

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

1 Peter 3:8

7th November 2025

Head's Message

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Halloween and firework celebrations, as we welcome the children back to this special half term which leads us all the way to Christmas. After our Remembrance Worship on Wednesday I had the delight of meeting with Rev Jenny and we planned lots of activities and events to enrich the children's year. Our Firework Lunch was simply splendid on Wednesday, especially the biscuits – what an explosion of colour. On Thursday, we were joined by the NSPCC who talked to children in Class 4 and Year 2 about keeping safe. Next week, we have our Year 3 families joining us for lunch on Wednesday, and a pyjama non-uniform day on Friday for tombola donations to the PTA for the Christmas Fair. Please ensure you have this special event (29th November) bookmarked in your diaries. Finally, we are holding a festive Open Day for any children who are due to start Reception in 2026, on Friday 5th December. Please share the details to anyone who may be interested.



Martyn's Law

At school we are getting ready to implement procedures that will be necessary due to Martyn's Law. (Martyn's Law, officially the [Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025](#), is UK legislation that requires publicly accessible locations to have plans to protect the public from terrorism.) Schools will be required to have standard security measures in place, including protocols for evacuation, lockdown and invacuation. Due to this, on 21st November at 9.20am we will be doing a lockdown drill at school. We will be making it as light and stress free as we can, and talking at length to the

children about it before it happens. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Forest School Update by Marcella

The children in Reception and Year 5 have had another thrilling week exploring, sharing, learning and creating in our Forest School. Please make sure you are following our Instagram page 'Grow in the Woods' for all our news, photos and updates on the food we are cooking on our marvellous stove.

Kitchen News

This week, the highlight was our wonderful Firework Lunch on Wednesday, where the children enjoyed a fantastic, hot, freshly made lunch followed by a delicious, home baked firework biscuit.

Diary Dates

12th November – Year 3 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
14th November – Pyjama non-uniform day for tombola items for the Christmas Fair
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 at 12-2:30pm
1st December – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
5th December – PTA wreath making event
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 learnt all about the traditions of Bonfire Night and how it started with Guy Fawkes. We read the story, Sparks in the Sky, before sharing our own experiences and then comparing it to the festival of Diwali. We learnt all about how to stay safe around a bonfire and fireworks; the children made sparklers that we used as part of a safety role play session. In maths, we have focused on the composition of 1, 2 and 3 before adding one more and finding one less. In RE, we shared our own experiences of birthday celebrations as we begin our journey of the Christmas story.

News from Class 2

This week, our imaginations have taken us on incredible adventures as we described different settings, and imagined what life might be like on another planet. In maths, we've been busy finding the difference and practising our subtraction skills. Science has been full of creativity as we made our own weather mobiles, learning all about different types of weather along the way. We've also started an exciting new geography topic. We have been using atlases, exploring aerial maps of Bollington, and spotting places we know well.

News from Class 3

Class 3 has had a fantastic week. We have been looking at column subtraction in maths. Science has been a lot of fun as we built skeletons and looked at why we have a skeleton. In geography, we reconstructed the Earth and its layers - digging into what each layer is made of. In RE, we had a lovely time looking at Jesus being the light of the world and making lanterns with how we could be a shining example to others.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started our unit on fractions, converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and visa versa. In English, we have started work on 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We have made predictions about what may happen in the story. In science, we explored hardness of different materials, and, in geography, we completed map work about the location of the Alps. We have also enjoyed creating some amazing artwork linked to Remembrance Day, and we enjoyed our NSPCC workshop on Thursday.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jesse for his independent writing in phonics.

Class 2 – Gus for his fantastic weather mobile.

Class 3 – Joseph for his Remembrance Day poem in English.

Class 4 – Sophia for working so hard, and having an excellent attitude, in maths.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Aleah for trying hard to listen well.

Class 2 – Jaxon for being such a caring, friendly classmate and making new friends so easily.

Class 3 – Gruff for always showing respect to everyone and everything around him.

Class 4 – Hugo WS for excellent participation, attitude and challenging himself in lessons.

Ethos Award (Compassion) – Class 4: Joseph for always showing compassion to everyone in the school.

House Points – Lowerhouse (last terms winners) are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children focused on balancing on a bench then jumping safely. We added in a log roll, trying hard to keep our arms and legs coordinated.

Class 2 – This week in PE, Class 2 were focusing on target practice and learning the difference between underarm throws and overarm throws. The children had multiple targets to land their bean bags on over different sizes and distances. Points were scored depending on the object you managed to land on.

Class 3 – This week in PE, Class 3 were learning how to dribble, turn and manoeuvre the hockey stick correctly. The children were practising the techniques on how to dribble, turn left and right and playing different games using all of the skills and techniques.

Class 4 – Class 4 swam first thing in the morning and then started to learn and go over hockey skills, learning how to dribble with direction and precision. The children were shown the correct technique on how to turn left and right and finished off with small fun games putting all techniques into practice.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Heidi

Class 2 – Isla and Finley

Class 3 – James and Sophie

Class 4 – Henry and Lilian

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