

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

21st March 2025

Head's Message

What a difference it makes when the sun is shining, and the children are able to spend a wonderful week on the school field at lunch time. The week started for me on Sunday when I had the great privilege of watching the two Swimathon teams compete at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. They were amazing and made Mrs Watson and myself so proud. Not only did they swim a phenomenal amount of lengths in 45 minutes, but the way they supported each other and encouraged each other was just wonderful. We are currently in the process of interviewing, and we have made a number of excellent appointments already. We will be sharing the names of all the successful applicants when all the vacancies have been filled. However, Mrs Steyn has already been into school to get to know Class 3. The children will be seeing her every week until Easter. On Wednesday this week we welcomed Open the Book and Year 4 families to school. That afternoon, Class 3 went on a geography field trip in Bollington as part of their 'Settlements' topic. Today, we have had Forest Schools, a celebration assembly, Love Music Trust clarinet lessons, non-uniform day for Comic Relief (£126 raised so far), a Road Safety talk in Class 4 and a robust House of Commons debate (please see the website and Facebook for more details). Next week, we have Bikeability, a Class 4 trip and a school disco to look forward to.

Leisure Centre Compliments

This week when Class 3 went swimming the staff at the Leisure Centre went out of their way to compliment the children and their behaviour. They said of all the local schools who swim there, our children were by far the best and the most polite. This was reinforced by three other people commenting on how well behaved the children were. We are so proud of you Class 3. Keep up the good work beautifully representing St John's.

Kitchen News

We were thrilled this week to welcome family members of Class 4 to join us for lunch. These days are so special, not only because the kitchen is able to show exactly the high quality of meals being served to the children daily, but also because it is so lovely to see the children beam as they entertain their loved ones.

Forest School Update by Marcella

We have had two wonderful days in the sunshine. Our older children have led their own play and exploration; huge dens have been set up, science labs created and personal challenges to climb trees

achieved. Hot apples rounded off the session perfectly. Reception have made pancakes, observed sunbathing spiders, made music and had a wizard teatime.

Diary Dates

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 at 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
4th April – Last day of term
22nd April – School reopens after Easter

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about the moon. We have read the story The Loon on the Moon about an alien that keeps the moon lit with the power of dreams. We used adjectives to describe the main character before designing our own alien characters. In maths, we have learnt the days of the week and focused on the vocabulary, today, yesterday, tomorrow.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our geography lesson where we have been learning about different climates and considering our preferred climate to live in. In maths, Year 1 have been adding equal groups whilst Year 2 have been using equal groups and arrays to help them multiply. In English, we have continued to plan and write about our class story, using our own ideas and imagination to describe nouns and settings. In science, we have planned a minibeast investigation and in RE we have been learning about the different events of the Easter story.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, we have continued our work on fractions and have learned all about mixed numbers. We have also completed our termly maths tests. In English, we completed our spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading tests. In science, we made a booklet focusing on how the seasons look through the eyes of a hibernating animal. In RE, we completed an acrostic poem using the letters in Palm Sunday. We continued to learn months of the year in French.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been calculating percentages of amounts and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we wrote poems based on the animation, 'Lighthouse', and we have started work on our new Literacy Tree book, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We have been writing active and passive sentences linked to the text and extracting key information about some of the characters. Other highlights this week have been starting to create photorealistic portraits in our art lesson and learning about what we can do to help our oceans in geography.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jacob for participating so well in our lessons all week.
Class 2 – Harper for her hard work in maths when making arrays.
Class 3 – Ena for excellent work on her Palm Sunday acrostic poem.
Class 4 – Johnny for creating a super poster about what we can do to keep our oceans healthy.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Freddie for including others in his play.

Class 2 – Uthara for a wonderful first week at school.

Class 3 – Eleanor for being a wonderful role model in the classroom.

Class 4 – Phoebe L for having a great attitude to her learning and working hard to edit and improve her work.

Ethos Award (Forgiveness) – Class 1: Deborah in Reception for always being so quick and kind to forgive her friends.

House Points – Oak Bank are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week in Reception, the children were using egg timers to see how many actions they could do in one minute. They practised throwing and catching, star jumps and shuttles.

Class 2 – The class went onto the field to compete in running races, relay races and obstacle races. They focussed on jumping, balancing and running.

Class 3 – The children have participated in athletics races, including sprint races, relay races and obstacle races. The children were in teams and had to work together to decide their relay order.

Class 4 – This week, we practised small tag rugby games and worked on understanding the rules of how the game works. Children also competed in obstacle and relay races, using their teamwork and communication skills.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Deborah

Class 2 – Uthara and Arthur L

Class 3 – Henry V and Scarlett

Class 4 – Isaac and Max

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