

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

21st November 2025

Head's Message

There has been lots of news in Reception this week. We welcomed more families on Monday evening who have a child due to start school in September 2026. The school nurse completed the hearing and vision checks on the class. Finally, a wonderful spiky visitor came to say hello, before being carefully rehoused in a more fitting hedgehog location. I had the pleasure of visiting Class 4 on Monday and caught a wonderful maths lesson, which was rather fitting as it was the first day of Maths Week. I attended the annual Diocese Conference yesterday, where the focus was very much on justice, diversity and equality. Today, the classes all had their first (low key) lockdown drill and teachers reported that it went very well indeed. Our School Parliament was also in action, and was joined by our RE link governor, Mrs Phillips. Next week, it is the last week of teacher led clubs. On Monday Mrs Jobbins and Mrs Van are running an after-school phonics workshop for parents. Our Year 2 families will be joining us for lunch on Wednesday. Rev Jenny will also be joining us for worship and introducing the Mexican Christmas tradition of Posada to the children. Lastly on Friday the infants will be making Christingles and the Eco-Council will be leading the assembly. These children have shown themselves to be a passionate and enthusiastic group who, along with the School Parliament, are also working hard on the themes of justice, diversity and equality.

Kitchen News

It's all getting very exciting in the kitchen as Nicola starts to prepare for this marvellous occasion.



Eco-Council News

Today, the Eco Council will put any fruit waste that school has, outside on the playground. Families are welcome to take any of the food if they could use it. The council plan to do this every Friday, and we are so proud of them for thinking of this wonderful initiative.

Diary Dates

24th November – Flu Vaccine delivered in school
24th November – Phonics workshop
26th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
28th November – Infant Christingle workshops
29th November – PTA Christmas Fair at 12-2:30pm
1st December – New Starter 2026 information evening at 4-4:30pm
3rd December – Junior Christingle workshops
5th December – Open Day 2-3pm for potential new starters in 2026
5th December – PTA wreath making event
9th December – Infant (Reception and Class 2) Christmas Production at 2-3:00pm
10th December – KS1 to the Rex cinema
10th December – Advent Spirals for all classes led by Rev Jenny
11th December – KS2 to Buxton theatre for the pantomime
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
5th January – First day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception we used the story, 'It Was a Cold Dark Night', to help us learn about hibernation. The main character, Ned the hedgehog, is searching for a home for the winter. Incredibly, the children met the real Ned on Wednesday when a hedgehog was brought in as a rescue. The children retold the story to Ned and we made story maps, sequencing his journey. We used clay to create models of Ned and boxes with leaves to house them. In maths we looked at how to represent 4 and 5 in different ways. In RE, we learned about the very first part of the nativity story and acted out the moment that Mary first saw the angel.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have been busy and brilliant! In English, we've been exploring how to use speech marks and writing our own character dialogue. In maths, we've been partitioning numbers and getting really confident at spotting how many tens and ones they contain. We've also continued our work with maps, creating aerial maps and 3D versions, then using them as inspiration for printing. Our play practice continues with lots of enthusiasm!

News from Class 3

The cold may have arrived but Class 3 was on fire. In English, we have put a lot of work into our planning for our write up. Maths was a lot of fun, using jelly beans to create data a record our findings. Ending the lesson snacking on our jelly beans was a highlight. In RE we have been looking at metaphors for Jesus and what light means in our life. The week ended off with mechanical hands to show the movement of muscles for science.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued working on fractions, learning how to subtract fractions with the same and different denominators. We have also challenged ourselves with subtraction of mixed numbers. In English, we have continued work on 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell

Boyce. In computing, we have been learning to read and calculate numbers using binary code, and, in science, we investigated which materials are the best thermal conductors and insulators. In RE, we explored Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, which are represented by the four candles in the Advent wreath.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ralph for creating a fantastic story map.

Class 2 – Bertie for his excellent jelly bean graph.

Class 3 – Finlay for his fantastic contributions and recording of data in maths.

Class 4 – Ellie for drawing a wonderful, accurate pie chart, linked to Maths Week 2025.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jesse for an amazing attitude to learning.

Class 2 – Guy for being helpful around the classroom.

Class 3 – Gus for always being kind and considerate.

Class 4 – Austin for actively participating in every single lesson and making insightful contributions.

Ethos Award (Compassion) – Class 2: Arthur for being kind to everyone he meets and knows.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children focused on balancing, jumping and rolling. We introduced tuck jumps and egg rolls to our gymnastics skills.

Class 2 – In PE this week, we started with a 10 minute yoga session and followed into dance, using our bodies to follow the beat and directions on screen. We finished with a dodgeball tournament learning how to play the game.

Class 3 – This week, we looked at passing and receiving in hockey and focused on the technique on how to keep the ball straight. Due to freezing temperatures we then took part in just dance to raise our temperatures and worked both solo and small groups.

Class 4 – In PE, Class 4 swam in the early morning and then came back to play small passing games in hockey, focusing on technique and the direction of a pass.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Gracie

Class 2 – Posy and Deborah

Class 3 – Rosie and Henry

Class 4 – Scarlett and Megan

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