

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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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*

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Head's Message

This week, the children have been rehearsing for our Harvest Service next Tuesday, which we hope you can all attend. After a very successful and well attended PTA AGM meeting last week, the minutes have now been circulated by the school office for your perusal. As a final thank you to the outgoing committee (as well as all the other PTA members), our wonderful new stage curtains were fitted on Wednesday night and look stunning. We were thrilled to welcome Year 1 families to school this week, for a delicious pasta lunch. Next, we look forward to greeting Year 2 families on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Today, we held an Open Day for potential new starters to Reception in September 2025. The families who attended had the opportunity to visit the Reception class, meet staff and take part in structured activities. Guests were accompanied up to the Forest School area, where Marcella was busy with Year 5. They also saw Mr Rogers juice the apples from our orchard, and observe Reading Buddies with Year 6. Thank you to everyone for making it such a lovely event. However, my biggest thank you is reserved for Shiri and Sigrid, who did the most amazing job as tour guides. At one point a member of staff said to me, "I don't think you are needed, the girls have got this!" The children at St John's never fail to impress me. As a reminder, our second Open Day takes place tomorrow. Next week, as well as our Harvest Service, we have a packed schedule. Rev Jenny will be in school leading worship on Wednesday. On Thursday, Mrs Jobbins and I will be attending the first day of our Read, Write Inc training. Thursday is also Poetry Day, which all classes will be exploring in lessons. Finally, October is Black History month, one of the global dates we observe at St John's. All the children will take part in assemblies and/or activities to mark the importance and significance of the month.

### Diary Dates

28<sup>th</sup> September – Open Morning for children starting school in September 2025 at 9:30-11:30am

1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Assembly at 2pm. Families invited

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Fluenz vaccine in school

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Tytherington School Open Evening (for Year 5 and 6 pupils)

7<sup>th</sup> October – Saltmine Theatre Company in school delivering performance to all classes and a workshop for junior children

9<sup>th</sup> October – Creative Writing Workshop at Tytherington High School (3 x Year 6 pupils)

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 3:30-6pm

24<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of autumn term 1

25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day

4<sup>th</sup> November – First Day of autumn term 2  
6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> November – Last day of After School Clubs (teacher and volunteer led)  
29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Forensic Science Workshop (whole year group) at 12:30-2:30pm at Tytherington High School  
10<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited  
17<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have read 'The Family Book' by Todd Parr; it has encouraged us to discuss who is in our own family and how we can celebrate the differences and similarities to others. We have learnt about Harvest and the importance of sharing what we have. In maths, we have focused on matching pairs and making sets based on what is the same.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we delved deeper into our sense of touch. We used a mystery box to help us learn about our sense of touch and how accurate it can be, even with the absence of other senses. In English this week, we have planned and written our own story ending. In maths, we have been estimating on number lines. To celebrate European Day of Languages, Class 2 enjoyed learning some Spanish. We enjoyed learning to count to 10 in Spanish and how to greet people. In RE this week, we have been discussing and writing about who does and doesn't read the Bible.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in maths, we have started to learn the rules for rounding to the nearest multiple of 10 and 100. In science, we had fun with magnets, investigating the properties of magnetic materials. In DT, we started to construct our pavilion structure using various resources including lolly sticks, straws and toothpicks. We are continuing to develop our writing in English, and I look forward to the children's publication of their versions of 'Leon and the Place Between' next week. In RE, we wrote a newspaper report about the battle between David and Goliath. Thursday was a highlight for us as we celebrated European Day of Languages by making individual links in a paper chain illustrating different flags and languages, and we had fun learning some British Sign Language with Mrs Heath.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have completed our work on place value, working on calculating the difference between negative numbers and solving problems involving positive and negative numbers. In English, we have started writing our quest stories, having read 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. The highlight this week was European Day of Languages, where we talked about the wonderful advantages about learning languages, and we explored this year's theme- Languages for Peace. The children enjoyed learning interesting facts about the many languages spoken throughout Europe.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Theo for trying hard with his writing.  
Class 2 – Joseph for writing an excellent ending to a story.  
Class 3 – Gruff for working so hard in maths.

Class 4 – Kit for a fantastic start to his quest story, creating a great atmosphere through the use of description and speech.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Eva for her enthusiasm for learning and always wanting to have a go.

Class 2 – Heidi for always following instructions.

Class 3 – Finn for always trying to produce his best work in every lesson across the curriculum.

Class 4 – Joseph for an excellent attitude in class and for making great contributions.

**Ethos Award (Creation)** – Class 4: Shiri for creating a wonderful poster for European Day of Languages.

**House Points** – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

#### **Sports News**

Class 1 – The class have looked at balance and agility. We crossed the pirates' plank and sailed around islands looking for treasure using bean bags as parrots on our head/shoulders.

Class 2 – This week, we looked at target practice using curling to focus on the weight of our push and direction. We had a competition of target practice throwing bean bags into hoops to score points for our teams.

Class 3 – We have had a competition in football in teams to race and accurately complete passes to score points for our team. In basketball, we looked at line ball but with player's movement off the ball to find space past the end zone.

Class 4 – This week, we competed in a dribbling and passing competition focusing on controlled dribbling and accurate passing to earn points for our team. In basketball, we looked at movement off the ball and how our movement affects the pass being chosen.

#### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Christopher

Class 2 – Josephine and Arthur L

Class 3 – Oliver and Henry L

Class 4 – Henrietta and Heidi

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