

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you .I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

10th October 2025

Head's Message

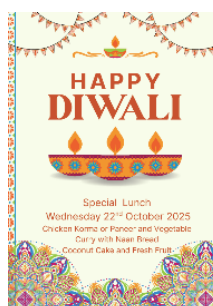
Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their First Aid training on Monday, which was both a fun and extremely informative session. The children all came away with excellent life skills that will equip them well. That evening we held another new starter information evening, for prospective 2026 pupils. The highlight of the week was the amazing Harvest assembly on Wednesday, in which the children outdid themselves. We had beautiful singing, excellent reading, prayers and reflections and a reminder of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that are so important to us at St John's and woven throughout our curriculum. A huge thanks to all the family members who joined us and for the many items that you donated to the SilkLife food bank. Wednesday was particularly exciting for Class 4 as they also joined a live STEM webinar entitled 'Walking with Giants'. We were very fortunate that the question we submitted during the event was answered. This week will conclude with our second Open Day, which takes place 10-12noon tomorrow morning. Next week, we have our first family lunch to look forward to as well as the first PTA school disco of the year, which I am reliably informed will be a spooky event.

Arbor Drop in Sessions

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding as we migrate to the Arbor payment system. If you are still experiencing any difficulties, or have any questions, please do pop in and see the Bursar (Mr Duffy), who will be available throughout the Parents' Evenings of October 20th and 21st from 4-6pm.

Kitchen News

We have two exciting events coming up. I am very much looking forward to welcoming Year 4 families to our first parent lunch of the year on Wednesday 15th October. Then, on Wednesday 22nd October we will be celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with a special lunch.



Diary Dates

11th October – New Starter 2026 open morning at 10-12noon
15th October – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
17th October – PTA School Disco at 6-7pm
20th October – Playground Portraits back up date
20th October – Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings
21st October – Parents' Afternoon/Evening Meetings
22nd October – Diwali special themed school lunch
23rd October – Last day of term
24th October – INSET day for teachers
3rd November – First day of term
3rd November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
5th November – Bonfire night special themed school lunch
12th November – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
17th November – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
24th November – Flu Vaccine delivered in school
26th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
29th November – PTA Christmas Fair, time tbc
1st December – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
5th December – PTA wreath making event, time tbc
9th December – Infant (Reception and Class 2) Christmas Production at 2-3:00pm
10th December – Advent Spirals for all classes led by Rev Jenny
16th December – Junior (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Production at 2pm – 3:30pm and 6-7:30pm
17th December – Christmas Dinner and non-uniform day
19th December – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week, in Reception we have extended our map focus to look at the earth before zooming in and creating large scale 3D maps of a town. We learnt to read a simple key and draw our own maps using common symbols. In maths, we have used bucket scales and a range of objects to illustrate the vocabulary, balanced, heavier and lighter. In RE we acted out the story of The Good Shepherd before making our own sheep to remind us of the importance of caring for others.

News from Class 2

This week, we explored addition as bringing parts together to make a whole. We used fact families to write number sentences and find patterns. In English, we continued reading Yeti and the Bird. We met a new character, heard their side of the story and climbed a story mountain to retell key events. In science, we learned about evergreen and deciduous trees, compared leaves, measured them and created some lovely leaf-inspired art.

News from Class 3

This has been a fantastic week in Class 3. The children were really fantastic during the harvest assembly and I am very proud of them. The learners have put a phenomenal effort into their English and writing this week. In maths, we have been looking at how to add over a 10s, 100s and 1000s boundary. In history, we are continuing to look at the Bronze Age and the different impacts it had on British history. RE has been interesting, looking at the similarities and differences between Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been practising column addition and subtraction, involving multiple exchanges, and we have been looking at how we can use the part, part, whole model to support us

when solving missing gap calculations. In English, we have been exploring the poem, Night Mail by WH Auden, and we have started to memorise parts of the poem, ready to perform next week. In RE, we have been learning about pilgrimages, and, in science, we have been learning about solutions, focusing on the key vocabulary: solution, dissolve, soluble and insoluble.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ellen for an excellent map with carefully considered symbols to match a key.

Class 2 – Finley for his amazing leaf observations and art.

Class 3 – Sasha for his wonderful letter in English.

Class 4 – Henry for fantastic contributions in our science lesson about solutions.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Ralph for his kind gestures when others are sad.

Class 2 – Eva for standing up for what's right and encouraging everyone to be kind.

Class 3 – Kobi for always smiling and trying so hard. His peaceful personality shines through in his friendships.

Class 4 – Poppy for having such a wonderful attitude to her learning in all lessons.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 2: Isabel for her lovely, kind interactions with adults and other children.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead, but only by five points.

Sports News

Class 1 – We used action cards to warm up before doing action songs. We then learnt four new yoga positions before following a yoga session based around We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

Class 2 – The children in Class 2 were competing to pass footballs (cannonballs) to hit different footballs off various cone targets. The class were using the inside of their foot for better accuracy and control. We had a class tournament and changed opponents throughout the lesson.

Class 3 – In PE this week, Class 3 completed a circuit involving jumping, throwing, burpees, bench step ups and other activities and scoring themselves on times and sets completed in two minutes. After the two minutes was up, the children would move to the next event. Once all of the children had completed this, they would rotate once more to try and beat their score.

Class 4 – This week in PE, Class 4 split into two groups and half of the class played a football match, taking on information and ideas to put into their game. The other half of the class played a line ball game working on teamwork and ideas for matches.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jesse

Class 2 – Isla and Arthur

Class 3 – Arlo and Cora

Class 4 – Harry and Aaruihi

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