

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*

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Head's Message

It has been a gloriously festive week this week. We had a fantastic Key Stage 1 Nativity on Tuesday, a marvellous infant trip to the Rex on Wednesday and a junior jaunt to Buxton to watch Aladdin yesterday. Class 2 had a very successful library trip, and Reception will be following in their footsteps next week. I must send a huge thank you to all the volunteers that have come with us and accompanied the children on all of these outings. Your attendance is really valued and makes such a difference. Next week, we hope to avoid calamity as it appears 'Santa's on Strike' for our junior Christmas play on Tuesday, and on Wednesday we have our Christmas lunch (non-uniform day) which is always such a great event. Added to this our Year 4 are visiting Ingersley Care Home to sing Christmas songs and give Christmas cards. Mrs Warham, our school counsellor, sends her apologies as due to surgery she has been unable to attend school for a few weeks. If she does not return next week, she will be back with us in January. Today, I received the draft SIAMs report, which I do hope to be able to share with you before we break up next Friday. Finally, this will be the last newsletter this term, so may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Merry Christmas everyone!



*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

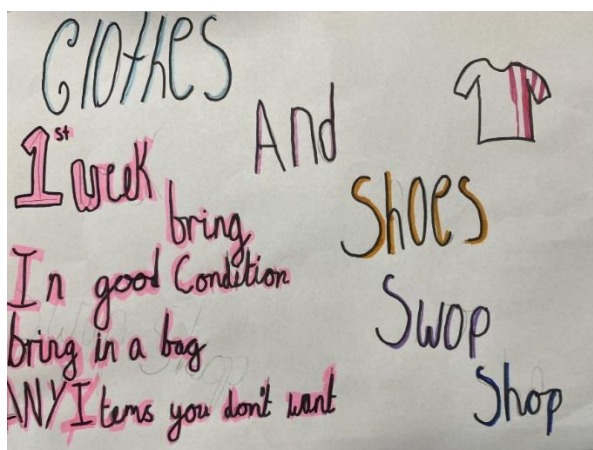
*Isaiah 7:14*

### Staffing

I am sad to report that next Thursday will be Mrs Gregory's last day at St John's and we all wish her the very best. Mrs Gail Hull will be our interim SENCO. She is very much looking forward to meeting the parents, and has already spent time with the children. If you wish to contact her, or arrange a meeting, please do email her in January ([senco@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk)).

### Eco Council News

Please do remember to send baked beans into school on Monday as the Eco Council will be delivering them to the Silklife Foodbank. The children have also come up with a new initiative which is a splendid idea. If, in January, you could bring in to school any unwanted clothes or shoes which are in good condition, they will be organising a completely free swop shop. More details will follow, but the council want all clothes, not just school uniform items.

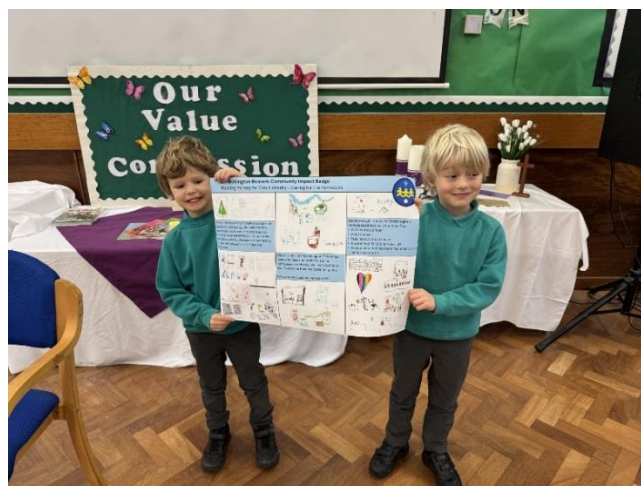


### Message from Andy Robinson (Eleanor and Eddie's Dad)

Save the date! I'm putting together a charity football game on the 14<sup>th</sup> March next year at Macclesfield Town, in aid of the Christie Charity. The match will be against some ex Manchester United players. Next year I'll be getting the word out on social media, so stay tuned.

### Beavers

We are delighted to share that a couple of Beavers at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bollington have been working on their Community Impact badge. The children have chosen to do some fundraising for the homeless charity, Crisis. We are so proud of their community spirit.



## **Kitchen News**

The kitchen is gearing up for next week's Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Merry Christmas!

## **Diary Dates**

15<sup>th</sup> December – Children to bring into school a donation of a tin of beans for Silklife Foodbank

15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 trip to Ingersley Care Home to sing Christmas songs at 1:30-3pm

16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception trip to Bollington Library to read Christmas stories at 1:30-3:00pm

16<sup>th</sup> December – Junior (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Production at 2pm-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and non-uniform day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

5<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term

## **News from Reception**

This week in Reception we performed our Nativity play and it was absolutely amazing! Seeing our youngest children in the school speak and sing so well in front of an audience is incredible and we are very proud! Our cinema trip was a big highlight for all the children; everyone behaved beautifully and the film put everyone in a festive mood. In literacy we have been writing CVC words and captions linked to Christmas as well as writing our letters to Santa. We loved decorating gingerbread shapes and making snowflake collages in our craft session.

## **News from Class 2**

What a busy week it's been! Class 2 have been working hard on punctuating sentences and have started a new topic on recognising 3D shapes. We've also been busy making Christmas decorations and even managed two exciting trips—to the cinema and the library! We also had an amazing Christmas play, and we are so incredibly proud of all the children. A big thank you once again to all the parent helpers who make these experiences possible.

## **News from Class 3**

Class 3 has been fantastic this week. We have been working on our reporting skills in English. Maths has been a lot of fun looking at area and how to work out the area of different shapes. In geography we had a look at the process of an eruption and how volcanoes are formed. We combined a part of our RE and French having a look at Matisse's Christmas Mural and which symbols are important to us.

## **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been learning and practising long division to complete division questions where the divisor is a two digit number. In English, we have continued work on 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, writing first person recounts of a chapter of the story. In science, we finished completing our work on reversible and irreversible changes, and, in RE, we explored the third candle in the Advent wreath. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to the panto on Thursday, and Christmas Play rehearsals are nearly now complete. We are so excited for you all to see the show next week!

## **Celebration Awards**

### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Jordon for trying hard to form recognisable letters all by himself.

Class 2 – Callum for his colourful Christmas decoration.

Class 3 – Bobbie for her exceptional effort in English.

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Class 4 – Isaac for mastering long division.

### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Izzy for always being so kind and helpful to others.

Class 2 – Fred for writing beautifully kind and thoughtful messages to his friend.

Class 3 – Maggie for her compassion and kindness she shows even when facing challenges.

Class 4 – James for working hard in lessons and making great contributions.

**Ethos Award (Compassion)** – Class 4: Lola-Rose for being kind and compassionate to everyone.

**House Points** – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – We had a music and movement session where we tried to follow a set of dance moves in the correct order. We also enjoyed a yoga session to help keep us calm amongst all the Christmas excitement!

Class 2 – The children participated in class yoga sessions focusing on body movement, balances and mindfulness. The class then looked at dance and movement and following instructions to join in a dance.

Class 3 – In PE, the children had their netball tournament and hockey tournament, scoring points for teamwork, wins, draws and the first teams to follow instructions. The teams played a round robin tournament to score the most points possible.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 competed in a target practice tournament in teams. They had a curling tournament in groups of four and a battleship tournament in groups of three. To finish their lesson, we had yoga and dance to raise and lower the heartbeat and understand how our bodies work.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Ralph

Class 2 – Eva and Gus

Class 3 – Rosie and Dyiako

Class 4 – Neymar and Poppy