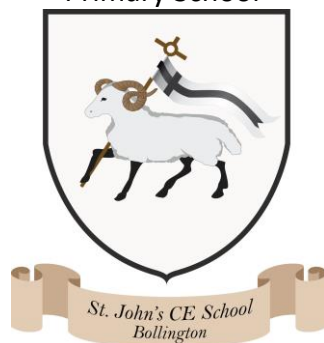


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

24th January 2025

Head's Message

We welcomed Open the Book back to school this week for the first of eight special assemblies, the theme of which was Creation. (Following weeks will be focused on Rebellion, Noah, The Burning Bush, The Great Escape, The Battle of Jericho, Elisha and Naaman and The Fiery Furnace.) Two of the ladies from the Open the Book team will again be our judges for this year's Talent Shows, which are scheduled for the 10th and 11th of February. Please remind your children to start rehearsing, as there is not long to go until the big events. On Wednesday, we also welcomed our Year 3 families to school for lunch. Today, Love Music Trust lessons started in Class 4, in preparation for our trip to the Bridgewater in June to play with the Hallé orchestra. Next week, the school nurse will be visiting Reception for their re-scheduled sight and hearing checks.

Kitchen News

Thank you to all the family members who attended our Year 3 lunch this week. It was a delight to welcome you to school to taste our delicious food, and take part in our dining experience.

Forest School Update by Marcella

Well, the survival knots were certainly needed today! As the rain fell, Classes 3 and 4 rustled up shelters to protect themselves from the worst downpour of this academic year, tautline and timbers were the go-to knots and hitches. In true survival style, we used birch bark to get our fire going with great success, all topped off with smores and hot spicy apple juice! These are the days we don't forget. The challenging sessions draw on our resilience, problem solving and team work.

Diary Dates

- 28th January – School nurses visiting Reception children for hearing and sight tests
- 6th February – Young Voices 2025 at the Coop Live Arena (Young Voices Choir Club members)
- 7th February – Class 3 Cake Sale at 3:30pm
- 10th February – Infant Talent Show at 1:30pm. Infant families invited
- 11th February – Junior Talent Show at 1:30pm. Junior families invited
- 12th February – Whole School Maths Workshop for parents at 4:30-5:30pm
- 14th February – Class 3 Horrible Histories Trip to the Palace Theatre, Manchester at 8:45-13:15pm
- 14th February – Last day of term
- 24th February – INSET Day. Staff Phonics Training. School closed to children.

25th February – First day of term for students
25th February – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 15:40-18:40pm for all classes
26th February – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 15:40-18:40pm for classes 2, 3 and 4
5th March – Art Transition Workshop for Year 6 students who opted to do this workshop
6th March – World Book Day
10th March – Infants Phonics Workshop for parents at 4.30-5:30pm
18th March – PTA meeting, 7pm, at the Church House Inn
19th March – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Year 4 families invited
21st March – Non Uniform Day for Red Nose Day
21st March – Road Safety Talk by the Fire Service for Class 4 children at 10am
27th March – Bikeability Level 2 for Year 5 children
28th March – Bikeability Level 1 for Year 4 children
28th March – Class 4 Crucial Crew Trip at 9:00-12:00 noon
3rd April – Class 2 Cake Sale at 3:30pm
4th April – Easter Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. All families invited
4th April – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about animals that camouflage. We have looked at a beautifully illustrated book that inspired us to create our own pictures of different habitats using oil pastels and then added in hiding animals. In maths, we have focused on balance scales and comparing the weights of different objects. We carried out an investigation and recorded our findings in a table.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we have been classifying living things and objects. In maths this week, Year 1 have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to subtract to and from a multiple of 10. Year 2 have been using number lines to subtract to and from a multiple of 10. In English, we have enjoyed reading the story Elmer and planning our own end to the story. We will be writing our story ending next week! In art, we have enjoyed experimenting with colours to make different shades and tones. In PSHE, we have been learning about staying safe outdoors and with appliances in our homes. In RE, we enjoyed discussing and writing about why Jesus is a good friend.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we continued our unit on multiplication and division, focusing on developing fluency in times tables. In English, we continued using a range of writing devices to help with planning a mystery story, and the children have now chosen their favourite picture from the Mysteries of Harris Burdick upon which they will base their short story. In science, we enjoyed another interesting lesson learning about how sound travels using basic telephones made out of cups and string. In French, we practised asking and responding to the question 'how are you?'. In RE, we learned more about how Jesus changed lives through the story of Zacchaeus. We enjoyed a wonderful family lunch on Wednesday and it was a joy to see families sharing lunch with our Year 3 children.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued exploring decimals to three decimal places, focusing on rounding decimals to various degrees of accuracy. In English, we have completed our recounts, based on 'Unspoken' by Henry Cole. Other highlights this week have been making our playground equipment designs in our design and technology lessons- the results are fantastic- and learning

about the similarities and differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta in our history lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Isla for her beautiful oil pastel artwork based on an ocean habitat.

Class 2 – Gus L for excellent independent work in RE.

Class 3 – Neymar for working hard to achieve fantastic fluency in times tables.

Class 4 – Johnny and Isaac for creating an amazing piece of playground equipment in our DT lesson.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Callum for his consistent effort and participation in all his lessons.

Class 2 – Sky for taking care of her friends.

Class 3 – Aaruhi for being such a good role model, showing impeccable manners and behaviour.

Class 4 – Arthur for always helping look after our school environment and being kind and helpful.

Ethos Award (Thankfulness) – Class 1: Isabel

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we looked at animals and how they move in the jungle, such as cheetahs, gorillas, monkeys, snakes and lions. We recreated their movements and sounds around the hall.

Class 2 – This week, we looked at jumping in gymnastics and how to land safely, trying star jump, tuck jump and pencil jump. We then looked at different movements and colours to link movements and listening skills.

Class 3 – We have looked at tuck, star, pike and straddle jumps in gymnastics whilst jumping from different heights. We then looked at how to land safely with bent knees and arms out for balance.

Class 4 – This week, we focused on jumping and landing. We looked at tuck, star, pike and straddle jumps and looked at ways we can link this with our roll and balance top finish. We looked at timings and movements in our dance lesson.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Isla

Class 2 – Finley T, Viktoria, Sasha and Heidi

Class 3 – Austin and Eleanor

Class 4 – Jessica and Kit

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