

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

30th September 2022

Head's Message

Many thanks to all the family members, governors, PTA members and Rev Nancy who joined us for our Harvest celebration today. It was so very lovely to see the hall so full, and to see the PTA refreshment area back up and running. We have gathered all your generous Harvest donations and will be ensuring they get to the Silklife Foodbank as quickly as possible. This week, we held a pyjama day in support of the Children's Hospital Pyjamas charity. I am delighted to announce that as of this afternoon, we have raised £184 for this very worthwhile cause. On Monday, we celebrated European Day of Languages with activities happening throughout the school. Darren, from Silk FM, was in school on Wednesday to record children from Class 4 for his School of the Week slot. Our school will be showcased every day at 4.30pm for the week commencing 31st October. Be sure to listen in and hear what our fantastic pupils have to say. Next week, a film crew will be in school recording some of the children on behalf of the diocese. This year's Headteacher's Conference is called Living Well Together, and the diocese have asked the children at St John's to share their thoughts on this topic. Their video will be shown at the conference, and we will share it with you when we receive a copy. Also next week, we will be celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday and Tytherington High School is holding Open Mornings for children in Class 4.

Harvest at St Oswald's

St Oswald's have asked us to share this message: *Bollington's Harvest Festival is here! Everyone, grandparents and grandchildren, come and be creative together by decorating the church. Bring along some harvest vegetables, flowers, fruits or leaves from your garden for a window display. Have a go at decorating, or sit with a brew and watch. Decorating will take place on Saturday 1st October 10am-12 noon. Harvest Festival Thanksgiving is on Sunday 2nd October at 9.15am and 10.30am. All welcome.*

Diary Dates

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

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

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we read a text written by Todd Parr called The Family Book. We have learnt all about the similarities and differences between families, inspiring us to create lots of different families using the small world characters. We have drawn and labelled family portraits, spending lots of time sharing our ideas and experiences with each other. In maths, we have focused on one and not one, sorting quantities in to groups. We created our own number blocks number one using collage materials. We used the apples that we collected in the orchard to make our own apple crumbles: take a look at the school website for photos.

News from Class 2

This week in English, Class 2 have continued to explore the adventures of Naughty Bus through writing our own adventure using the setting of the school grounds. We gathered adjectives to describe the natural environment of the playground. In maths, we have compared groups of objects by matching and practised making numbers to 100 using concrete resources and writing in words. In our IPC topic, we have discussed the job roles in our community, people close to us and the work of the emergency services. We worked together in groups to design posters for each important service in our fictional town. On Friday, we celebrated our harvest festival by wearing hats we decorated with painted fruit and vegetables and singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have used one of our key representations (number line) to help us estimate. We have looked at numbers up to 10,000. In English, we have continued our new class book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. The children have used inference to decide how a character might feel. We have used expanded noun phrases to create descriptions. On Monday, we created fact files about the different languages spoken around Europe. In our topic of 'How Humans Work' the children have looked at how the human eye works.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, in year 5, we have continued exploring place value, concentrating on comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000, and, in Year 6, we have been looking at factors and common factors. In English, we have continued reading, 'The Boy in the Tower', by Polly Ho-Yen, and we have completed our newspaper articles based on the unusual events that have happened in the story so far. In IPC, we have continued our new unit, '900CE', focusing on finding out about the Maya from the buildings and artefacts which they left behind.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we worked in teams and each team had a name of a country or a place. We walked along a bench (The Great Wall of China). We flipped a burger (bean bag off a tennis racket into a hoop – America). We skied around some cones (France), and we crossed a road-bridge (The Rain Forest).

Class 2 – In PE, we continued to practise throwing at targets.

Class 3 – In PE, we played some basketball matches, focusing on creating space and finding good passes. In football, we practised some game situations and learnt about how to pass into the right space.

Class 4 – This week, we worked on football skills, focusing on teamwork. In basketball, we concentrated on passing skills and team play.

Star Performers

Class 1: Kobi and Harriet

Class 2: Lola-Rose and Gruff

Class 3: Hugo and Lilian

Class 4: Scott and Angelica

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