

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

6th March 2026

Head's Message

As I sit writing this newsletter Class 2 and 4 are taking part in a live Teams event to mark the start of British Science Week. The children are embarking on an exhilarating, interactive online space adventure called 'To the Moon and Stars'. They will step into the shoes of engineers and scientists working on the international Artemis programme and help propel humanity back to the moon and onward to Mars! This is also rather fitting as we celebrated Mars Day on Tuesday. All next week we have exciting STEM activities and visitors scheduled for all the classes. Thank you to all the parents who attended either one or two of our parent information evenings on Wednesday. We hope that you had all the information you needed for our upcoming residential, and for the SATs tests in May. Also on Wednesday, Open the Book told the children the story of 'The Two Houses'. Yesterday, we had a wonderful World Book Day, celebrating all the amazing things about reading and how it can open up the world to us. Children wrote poems, shared favourite books, took part in a book swap, read with their reading buddies and took time to draw and explore characters. We held a Secret Reader session, where children chose a book which was then read by a mystery member of staff. So many of the children had designed a character spoon, and although they were all brilliant, below are photos of a few of the winners. Please do visit the website to see a full gallery of pictures highlighting exactly how lovely our World Book Day was. Looking ahead we have our Swimathon on Sunday, Reception family lunch on Wednesday and Year 6 are visiting the Town Hall next Friday. Finally, may I wish you a very happy International Women's Day.





Arbor and Payments

Before and after school paid clubs (wrap around care) are now available for bookings up until the end of March. Please book via Arbor. Should you need to make a last-minute booking or give us a message, please contact: Ms Higginson at chigginson@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk or Mrs Spalding at Kspalding@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

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

Diary Dates

- 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
- 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

News from Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning all about the planet Mars. We took part in Mars Day and watched some incredible videos taken from the current Mars Rover. We designed our own Mars Rovers, considering what important jobs it would need to do; we then made the robots using Lego. We created artwork using marbling inks and we wrote sentences about what we know about Mars. In maths we have focused on length and height, using the words, tallest, shortest and longest to describe different objects. We all had a wonderful World Book Day exploring new stories and discovering some exciting characters. A huge thank you to the Year 6 reading buddies for taking the time to come and read to us.

News from Class 2

Class 2 have had a lovely week. The sun has been shining and we have really been enjoying the brighter weather. We have started working in our garden to get it ready for spring, doing lots of weeding, and we are looking forward to beginning our planting over the next couple of weeks. We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We guessed book titles, read in unusual places, swapped books with friends and wrote character descriptions. In maths this week, we have been practising mixed addition and subtraction sums. We have also been exploring the school grounds looking for signs of spring and drawing what we have spotted.

News from Class 3

This has been a fantastically busy week in Class 3. We have been looking into fractions in maths and even got to sneak some chocolate into the lesson. In English we had some fun working on poems and a character description of a spoon character. Science was an interesting topic as we started to learn about what and who is indigenous to the Amazon rainforest. We looked at betrayal and who betrayed Jesus over the Easter period in RE. We discussed how we could learn from this to be a better friend to others.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning how to find percentages of numbers, by firstly finding 10% or 1% and then using these answers to work out various percentages. In English, we have started exploring the book, 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeannie Baker, looking at the amazing forests underneath our oceans. We have been exploring how the main character's feelings and emotions develop and change throughout the story. In computing, we have started our unit on Micro:Bits, learning how to connect them to the laptops and create a simple program, and, in science, we have been learning all about the circulatory system.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Eddie for a fantastic Mars Rover design.

Class 2 – Ivy for her enthusiasm and positivity towards all her work.

Class 3 – Kobi for his fantastic character description and use of adjective in English.

Class 4 – Freddie for writing a wonderful poem about books on World Book Day.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jordon for his effort during our shared discussions.

Class 2 – Viktoriia for being an amazing role model to others

Class 3 – Dyiako for his manners and how he always looks out for others.

Class 4 – Henry for being such a delightful and friendly classmate, who participates so wonderfully.

Ethos Award (Endurance) – Class 3: Asher for his endurance and always looking for new challenges.

House Points – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we warmed up with circuit training, using flat ladders and hoops for jumping. We then linked our learning in maths by throwing beanbags and working out the length it travelled.

Class 2 – The children all participated in a mile of the playground, with either a jog or a speed walk (13 laps). Pupils then split into teams to participate in throwing games. They were aiming for different targets over different distances to score points.

Class 3 – We participated in the playground mile. Children challenged themselves to complete the mile as fast as possible for personal achievement. They could run or speed walk. We then practised attacking in tag rugby, focusing on fast play and decision making.

Class 4 – This week, we completed the playground mile and pushed ourselves to complete this in their personal best time. We then focused on attacking in tag rugby, using space and understanding how to beat the defending team.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Izzy

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Class 2 – Isla and Florence
Class 3 – Bobbie and Finlay
Class 4 – Henry and Lilian



Every Day At School Counts



**More days in school =
more friends, more learning**

90% attendance =
19 days missed

80% attendance =
38 days missed

27% of primary pupils
miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = **drop in**
reading and maths



International Women's Day

March 8



Together we can forge **gender equality.**

Collectively we can all

#GiveToGain.

www.internationalwomensday.com

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