

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

7th March 2025

Head's Message

Lent is upon us, and this week all the children learned about Shrove Tuesday, ate pancakes and then discovered the meaning of Ash Wednesday. After Open the Book this week, where the focus was on the Walls of Jericho, the ladies chatted to the children about Lent and its significance in our Christian calendar. Also on Wednesday some Year 6 pupils attended an Art Transition event at Tytherington High School and created a journey inspired masterpiece, based on the work of Val Britton. Reception celebrated Mars Day this week and joined a live online webinar with Tim Peake. On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day across the school, where we linked the day to our new phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. The sight of staff dressed as Fred Frog was worth it alone. Next week, we have two big events to look forward to. On Monday, we have our Phonics Workshop for parents after school. Then on Friday we are honoured that Bishop Sam, the Bishop of Stockport, will be visiting the school and meeting the children.

Staffing

They do say things always happen in threes, and sadly this week we learned that Mrs Hobbs will be leaving us at the end of April. A job advert for a new Bursar has already gone on the board. The closing date for the Class 2 position has passed, and we will be conducting interviews soon. There is a week left until the SENCO vacancy closing date.

Academies

We are already starting to plan this year's Academy programme. If you think you could lead an Academy for us, please do contact the school office.

Forest School Update by Marcella

This week, the younger children enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Boy with Flowers in His Hair'. The children continued to make flower crowns. The older children enjoyed making pancakes in the sunshine, caring for the spring flowers and taking time out to regulate in the swings.

Red Nose Day

We are holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March 2025. We would be delighted if you could make a donation on behalf of your child/children. Red Nose Day supports community organisations and change makers here in the UK and across the globe and this

year is its 40th birthday! Please donate via our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-bollington-st-johns-cofe-primary-school>

Diary Dates

10th March – Infants Phonics Workshop for parents at 4.30-5:30pm

14th March – Visit by Bishop Sam (Bishop of Stockport)

16th March – Swimathon at Macclesfield Leisure Centre (2 teams of volunteers from Class 4)

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

28th March – PTA School Disco, 6-7:30pm

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 learnt all about the planet Mars. We celebrated Mars Day by joining a video call with Tim Peake where we learnt all about life on the ISS. We designed our own Mars Rover, used marbling ink to recreate pictures of the planet and designed our own planets based on everything we have learnt about their features so far. In maths, we have focused on doubling and combining two quantities to find the total. We all loved celebrating World Book Day; hearing the year six children read and taking part in the book swap were our highlights.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was World Book Day. It was wonderful to explore different books, read with others and to swap books in the book swap shop. We also designed and created our own book marks. In maths this week, Year 1 have been using base 10 to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, and Year 2 have been using bar models to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. In English, we have been reading our class text and have worked hard on sequencing and retelling the story. In science, we have been classifying minibeasts, and in design and technology we have started to build our own Ferris wheels.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we have started our fractions unit and have learned all about denominators and numerators. In English, we consolidated our learning on coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, and started work on our new book, the BFG by Roald Dahl. In science, we made a pictogram, sorting plants into flowering and non-flowering groups. In RE, we looked at what makes us feel different emotions. We started learning numbers to twenty in French and soon we will be able to say when our birthdays are in French. We enjoyed a wonderful day yesterday, dressing up for World Book Day and we were excited to swap our books.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been practising multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000, and we have started work on writing numbers as fractions with their decimal equivalents. In English, we have been writing poems for World Book Day linked to the power of books and reading. In grammar, we have been learning how to use colons, semi-colons and dashes. Other highlights this week have been creating our own macro photography artwork, which is very close-up photography, and exploring electrical circuits in our science lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Theo for working so hard with this reading.

Class 2 – Arthur for hard work and enthusiasm when reading on World Book Day.

Class 3 – Sophie for trying so hard in maths.

Class 4 – Louie for writing a fantastic poem, inspired by World Book Day.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Isla for always being such a helping hand.

Class 2 – Fabian for listening carefully and following instructions.

Class 3 – Dyiako for showing resilience and always working hard.

Class 4 – Freja for always contributing so well in all lessons and for being a wonderful member of our class.

Ethos Award (Forgiveness) – Class 3: Emme for showing forgiveness to all her friends.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead this half term. Adelphi have had their reward for winning last half term.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, our topic was ‘outer space’, and we practiced being aliens and astronauts flying around different planets and using hula hoops as our spaceships. We raced to collect stars from space and balanced them on our head to bring back to our spaceships.

Class 2 – We played lots of small games (sharks, colour games and team games) to improve our co-ordination, awareness and communication. We competed in relays taking objects back and forth to our team to compete against other children.

Class 3 – In PE this week, we have completed the bleep test for our circuit training and fitness.

Children pushed themselves to try and get their best score possible. Swimming also takes place on Tuesday.

Class 4 – This week, we played tag rugby and focused on attacking and playing forwards, not being scared to be tagged and understanding we need to try and beat our opponents 1v1 when possible. We also completed a full six session circuit which included: jumping and landing, skipping, hopping catches (alternating legs to land on whilst catching a ball on one leg), sprint relays over 10m, ladders and agility cones.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Izzy

Class 2 – Rory and Orin

Class 3 – Emme and James

Class 4 – Olivia B and Natalia

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