3 x half laps and looking at stamina and how to balance this in a race, saving energy for the final sprint. We also played a rounders match using all the rules and regulations of a match.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Rory

Class 2 – Sasha and Gruff

Class 3 – Abigail and Olivia B

Class 4 – Phoebe and Leon

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