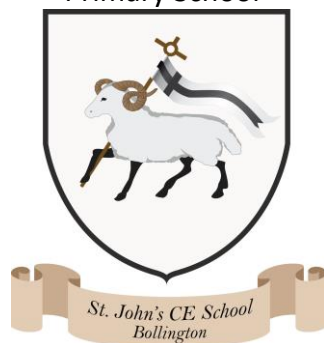


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Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

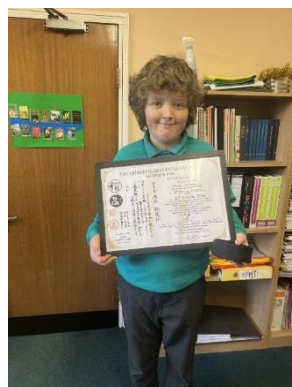
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

7th February 2025

Head's Message

What a wonderful week it has been in school, with so much going on. Judge Walker was needed this morning to join other judges Di Marco, Watson and Forest to score a Class 4 gymnastics competition. I am delighted to report that all the children were simply marvellous, but the trio of Jess, Hen and Lilian placed first. All classes took part in activities focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. There is a full page on the Gallery section of the website with details of what each class did and lots of photos. We also had the marvellous Young Voices concert yesterday, which the children (and staff) all thoroughly enjoyed. Some of our Class 4 children attended a Multi Sports event at Tytherington on Thursday, and they were delighted with their performance in both football and dodgeball. Today, Class 3 hosted their PTA cake sale, and we thank the PTA for their continued support. Looking forward to next week, we have our Infant and Junior Talent Shows, our Maths Workshop for parents and an exciting Class 3 trip to watch the Horrible Histories in Manchester. As this is the last newsletter of the half term, please check the website and the St John's Facebook page for details and photos of all these fun events. Finally, we always love to celebrate all the wonderful things the children participate in outside school. This week, I was thrilled to congratulate two karate superstars on their black belt success. What an amazing achievement!



Staffing News

It is with great sadness that we have to let you know that Mr Hanson will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. He has secured his dream job in Hong Kong, and we wish him every success. We will be advertising for a Class 2 teacher next week. If you know anyone who might be interested, please do tell them to contact the school office for an application form.

Guinness World Record

We are delighted to announce that we are now officially a school that has participated in a Guinness World Record. The junior children took part in the world's largest poetry lesson on 3rd October 2024, along with 43,516 other students. We are thrilled to have been part of this record breaking feat.



Kitchen News

In the kitchen Nicola is busily preparing a new menu, full of freshly cooked seasonal foods. Nicola pays very close attention to foods that the children love, and foods that they are not so keen on, and adjusts the menu accordingly. She is also always on hand to provide support and information to either the children or their parents.

Diary Dates

- 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. Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story of The Odd Fish. We focused on the interesting vocabulary and sequencing the story. We created story maps to help us retell the story in our own words and we used the story to help us learn about the dangers of plastic in the ocean. In maths, we focused on representing the numbers 6, 7 and 8; we practised adding one to different numbers and

ordering them to create a staircase pattern. We all loved lino printing fish to represent the characters in our story.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our science lesson. We have been learning about habitats, identifying features of different habitats and considering which animals live there. In English this week, we have been looking at travel leaflets, how they are constructed and what's included in them, in preparation to write our own travel leaflet. In maths, Year 1 have been counting on to add 2-digit numbers together whilst Year 2 have been using part whole models to help them with their additions. In computing, we have been collecting and recording our own data and in RE we have been learning about the twelve disciples in the Bible and why Jesus was a special friend to them.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we started to learn formal methods of short multiplication, focusing on multiplying a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. In English, we used some of the content from our mystery stories in our grammar lessons on fronted adverbials. We learned all about Mother Teresa in RE and how her committed religious beliefs changed her life and those of others around her. In French, we prepared some oral phrases to use in our first attempt at short written French sentences. We have practised our talent show pieces and some Class 3 members attended the fabulous Young Voices concert in Manchester yesterday. We have also completed a lovely art activity as part of Children's Mental Health week.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been exploring volume and learning to calculate the volume of a cuboid. In English, we have been completing our biographies about Harriet Tubman, linked to our current English book 'Unspoken' by Henry Cole. Another highlight has been the children writing such wonderful personification poems about freedom, linked to our learning about the story of Exodus in RE. We have also enjoyed a busy week filled with Talent Show rehearsals and Young Voices.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Isabel for a fantastic story map and retelling the story with confidence.

Class 2 – Orin for being resilient and hard working in maths.

Class 3 – Finn for beautiful art work as part of mental health week.

Class 4 – Poppy for writing a wonderful poem about freedom.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Theo for helping others to stay organised.

Class 2 – Jonas for following instructions in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Bobbie for amazing resilience, gratitude and joie de vivre at the Young Voices concert.

Class 4 – Heidi for having a consistently positive attitude to her learning.

Ethos Award (Thankfulness) – Class 1: Eva for being a great role model and showing great manners.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead with Oak Bank closely behind.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we were different animals, moving around habitats using gymnastic equipment: crocodiles climbing across the bench and into the water, bears in the cave, lions climbing

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up a bench and jumping off pride rock, snakes slithering under things and lastly monkeys climbing the trees and sliding down the branches.

Class 2 – This week, in gymnastics we did sequences with partners, including a jump, a balance, and a roll. We also looked at target practice playing battle ships, with teams of 3 on a mat, trying to land a bean bag onto another team's ship to remove a life.

Class 3 – We have looked at sequences in gymnastics in 2s or 3s. All routines should include a roll, balance and a jump. We were looking for children to be controlled and tidy in their performances.

Class 4 – This week, the gymnastics performances looked to include a balance, roll and jump each, along with using a piece of apparatus. Children were scored on control, teamwork, adaptability and creativity. In dance, we split into small groups and used I-pads to learn our dance and correct any timings we might have wrong.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jacob

Class 2 – Bertie and Harper

Class 3 – Sophie and Olivia

Class 4 – Henrietta and Aarushi