

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

31st January 2025

Head's Message

A huge thank you to the Bollington's Fire and Rescue Service for visiting us on Tuesday. The infants had a fantastic afternoon. We are so grateful to the firemen for making time in their schedule to come to St John's and teach the children about their important role in our community. Next week is the start of Children's Mental Health Week, and all classes will be doing activities to mark the event. We also have an MMU student starting her placement in Reception. After months of preparation, some children will be taking part in the brilliant Young Voices concert on Thursday. This is always one of the highlights of the year. Also on Thursday, we have a multisport event at Tytherington High School for some Year 5 and 6 children. To end our week we have our PTA cake sale on Friday.

Forest School Update by Marcella

The older have been inspired by learning about mini beasts, but who eats the insects? Which carnivores can we attract to our woods? After counting birds this weekend (thank you to RSPB) we made bird feeders and have set up our camera to check who will turn up. Watch this space! Reception class selected coloured wooden beads to thread a dragon tongue for their dragon as part of their Lunar New Year celebration. Others expanded their animal shelter and finished off a cold afternoon with toasted chocolate apple slices, delicious! Everyone has asked for more next week. It is fabulous children have the opportunity to create and build their ideas and innovate in real-time. We are looking forward to more child led experiences next week.

Kitchen News

We are in the midst of designing the new spring and summer menu, which will start when school opens for Spring Term 2. Over the next two weeks Nicola will be offering new ideas to the children to taste test, it will be interesting to hear their views.

May we respectfully remind parents to settle any outstanding lunch and snack accounts.

Diary Dates

6th February – Multi Sports event at Tytherington School at 9:30am-11:30am for small number of Year 5 and 6 children

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 the Lunar New Year; we have looked at the traditional food and outfits as well as the decorations and parades. We have all tried fortune cookies and made lanterns out of red and gold paper for good luck. We created a large painting of a dragon to remind us of this important festival. We linked our maths to the story of the zodiac, focusing on ordinal numbers. We all loved seeing the fire engine on Tuesday; we used this day to learn about firefighters and their role to keep us safe. We learnt how to make a call to the emergency services and when to do this and when not to do this.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was the visit from the Bollington Fire and Rescue Service. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the fire engine, the different equipment that firefighters carry and of course, using the hoses. In English this week, Class 2 have written and edited a draft of their story ending. We then used this draft to help us write the real thing! In maths, Year 1 have been using number tracks to help them add and subtract 10, whilst Year 2 have been using base 10 to calculate 10 more and 10 less. We enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and we used black paint to write 'snake' in Mandarin. Also, in art, we have been using our knowledge of mixing colours to help produce art work inspired by Jasper Johns.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we focused on finding efficient methods of multiplication by partitioning tens and ones and continued to practise developing fluency in times tables. In English, we started writing our short mystery story. In science, we enjoyed another lively lesson learning about how sound is measured using an online sound meter on the iPads. In French, we made masks and practised holding a short conversation in pairs, saying hello, introducing ourselves and asking how the other person was. In RE, we learned about the importance of the message in the story of the rich man and Jesus.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started our new unit, perimeter, area and volume. We have been learning to calculate the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes and the area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. In English, we have been exploring the life of Harriet Tubman, linked to our work on the book 'Unspoken', by Henry Cole. We have planned biographies and written our introductions, concentrating on including the key facts. Another highlight has been making animations of our playground equipment in action in our computing lesson. We have also been exploring the plant kingdom in our science lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Liam for trying so hard to write more independently.

Class 2 – Guy for calculating with large numbers independently.

Class 3 – Lola for fantastic work on similes in English.

Class 4 – Isaac for making such a wonderful improvement with his handwriting.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Deborah for thoughtfulness towards others.

Class 2 – Kobi for trying his best in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Austin for a fantastic attitude to learning at all times in the classroom.

Class 4 – Sigrid for always participating well in class and always trying hard to produce her best work.

Ethos Award (Thankfulness) – Class 4: Henrietta for always having wonderful manners and showing gratitude.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we looked at different movements in dance and how to move our body along with a beat using listening skills to learn timing.

Class 2 – This week, we looked at travelling in gymnastics and different ways we can move across apparatus, linking this in with our jumping, rolls and balances.

Class 3 – We have looked at different ways of travelling across benches to link our lessons together, building up to sequence work.

Class 4 – This week, we practised our travelling including forwards, backwards, side steps and bunny hops across and up onto benches. We are looking to link this into sequence work next lesson. We also practised our dance without instructions and without visual help. This allowed us to focus on timings while listening to the beat.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Theo

Class 2 – Ivy and Gus L

Class 3 – Finn and Henry L

Class 4 – Hugo and Nate

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