

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Trust

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid."
Psalm 56:3-4*

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Head's Message

What a wonderful Swop Shop our Eco Council ran last Friday. Thank you to all who helped organise the event and to all the parents who sent in clothes to be exchanged. The week has been rather busy at school, due in part to covering the wrap around care. I would like to extend my thanks to the whole staff team for helping me ensure the provision stays in place. We were delighted to welcome two new members to our team this week. Mrs Davies started in the office on Monday and Miss Higginson has joined our merry band of volunteers and helped us in Reception today. Teacher led clubs started this week and other highlights of the week included Martin Luther King Day on Tuesday and the return of the marvellous Open the Book ladies on Wednesday. This week the assembly they led focussed on 'Calling the Disciples'.



Diary Dates

4th February – Year 1 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

6th February – Young Voices concert

12th February – Class 3 Cake Sale

13th February – Pancake Day Special Lunch

13th February – Last day of term

23rd February – Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2
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 23rd February – Parents' Evening Appointments
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 24th February – Boys' Football Match at St John's against Rainow at 3.30pm
 27th February – Talent Show – infants at 10:30-12pm and juniors at 1:45-3:30pm. Families invited
 4th March – Lakeside and SATs information evening for Class 4 at 5-6pm
 5th March – World Book Day
 8th March – Rotary Club Swimathon (volunteers from Class 4)
 11th March – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
 11th March – PTA Meeting at the Turners Pub at 7pm
 20th March – Non uniform day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
 20th March – PTA Disco
 23rd March – Easter Special Lunch
 23rd March – Easter Celebration Assembly at 2-3:30pm. Families invited
 25th-27th March – Class 4 Residential at Lakeside
 26th March – Year 4 Bikeability - Level 1
 27th March – Last day of term

News from Reception

Our week in Reception has been a busy one! We learnt all about how different animals camouflage in their environment, and we met the giant spiny stick insects from Class Four to see exactly how effective their camouflage really is! We then looked at the word 'endangered' and which animals might be at risk. We read stories featuring animals that are at risk of extinction, like the rhino in the story Last by Nicola Davies. We created paintings of the rhino, Sudan, using a range of printing techniques. In maths, we have focused on one more and one less and the composition of five. We were all really excited by the arrival of our new mud kitchen in the Reception playground. We are looking forward to setting this new area up with some inspirational new toys. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the kitchen and to Mr Morrall for putting it together.

News from Class 2

This week we have been learning about wolves and creating leaflets. We shared our learning with Reception and taught them some wolf facts. In maths, we have been using our number bond knowledge to add across 10. We learned about Andy Warhol, and created our own pop art. In forest school, we loved making potions, climbing trees and making dens.

News from Class 3

Class 3 has had a very busy week. In maths, we started our new topic which takes us further into multiplication, building on our previous knowledge. We have been looking at factor pairs and how numbers relate to each other. The children have started to get very excited about planning their next big write where they are planning their own myth. Fossils have kept us very busy in science as we discovered what layers fossils were found and who Mary Anning was. In RE we looked at who Matthew was, and how Jesus changed his life.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been subtracting decimals with the same and different numbers of decimal places. We have also been learning to order decimals with the same and different numbers of decimal places. In English, we have continued writing our own stories based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. In art, we have been creating ink drawings, based on the style of the artist Charkie Mackesy, and, in science, we have been exploring which planets, alongside Earth, have a moon or moons.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Aleah for her incredible effort and progress in phonics and reading over the past few weeks.

Class 2 – Freddie for his amazing wolf facts.

Class 3 – Rosie for her fantastic effort in maths this week.

Class 4 – Harry for a fantastic pen and ink drawing in the style of Charlie Mackesy.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Amelie for being kind and encouraging to others.

Class 2 – Deborah for being so caring towards her class friends.

Class 3 – Orla for her positive attitude towards her work.

Class 4 – Scarlett for her wonderful work ethic and caring attitude to all her friends.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 3: Gus for always getting things done, never making a fuss and being a trustworthy classmate.

House Points – Lowerhouse are in the lead by three points.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children extended their work on ball control, by adding a bounce into their passes to a partner. They focussed on hand and eye co-ordination.

Class 2 – This week, Class 2 focused on jumping in gymnastics. We looked at basic jumping and landing and making sure to use our landing technique correctly. We included tuck jump, star jump and pencil jump.

Class 3 – In PE, the children tested themselves, with plenty of enthusiasm, with the beep test, pushing themselves and each other to score as high as possible and understand how the beep test is physical work but also mental. We also looked at different jumps in gymnastics including tuck jump, star jump, straddle jump and pike jump.

Class 4 – During PE, Class 4 focused on travelling, jumping and landing, using different jumps such as tuck, straddle, pike and star, focusing on quality technique and precision landing to stick and balance once on the floor.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Ellen

Class 2 – Jaxon and Deborah

Class 3 – Heidi, Gus and Asher

Class 4 – Seth and Olivia B

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