

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9

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Head's Message

What a wonderful and interesting week this has been. For me, the highlight was Chris Lubbe's visit. He was such an inspirational speaker, and the children took so much away from his life story. We are very lucky he was able to spend time with us. After his speech one of the boys said, "We are learning about awe in Class 4, and I was thinking about places that filled me with awe. Today was the first time I have had awe for a person." Just amazing! For most of this week we have been interviewing candidates for our Class 2 teacher vacancy. Each one of them has been excellent. Our interviews will conclude on Monday. Children from Class 4 competed in the Quad Kids sports event on Tuesday, and won the small schools competition. These superstars will now take part in the county finals on the 6th July. Well done Team St John's! Our new Reception starters had their first transition visit on Thursday. We are very excited for them to start their St John's journey. Year 4 have all completed their Multiplication Tables Check, and we are so proud of them all. I must say a big shout out to Reception and Year 1 for their amazing behaviour when the swimming coach broke down on Tuesday. They had quite the adventure. Finally, I hope you managed to catch a glimpse of St John's on the BBC1 drama Sherwood this week.

Next Week

We have a busy week next week:

Monday: Interviews conclude

Tuesday: Talent Show dress rehearsal

Wednesday: Our infant and junior Talent Shows

Thursday: The second transition visit for the new starters. Class 4 have a Fire Safety talk

Friday: Class 2 leading worship

Saturday: The PTA Summer Fair

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have used the non fiction text, 'The Bee Book', to inspire our learning. We have written extended sentences about the three main roles of a bee in its lifetime. In science, we have learned about how bees pollinate flowers by doing an investigation outside using cheese crisps and bee puppets! We now understand that bees share the pollen, and we wrote several sentences to explain it. In maths, we have had our introduction to the rekenreks. We have used

them to help us subitise and work out simple addition sums. A big thank you to our secret readers this week- we really enjoyed the stories outside!

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, we have focused on length and height. We have explored mm and cm and worked out what the best unit of measure would be for different items. We have used rulers to measure small items and begun finding the difference between lengths and comparing them. In English, we have drawn and labelled Don Mini and then used this to write a description of him. In history, we have had our wonderful 'People of the Past' day and created a human timeline of all of our famous characters. We then presented this to the school and read a short biography about each person.

News from Class 3

This week, we have written descriptions based on our class book, 'How To Live Forever'. In maths, the children have started to look at properties of shape. As part of their topic 'All Aboard', the children have welcomed a visitor called 'Sophia Johnson', a mill worker who lived in Macclesfield during the 1870s. The children created a short play based on her diary entries.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have completed our end of unit assessments for our shape concept, and we have started work on position and direction, looking at co-ordinates in the first quadrant. In English, we have started work on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy, exploring the use of figurative language to create images in the readers' minds. In our 'What a Wonderful World' topic, in geography, we have explored different types of maps, considering what they tell or show us and when we may need to use them. We also found out how to use both four-digit and six-digit grid references using ordinance survey maps, and we identified key locations in our local area.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children practised their throwing and catching skills to support their bowling and fielding sessions during a mini cricket game.

Class 2 – In PE, the children were practising their cricket skills. They really enjoyed their dodgeball session too.

Class 3 – In cricket, the children developed an understanding of the game played today. In tennis, the children were practising rallies in 1vs1 games.

Class 4 – In cricket, we played quick cricket games, and, in tennis, we developed our skills by playing tennis rounders.

Star Performers

Class 1: Jensen

Class 2: Ella and Seth

Class 3: Charlotte and Heidi

Class 4: Holly and Halla