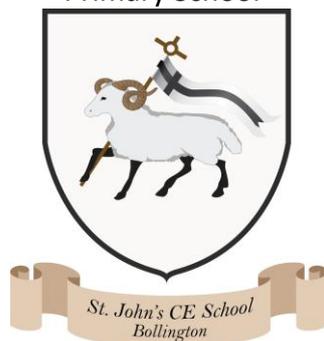


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

*"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."
Hebrews 10:36*

13th March 2026

Head's Message

What an absolutely splendid week we have had celebrating all things STEM and science. Mrs Van organised a wonderful line up of visitors and speakers to complement the lessons and experiments already planned by teachers to mark British Science Week. The children have met a STEM Ambassador, a geologist, and a physicist to name but a few, and have had a thoroughly marvellous time. We extend our thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to make the week so memorable. Please do make sure you look at the website for many photos taken of the activities. As if this wasn't enough, there has been plenty more going on at St John's. The week started with our annual Swimathon at the leisure centre on Sunday. Seven children swam for 45 minutes across two lanes, and they were splendid. Between them they swam for more than 220 laps. On Wednesday we learned all about 'The Triumphal Entry' from Open the Book, as we lead down to Easter. Following this we welcomed our Reception families to lunch. Today, our Year 6 children are visiting the Town Hall to find out what the council does in Bollington. They will also get the opportunity to meet the mayor. Highlights we are looking forward to next week include a visit from our MP, Tim Roca, on Monday and celebrating both Down Syndrome Day and a PTS School Disco on Friday.

Payments and Arbor Balances

As we approach the end of the financial year (March 31st) for the school please can parents settle up all outstanding bills by the end of next week (20th March). Please can you check both the meals and trips section of Arbor. Residential balances need to be settled by Wednesday 18th March, as this money needs to be transferred to Lakeside to confirm your child's place. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please note that if you have any queries relating to Arbor, payments or wrap around provision please email Mr Duffy at bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Kitchen News

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Reception families to school for lunch. We do hope you enjoyed your meal and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Year 6 Transition to Tytherington High School

On Monday, Year 6 were thrilled to attend a transition event at Tytherington High School, hosted by the Languages Department. Students started off with a session led by Mrs Keeping on Catalan. The children then did French with Miss Sampson, followed by German with Mrs Hofton. Pupils

thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and the staff at Tytherington were extremely impressed with how ambitious and well behaved the children were.



PTA News

It was fabulous to see so many of you at the PTA meeting on Wednesday where we made some plans for some fabulous events coming up. Next Friday, we have the school disco from 6pm and on the 24th April we have the first St Johns Quiz Night. We hope this will be a fabulously fun evening, so please add the date to your diary. Our next PTA meeting will be on the 29th April at 7pm at the Turners Arms. At this meeting we will be focusing on planning the upcoming spring fair and would love your support.

Your PTA committee

Diary Dates

20th March – PTA Disco

20th March – Odd Socks Day to celebrate 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

13th April – First day of the summer term

24th April – PTA Quiz Night

29th April – PTA meeting at 7pm

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have continued our learning about space, focusing more on the life of an astronaut. We wrote about the different roles you might have during a trip up to space.

In maths, we learnt about different amounts of time and what we can do within that time; we also learnt about the days of the week. As part of science week, we enjoyed a talk from a specialist nurse and an aquatics expert. We learnt so much from both of our visitors and everyone was very enthusiastic.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have had a fantastic time celebrating science week! We spent lots of time in the garden weeding and planting, took part in some exciting science experiments, and we even welcomed a special visitor- a farmer. We rounded it all off by showcasing our work in assembly, which was a wonderful way to celebrate everything the children had learned. It was fantastic to give science a real platform and see the children so enthusiastic and engaged.

News from Class 3

This has been a wonderful week of learning and experiences in Class 3. In maths, we have compared mixed and improper fractions and learnt how to convert them. In English, we had a look at speech marks and how to apply them to our stories. With Easter around the corner, the children have been practising their singing and looking into the deeper meaning of why Easter is celebrated. Finally, bringing so much excitement this week was science. We started the week with a 'Coke and Mentos' experiment to look at how they react. We had aquatic scientists come in to show their equipment and what they are doing to keep our water clean. On Thursday, we had a geologist who captivated the children building on their previous knowledge of rocks and soils.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started learning about ratio, focusing on additive and multiplicative relationships between numbers. In English, we have completed some end of unit assessments for grammar and spelling, and we have continued work on our class book, *The Hidden Forest* by Jeannie Baker. We have been focusing on grouping information into themed paragraphs. In design and technology, we have been making Doodlers, using our knowledge of circuits, and we have had a great time during British Science Week, welcoming exciting visitors into the classroom: a nuclear physicist, a geologist and a chemist. We are so grateful to these wonderful visitors!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Izzy for her excellent independent writing about the different roles in space.

Class 2 – Florence for her interesting questions during our science experiment.

Class 3 – Henry for his fantastic questions and contributions, as well as scientific recordings in science this week.

Class 4 – Aaruhi and Laela-May for making a fantastic doodler and showing great team.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Heidi for always being such a joy to be around, so funny and kind.

Class 2 – Rory for being such a fantastic team player.

Class 3 – James for his continuous kindness to friends in need.

Class 4 – Sophia for demonstrating such wonderful concentration and perseverance.

Ethos Award (Trust) – Class 4: Scarlett for being such a fantastic role model with her resilience and positive attitude to her learning.

House Points – Lowerhouse are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – We used the PE equipment to set up a space themed circuit where we role played astronauts carrying out their different roles in space; we focused on spatial awareness, balancing and hand eye coordination.

Class 2 – The children had a shorter lesson due to visitors for science week. In PE, we worked in groups to complete small challenges and when complete, the children have to run their relay baton to the next person in their team, using teamwork, concentration and communication.

Class 3 – In PE this week, Class 3 were practising endurance by having relay races. The relay races were over a long period so instead of one turn then would have five goes each before a break. We then focused on tag rugby and being able to trick the opposition by using our bodies to get past the defender.

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Class 4 – This week, we had a slightly different lesson with the children all taking part in boxing. The children were shown footwork whilst using their jab and cross (punch) focusing on our body working all together and in sync. The children then played a dodgeball tournament focusing on awareness, teamwork and target practice skills.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Penny

Class 2 – Deborah and Maksym

Class 3 – Samuel and Sophie

Class 4 – Laurie and Olivia B