

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

17th October 2025

Head's Message

Once again we have reached the final newsletter of a half term. Please remember that next Friday is an INSET Day and so the school will be closed to the children. If you get a spare minute over the half term holidays, please do check out our website as the teachers have uploaded so many wonderful photographs of class activities, especially art work. This week, we welcomed our lovely Year 4 families as they joined us for lunch. We were also visited by Carol, who spoke to Class 4 about the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage she embarked on, in order to raise money for charity. Tonight, the children have their PTA Spooky Disco to look forward to. Next week, we are holding our Parents' Evening meetings, which are a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child with their class teacher and look at their books. On Wednesday we have a special Diwali lunch. Finally, congratulations to Joey in Class 4, who won the panda drawing competition which took place at the Tytherington Open Evening.



Class 4 Pilgrimage Talk

This week Carol visited Class 4 to talk to them all about a pilgrimage she had made. This is an email we received off her, following her visit:

I just wanted to email to thank you for inviting me to speak to your class today and to compliment you on your lovely class. The children made me feel very welcome, they were very attentive and asked some really interesting questions. I hope they enjoyed the talk and have enjoyed studying the topic. Best wishes, Carol.

PTA Update

The PTA have been super busy this week starting to plan all of the upcoming winter events. We had a lovely meeting on Wednesday at the church house, many thanks to all that attended. All the Christmas cards have now been collected and all look amazing we expect them back in early December. Tonight, we have our first school disco of the year and are so excited to see everyone. Next Thursday, we have the Class 4 cake sale after school. At the end of this newsletter you will see the poster for this year's wreath making event. This is always a popular event so please get your tickets soon.

Kitchen News

It was wonderful to greet all the Year 4 family members for our special lunch on Wednesday. Next week, we have our Diwali lunch to look forward to.

Diary Dates

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

It has been a busy week in Reception! We have learnt all about the stages of growth through the story, The Growing Story by Helen Oxenbury. We have ordered each stage and shared our experiences of how we change along the way. In maths we have ordering objects according to size and focused on using the language, small, medium and big in the correct context. In history we have learnt all about objects and toys from the past and compared them to what we use and play with now. We have loved making our own telephones with cups and even a phone box role play area!

News from Class 2

This week, the children have been incredibly creative, writing their very own stories – and we even had a surprise visit from a wizard! In maths, we've been learning all about doubles, near doubles, and how to add three numbers together using our number bonds. In science, we examined different seeds and made predictions about what they might grow into. As part of Black History Month, we've been learning about inspirational figures such as Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, and Martin Luther King Jr, and the important contributions they made to history.

News from Class 3

What a fantastic week it has been in Class 3! The children have been very busy this week and their hard work is evident in their books. We have been working hard on crossing the boundary in maths and have just started column addition. In history, we had a look at the impact of Bronze in Britain and how we used to trade before we had the luxury of money. In science, we had great excitement turning off all the lights and making the class dark to see how shadows change depending on how close and far the light source is. We had a lovely day on Thursday celebrating World Food Day by having an afternoon snack whilst creating and colouring a collaborative mural for the day. We remembered how much we have to be thankful for.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about multiples, common multiples, factors and common factors. In English, we have been learning and performing, Night Mail by WH Auden. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching each other's performances. We, then, wrote our own modern versions of the poem. In art, we have been using digital images to inspire self-portraits using mixed-media, and, on Wednesday, Carol, who completed the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, visited us to share her experiences.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jacob for his excellent effort in phonics.

Class 2 – Kit for his imaginative story writing.

Class 3 – Asher for his beautiful work across all his subjects but especially in his history book.

Class 4 – Laurie for an excellent multi-media self-portrait.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Gracie for her great involvement in our classroom activities.

Class 2 – Liam for looking after a friend when they fell over.

Class 3 – Evelyn for always being prepared to share. Her kind heart and generous personality glows in Class 3.

Class 4 – Henrietta for excellent focus and concentration in all lessons.

Ethos Award (Peace) – Class 3: Sophie for the peaceful manner in which she does everything.

House Points – Oakbank have taken the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children focused on balancing in different ways, moving from one, two or three points of contact.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 were split into two groups with the first group participating in gymnastics, learning different rolls and movements on the mats, including log roll, egg roll, pencil roll, teddy bear roll and forward roll. The other half were playing different games, including passing a football through gates, throwing and catching bean bags and tennis balls, throwing bean bags into hoops and skipping games. The groups would swap groups half way through the afternoon.

Class 3 – The class took part in two different tournaments. The first was a football tournament, playing small sided matches with bonus points to earn. The second was line ball matches (netball format) to compete against other teams to see who could score the most points.

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Class 4 – The children swapped groups from last week and the group that played football matches then played a line ball match 7v7. The team that played line ball last week changed to a 7v7 football match this week and competed to score as many goals as possible.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Aleah

Class 2 – Freddie and Gus

Class 3 – Orin and Gruff

Class 4 – Tabby and Johnny



CRAFT EVENING

Winter wreaths

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CHEESE

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FROM 7PM

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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