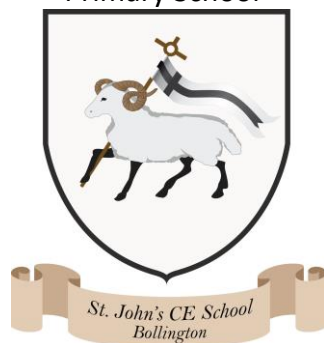


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

13th September 2024

Head's Message

What a glorious week we have had at St John's, and I am reliably informed (by Mrs Jobbins) that warm weather will return next week. Walking around school I have been so impressed by the children's focus and attitudes to learning. It is so wonderful to see them so settled and ready to learn. We have now commenced our full programme of PE lessons, swimming, peripatetic music lessons and Forest School sessions. Teacher led school clubs will commence on Monday 16th September. Next week, the PTA will be holding their AGM in the school hall at 7pm on 18th September. Our current committee will be stepping down and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support, hard work and commitment to the school. The whole St John's community is stronger for having an engaged and vibrant PTA. We look forward to welcoming the new committee in due course. Finally, please see attendance guidance from the government, which I am sending out with this newsletter.

Free School Meals

Please see attached a letter regarding Free School Meals. If you require any assistance applying, or want further information, please contact Mrs Green in the school office.

Open Days

We are holding two Open Days, 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.

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. Should you require any items please remember to check with the PTA who run a Uniform Swap.

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 focused on the story of The Colour Monster. We have sorted colours and related them to our emotions. Then, we extended our learning to look at colour mixing. We have used paint to explore how to create new colours and then we've enjoyed using these to make some beautiful paintings. We are all enjoying our Phase One phonics where we are focusing on our listening skills; this week we have identified different sounds in the environment and explored the sounds made by a range of musical instruments.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our computing lesson where we were making our own algorithms with bee bots. On Friday, we enjoyed learning about Fairtrade bananas as part of the Fairtrade initiative. In maths this week, Year 1 have been focussing on counting on and back within 20, whilst Year 2 have enjoyed applying their knowledge of place value with base ten equipment. In English, we have been using adjectives to describe a character, and we have discussed and written about a character's feelings. In science, we have started learning about the human senses, and, in history, we enjoyed sharing memories of our holidays.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we have been partitioning 4 digit numbers in different ways and focusing on the word value and what it means in mathematical terms. In science, we started an experiment to explore the force of friction using bottle tops and sandpaper. In DT, we investigated ways of making

different frame structures. We have been exploring expanded noun phrases, verbs, adverbs and abstract noun phrases in English using our book *Leon and the Place Between* as a stimulus for writing.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been continuing our work on place value, extending to 10,000,000, working on partitioning, placing numbers on number lines and reading and writing the numbers. In English, we have continued our work on *Firebird* by Saviour Pirotta. We have been writing sentences including subordinate clauses linked to the events in the text. A highlight this week was our music lesson, where we listened to Rock and Roll music, exploring the different musical elements. We also enjoyed learning how to hand jive!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Kit for confidently sharing his understanding of emotions and how they link to the colours in our story this week.

Class 2 – Orin for excellent sentence structure in English.

Class 3 – Oliver for always trying his best to produce excellent work in every subject.

Class 4 – Daniel for a wonderful piece of work on the life-cycle of a plant.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Isla for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

Class 2 – Viktoria for being so kind and caring to all her peers.

Class 3 – Aaruhi for always behaving so beautifully in the classroom.

Class 4 – Max for having a wonderful start to Year 6, participating well in lessons and asking great questions.

Ethos Award (Creation) – Class 2: Ruby for creating a wonderful chalk sketch in art.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we looked at creating shapes using our body in gymnastics. We also looked at three different rolls (pencil, log and egg roll).

Class 2 – In PE this week, we focused on movement and co-ordination and seeing how we could use teamwork and awareness to move objects around the playground in small teams.

Class 3 – We have focused on passing in football, using the inside of our foot to play a pass and using the correct technique (standing foot next to the ball, inside of the foot and direction). In basketball, we looked at different passes and when we would use them in a game situation.

Class 4 – This week, we have looked at different ranges of passing in football and how our body can affect our pass (body shape and position when playing passes). In basketball, we played small team games which included using three different passes to keep the ball away from the opposition.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Eva

Class 2 – Arlo and Viktoria

Class 3 – Ena and Dyiako

Class 4 – Poppy and Talia

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