

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." John 1:3

16th September 2022

Head's Message

We have had another wonderful week at school! Our new gym equipment is all installed and will be able to be used by the children on Tuesday, after they have had instructions on how to use it safely. The Mayor and councillors visited us this week to lead an assembly. They hope to start a Bollington Youth Council, and we are delighted to support this venture. We have started the Baseline assessments for the children in Reception, and hope to finish these next week. Please note that school will be closed on Monday, the official date of the State Funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Finally, it is with great sadness that I must inform you that Mrs Farrar will be leaving St John's after half term. Mrs Farrar has kept the school running financially for a great number of years, and we cannot express how much we will miss her. Everyone at St John's wishes her the very best for the future.

Diary Dates

Please note some of our more important diary dates for the upcoming term. Please be advised that this just a few dates we would like to highlight, the full list of all our events can be viewed on the school website.

Monday 19th September – School closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 20th September – After school clubs begin

Wednesday 28th September – Pyjama Day!

Friday 30th September – Harvest celebration at school at 9.10am. All families are welcome

Monday 17th October – Playground Portraits will be taking school photos (reserve day 19th October)

Monday 31st October – Deadline for applications for secondary school (Year 6 children)

Tuesday 1st November – Flu vaccination team in school

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 7th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 10am

Thursday 8th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 2pm

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 1:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 5pm

Thursday 15th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December – Christmas parties and school closes for the Christmas holiday

Bursar Opportunity

As mentioned, we have an opening for a school bursar. Should you know anybody who is interested in this role, please ask them to contact the school office.

Pyjama Day

On Wednesday 28th September, we are having a pyjama day in school to support a charity called Children's Hospital Pyjamas. All of the money raised will be used to purchase pyjamas for Macclesfield hospital and other hospitals in Cheshire. We have set up a Just Giving page for donations, which can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-john-s-primary-school>

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have continued to use the story of The Colour Monster to inspire our artwork with lino printing and mark making.

We have learnt how to mix the three primary colours to make new colours and relate these to different emotions, just like in the story.

We have continued with our Phase One phonics by focusing on initial sound alliteration.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, we have focused on place value: representing numbers, and recognising tens and ones. In English, we sequenced the story of Naughty Bus on a storyboard and looked at the different settings throughout the book. In RE, we discussed Good News and looked at examples in our own life. We have also completed an E-Safety lesson on staying safe online. In IPC, we started our topic 'A Day in the Life', looking at different job roles in our community.

News from Class 3

We have had another great week. This week, in maths, we have looked at our 4 key representations. In English, we used our new class book 'Jim: A cautionary tale' as inspiration to write our own cautionary tale. The children have looked at writing rhyming couplets that both have 8 syllables. In IPC, we have started our new class topic, 'How Humans Work'. We have completed our knowledge harvests and glossary.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued exploring place value, focusing on adding or subtracting 10,100,1000,10,000 and 100,000 from numbers and rounding integers to any given digit. In English, we have started reading, 'The Boy in the Tower', by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been writing predictions using modal verbs, and have been considering what we would pack and take with us if disaster struck! In IPC, we have started our new unit, 'AD900', completing the Knowledge Harvest and focusing on exploring our key concepts and vocabulary.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, we were pretending to be cars, driving at different speeds and responding to traffic light colours. We also moved to the side for emergency vehicles.

Class 2 – This week, we worked on throwing underarm and overarm at targets, and participated in a group competition.

Class 3 – In PE, we played football, focusing on target practice and our passing skills. In basketball, we worked on our passing techniques and played some team games.

Class 4 – This week, we played football, focusing on passing skills, and then we played dodgeball.

Star Performers

Class 1: Arlo and Rosie

Class 2: Cora and Austin

Class 3: Ella and Shiri

Class 4: Josh and Lilly-Belle

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