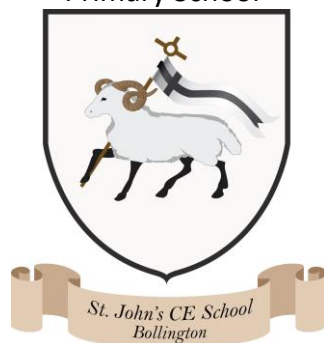


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Hebrews 11:3

6th September 2024

Head's Message

Welcome back to school, or to St John's if your child has just started in Reception. We have been so thrilled to welcome the children, as we had all missed them so much. It has been a wonderful first week and all the children have settled in beautifully, especially our delightful new starters. Forest School started yesterday and swimming starts on Tuesday for Class 4, so we are already up and running. On INSET day the teaching staff were busy organising clubs and trips and all the special experiences that make the autumn term such a special time. A list of current key dates is below, but remember this is likely to be added to in the coming weeks. Looking ahead to next week, music lessons start on Thursday with Ben, and Monday sees the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. Finally, if your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide support for you at school. I understand that you may not always want to share details, but if your child is coming to school after a difficult night or weekend, please email me and say "Handle with Care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day. (Please email: head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk)

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a statutory assessment that Reception children must complete within their first six weeks of starting school. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Open Days

Please see the attached flyer for information about two Open Days we are holding, in conjunction with Allsorts, on the 27th and 28th September. If you know anyone who has a child due to start primary school in September 2025, please do encourage them to come along.

Gold Schools Games Award

We are delighted to have retained our Gold School Games Award for the academic year 2023-2024. The award is a government lead scheme to reward schools for their commitment to physical activity and competition. This year we are aiming to achieve the Platinum Award (you need five years of Gold to apply).



Penalty Notices

As we explained last term, Penalty Notices changed from August 19th 2024. There are now new guidelines, and a new fine structure in place. Please see the attached leaflet from Cheshire East.

Staffing for September

We are pleased to announce that Mr Di Marco will be with us full time this year.

Diary Dates

16th September – After School Clubs Begin (teacher and volunteer led)
18th September – PTA AGM at 7pm in the school hall
25th September – Year 1 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
27th September – Open Morning for children starting school in September 2025 at 9:30-11:30am
28th September – Open Morning for children starting school in September 2025 at 9:30-11:30am
1st October – Harvest Assembly at 2pm. Families invited
3rd October – Fluenz vaccine in school
7th October – Saltmine Theatre Company in school delivering performance to all classes and a workshop for junior children
21st, 22nd and 23rd October – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 3:30-6pm
24th October – Last Day of autumn term 1
25th October – INSET Day
4th November – First Day of autumn term 2
6th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
27th November – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
29th November – Last day of After School Clubs (teacher and volunteer led)
10th December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited
17th December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited
18th December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children
20th December – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have had a wonderful start to our school year. The children have settled in beautifully! We are all getting used to the new routine of school whilst exploring our environment.

News from Class 2

This week our highlight has been welcoming Class 2 back to school, a wonderful start to the new year. Everyone has settled in so well and we have had a super week. Tuesday saw us begin our first maths topic, place value, where Year 1 were using 10 frames to represent numbers and Year 2 solving problems with ten frames. We have enjoyed our early morning handwriting sessions which I'm sure will help us with our writing in the coming weeks. In science, we have been labelling different parts of the human body. In history, we have been learning about chronology and ordering events of the school day. In art, we enjoyed painting our own self-portraits which are now on display in the classroom!

News from Class 3

This week, we have had a wonderful start to the academic year in Class 3. The children have settled really well into their new routines and have behaved beautifully. In English, we have started our new book, Leon and the Place Between. We have explored describing settings using our senses and making our sentences more interesting using adverbs and adjectives. We carried out some experiments with cups and ping pong balls in science to illustrate contact and non-contact forces, and we looked at diversity and inclusion in PSHE. Children wrote about the qualities that make them unique which we placed anonymously in our No Outsiders cup. Today was a beautiful day to end the

week with our first visit to Forest Schools. A special welcome this week to our new class members, Laela and Neymar.

News from Class 4

It's been a wonderful first week back for Class 4! This week, in maths, we have started working on ensuring that we have a great understanding of place value to 1,000,000, and that we can also read and write these numbers. We have also been working on reading and writing Roman numerals. In English, we have started work on 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We have begun to write descriptions using expanded noun phrases with carefully chosen vocabulary. In history, we have been learning what a census is and how they can teach us about the past.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – All of the class for their super first week.

Class 2 – Maisie for working successfully and independently in maths.

Class 3 – Laela for using great examples of alliteration in her descriptive sentences.

Class 4 – Thomas for a fantastic attitude and great participation in all subjects, especially maths.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Callum for being such a calm and happy member of our class.

Class 2 – Finley for settling in to Class 2 seamlessly.

Class 3 – Neymar for settling in to Class 3 so well and for behaving beautifully in class and school.

Class 4 – Poppy for making such a great start to Class 4, participating well in all lessons.

Ethos Award (Creation) – Class 3: Jack for creating an amazing start to Year 4.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we have been cars, using cones as steering wheels and focusing on our awareness and co-ordination to move in and out of traffic.

Class 2 – The children have been balancing and practising movement, using different movements to collect equipment and using balance and teamwork to get equipment back to base.

Class 3 – We have been playing basketball, using different dribbling techniques, using 1 or 2 hands to move in and out of players and equipment. In football, we have been using both feet and different parts of the foot to move in and out of cones.

Class 4 – This week, we have played basketball, using alternate hands to dribble and have control of the ball and practising how to turn quickly and under control. In football, we have been using both feet to dribble and different parts of the foot to move around and using different turns, looking at direction and distance.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Isla

Class 2 – Fabian and Rosie

Class 3 – Finn and Jack

Class 4 – Jess and Phoebe

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