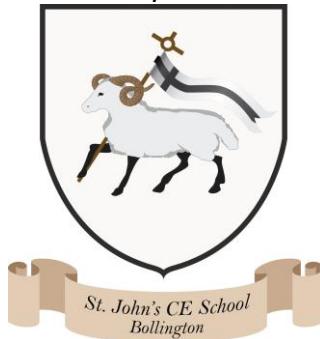


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

6th February 2026

Head's Message

This will be the last newsletter of this half term, and when we come back after the break our new Christian Value will be Endurance. The school has been buzzing with excitement today as the children got ready for, and are currently enjoying, Young Voices 2026. It is always such a highlight of the year. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who are attending. This week, our Open the Book theme was The Kind Stranger and we enjoyed a wonderful Year 1 parent lunch. Next week, is Children's Mental Health Week and Sewing Seeds will be delivering a workshop to Class 4 to mark the event. On the 12th February we also have Safer Internet Day, and this year's theme is 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI'. Please support the Class 3 PTA Cake Sale on Thursday, and on Friday we are having a special pancake themed lunch in school as Shrove Tuesday falls in the half term this year. Finally, our thanks to Bollington Town Councillor Rich House for visiting us at school today to meet with our School Parliament and hear all their amazing ideas.



Wrap Around Care Payment

Invoices to parents who have used this service will be sent out next week billing you for just the sessions you have used since school started providing the service. If there are any questions at all please email head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk on Monday 23rd February. Payment will be due for these invoices by Friday 27th February. We will be sending out an email next week with details on how to book your child in for sessions after half term.

World Book Day

This year we have chosen the theme of 'Recipe for Reading'. We would like the children to come in to school wearing comfortable reading clothes; pyjamas or onesies are perfect! We would also like to invite the children to decorate a wooden spoon to link to their favourite book; this could be a character, setting or favourite words from the book. During the day we will hold a competition for the most creative entries. Furthermore, we will set up a Book Swap stall and if your child would like to take part, please send them with a preloved book that they can exchange. We look forward to spending the day finding our ideal recipe for reading!



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Kitchen News

It was amazing to see so many Year 1 family members enjoying lunch with us on Wednesday. We hope you had a lovely visit and enjoyed the food!

Diary Dates

- 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
- 23rd February – Parents' Evening Appointments
- 24th February – Parents' Evening Appointments
- 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 – PTA Disco
- 21st March – World Down Syndrome Day
- 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

This week in Reception, we have extended our learning about saving the environment by looking more closely at our local area and the difference that we can make. We read the story, The Messy Magpie and we learnt more ambitious vocabulary linked to the text. We created speech bubbles for each animal character to illustrate how they might be feeling, and we sorted through our own rubbish collection into different materials based on their properties. We created our own recycled

paper using the waste paper from around school. In maths, we have used the bucket scales to weigh a range of objects, comparing which is heavier and lighter. We also looked at how to balance the scales before moving on to floating and sinking.

News from Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been busy and enthusiastic learners! We've really enjoyed our superhero story, while developing our understanding of plurals and exploring how the suffixes 'ing' and 'ed' change words. In maths, we have been practising addition, learning how to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten and using our growing knowledge of place value to solve problems. We also got creative by making fantastic rockets using junk modelling materials. In our wider learning, we discovered the origin of the teddy bear and, during infant worship, we reflected on kindness by making special promises to our friends and families.

News from Class 3

Class 3 has been on the go this week diving into our new book in English - The Black Dog. We have started a new unit in maths and had a look at how we use measurement, what the lines on our rulers are for and conversions. In RE, the children reflected on who had had an impact on their lives and how they could positively impact the lives of others. Science made for a lot of thinking, comparing what each type of soil is made up of. Finally in computing, the children made their own book animations using stop motion to present their ideas.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning how to find the areas of triangles and parallelograms, and we have been learning about volume and how to find the volume of cuboids. In English, we have continued exploring 'Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race' by Margot Lee Shetterly. We have been writing speeches in role as Mary Jackson. In history, we have been finding out about what we can learn about Tudor times from inventories, and, in science, we have been learning about sundials, including their history and how they work.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Willow for her excellent writing of a speech bubble during our literacy lesson.

Class 2 – Liam for his amazing picture of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

Class 3 – Arlo for his outstanding effort in English.

Class 4 – Daniel for fantastic artwork, displayed understanding of foreground, middle ground and background.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jacob for being such a happy and friendly member of our class.

Class 2 – Posy for always being so incredibly helpful around the classroom.

Class 3 – Eleanor for her kind and loving persona and always being a reliable classmate.

Class 4 – Olivia H for always participating well in every single lesson.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 1: Izzy for being a kind, reliable and trustworthy member of the class.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead by 2 points.

Sports News

Class 1 – The children used the beanbags to throw accurately at a target before throwing and catching their beanbag with a partner. We are focusing on building confidence and developing hand eye coordination.

Class 2 – In PE, we had a planning and preparation time. During this time children were put into groups of 3 and had time to learn and create a gymnastics sequence to perform to their class. The children then played a dodgeball tournament.

Class 3 – The children created a sequence in groups of 3 or 4, including a roll, jump, balance and travel. The children then performed this to the rest of their class and were scored on their performance. The children then took part in a HIIT session, working 30 seconds on and 1 minute off.

Class 4 – This week in PE, Class 4 took part in a mini gymnastics Olympics and were given 15-20 minutes to perform a sequence to the class. In this they needed jumps, rolls, balances, partner balances and travel. They were scored based on all of these things.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Kit

Class 2 – Kit and Skylar

Class 3 – Orla and Dyiako

Class 4 – Laela-May and Hugo WS