

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Growth

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

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Head's Message

I have to start this week's newsletter with a huge shout out to our amazing Year 6 children for their efforts and attitude during their SATs tests this week. They were a credit to St John's and we are so very proud of them all. They can now get on with enjoying the rest of the summer term. Class 1 have been positively beaming all week as our chicks finally hatched. In Class 2, the children have built some wonderful houses as part of their new 'Buildings' topic. There has been some excellent historical research taking place in Class 3. Today, in assembly, a pupil told the school what they had learnt about being a child in the Victorian times. Pupils in Class 4 have been focussing on their artistic 2D and 3D drawings of the Parthenon in Athens. Mrs Stout will be starting the Year 2 SATs with her pupils on Wednesday, which is also National Numeracy Day. To celebrate this maths day, all of the children will be doing enrichment activities linked to counting jelly beans. Finally, I am sending out two attachments with this newsletter. One is regarding a Bollington scarecrow competition. If any parents would like to help us build a school scarecrow, please email the school office. The second leaflet is relating to when you should keep your child off school, and has been forwarded by the local authority.

National Tests Timetable

The following national statutory tests will take place this year:

Year 4 Multiplication Check – can be administered anytime between the 6th and the 24th June

Year 2 SATs – will start on 18th May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test – Friday 10th June

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have welcomed six chicks into our classroom. It was amazing to watch one chick hatch out from start to finish! In literacy, we have written instructions for how to care for the chicks, and, in maths, we have weighed them each day to check they are growing steadily.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, we have focused on fractions. Year 1 have concentrated on finding fractions of shapes and Year 2 have looked at finding a half, a quarter and moved on to fractions of amounts. In English, we have done lots of grammar revision and concentrated on using adverbs in our piece of

writing. We have created an opening to the story Me and You, but written it from a different point of view. In design technology, we have looked at dolls houses and what is typically found in each room of a house. We then designed our own dolls houses and worked in groups to create a room each which we have connected together to make houses. Thank you for all the resources that were sent in. Next week is appliqué houses, so if anyone has any spare felt, pretty fabric, buttons or beads, it would be much appreciated.

News from Class 3

This week, Class 3 have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children have written a newspaper report based on the arrest of Mr Tumnus. In maths, children have looked at decimals and how to place them on a number line. As part of their topic, All Aboard, we have researched what life was like for children in Victorian Britain.

News from Class 4

This week, the Year 6 children completed their SATs test in the mornings, and the Year 5 children have been doing some consolidation of the four number operations and considering what makes a healthy lifestyle. In IPC, in history, we have explored the life, achievements and legacy of Alexander the Great. We have been learning from both primary and secondary sources and considering what they make us think as historians. In art, we have created art work inspired by the Parthenon. In RE, we have continued to explore our key question, How does belief in reincarnation affect a Hindu's life?

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, the children took part in team games outside, using a range of equipment to practise their aiming skills.

Class 2 – In PE, we enjoyed a scavenger hunt where we looked for hoops, hurdles and balls. We also partook in obstacle courses.

Class 3 – In rounders, the children practised throwing and catching. In athletics, the children had a wonderful time seeing how far they could travel on the long jump, and they also practised relay races.

Class 4 – In athletics, we focused on long distance running technique, and, in rounders, we played a full game, using all the skills that we have learned over the last few weeks.

Star Performers

Class 1: Sophie and Asher

Class 2: Sophia and Daniel

Class 3: Louie and Mia

Class 4: Scarlet and George



Year 6 with an end of SATS treat!

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