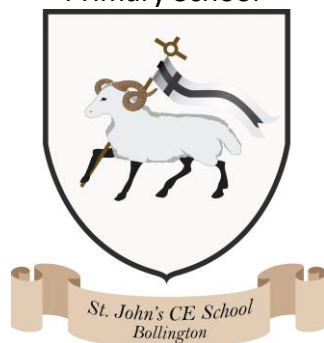


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38

28th February 2025

Head's Message

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term, and I do hope you had a wonderful half term break. In the last week of term we held two fantastic Talent Shows. Our congratulations to the winners, and our huge thanks to the three judges who had the unenviable task of choosing the top three. During that week we also held a Maths Workshop for parents and Class 3 visited the Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch Horrible Histories. On Monday this week, all staff attended Read Write Inc (RWI) training during our INSET day. We celebrated Thinking Day on Tuesday, and it was so lovely to see all the children in their various guiding and scout outfits. On Tuesday and Wednesday we held Parents' Evening, and I do hope that you had useful discussions with your child's class teacher. Open the Book returned on Wednesday, and explored the story of The Great Escape, which can be found in the Book of Exodus. Looking ahead to next week, we have an art transition event at Tytherington for some Year 6 pupils and a RWI themed World Book Day on Thursday. Finally, our thanks to Sam and Bertie for fixing the roof of the shed in our Forest Schools area. We are most grateful.

Staffing

As detailed in a home contact this week, sadly Mrs Smith will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Should you have any issues you wish to discuss with her, please do not hesitate to contact her or the school office to make an appointment. Please note the SENCO job advert will shortly be on the Cheshire East jobs board.

Kitchen News

I am very much looking forward to this new half term of cooking healthy and nutritious meals for the children and staff. Over the holidays, new lights were fitted in the kitchen and the whole area was deep cleaned.

Polite Reminder of School Times

Could we please politely remind you of some important school times:

- If your child will be absent please call school before 9am. The office is not officially open until 8.45am, and so if you call before this time please ensure you leave a message
- The whistle blows at 8.50am and children should be on the yard at this time, and no earlier than 8.40am. Please note that staff are not on the yard until 8.45am
- Meet and Greet starts at 8.45am and finishes at 9am promptly. Please bring your child to the school office, and please note that if you are late the session may have ended

Household Support Fund (HSF) Update

An extension to the Household Support Fund (HSF) was announced by the UK government on 2nd September 2024. The fund covers the period from 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025. In Cheshire East, the HSF grant provides crisis support to financially vulnerable households most in need. The fund is also available to support those adults and families who are struggling to afford household basics including food, energy, and wider essentials. Further information is available from - https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx If you would like discuss accessing support, please contact the school office.

Forest School Update by Marcella

This week we searched for mini beasts, most were hiding from us as they believe we are the predators. Learning to thread our ivy crowns for next week's World Book Day was tricky, but we did it!! We searched for signs of new apple tree buds in the spring time sunshine - what a beautiful time in the woods! Our older children helped with our Springtime jobs: laying a wood chipping path and protecting the Alder saplings.

Diary Dates

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

22nd April – First day of summer term (please note it is a Tuesday)

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have started our new topic, Space. We have used the book 'Meet The Planets' to help us learn about the features and order of the planets. We have sponge painted pictures of Earth and created maps of the solar system. In maths, we have focused on finding pairs and understanding odd and even. We finished the week by looking at doubling numbers using numicon and dominoes.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our English lesson where Class 2 completed some wonderful pieces of writing. We described the setting of where tigers live in preparation to read on in our story. In maths this week, Year 1 have been using base 10 equipment to subtract 2-digit numbers, and Year 2 have been using part whole models and bar models to subtract 2-digit numbers. In geography this week, we have started to learn about the seven continents of the world, and we enjoyed labelling them on a map. In PSHE, we have been discussing the internet, what it is, why it can be useful as well as why we need to be careful when using the internet. In design and technology, we recapped the mechanisms of a wheel and started to design our Ferris wheel, which we will be building in the coming weeks.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we have learned all about measurement, including converting millimetres to centimetres and metres to kilometres. We have also introduced how to calculate perimeter. In English, we have focused on the grammatical components of a sentence and how to expand sentences. In science, we started our unit on living things and classification, and we learned all about what a taxonomist does.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have practising column multiplication and short division, including decimals. In English, we have been exploring the key characters and the setting of 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare. In art, we have been creating our own photomontages to create cityscapes using everyday objects. In science, we have been learning the symbols which are used to represent the components in electrical circuits.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Deborah for trying hard to write our storybook words more independently.

Class 2 – Jonas for excellent independent writing in English.

Class 3 – Olivia for consistent, hard work in maths.

Class 4 – Ellie for excellent work on the four number operations in maths.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Kit for trying hard to share and take turns during our activities.

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

Class 3 – Emme for always being such a fantastic role model in the classroom.

Class 4 – Aarushi for trying her very best in every single lesson and for participating to such a high standard.

Ethos Award (Forgiveness) – Class 4: Thomas being a kind and forgiving friend.

House Points – Adelphi are last term's winners.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we looked at healthy eating and how it can affect our bodies. We sorted things we thought were healthy and unhealthy into different hoops while moving around obstacles and balancing objects.

Class 2 – We didn't have sport this week due to the INSET day.

Class 3 – We have we finalised our dance and movement and competed to earn points over various dances.

Class 4 – In PE this week, we began tag rugby and learning the basics regarding passing techniques and how we progress in a match whilst passing backwards. We then took the beep test and recorded our scores for circuit training; the children had to push themselves physically and mentally.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Eva

Class 2 – Inset Day

Class 3 – Dyiako and Austin

Class 4 – Johnny and Phoebe L

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