

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*

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Head's Message

What a wonderful week it has been, starting with a special visitor and ending with a school disco. We were delighted to welcome Tim Roca, MP to school on Monday. After addressing the whole school in assembly (where Mr Roca explained exactly what he does in Parliament), he then met our School Parliament and Eco Council. The children engaged in a lovely discussion and asked some wonderful questions about transport, sustainability and his views on the plans to develop 20,000 new houses in Adlington. Mr Roca has very kindly invited children to visit him in Parliament in the autumn term.



On Wednesday Open the Book focussed their assembly on 'The Last Supper'. Next week will be their last visit this year, and they will tell the children 'John's Story'. Today, we are thrilled to be wearing our odd socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day. At the time of writing we have raised an amazing £99, but if you have not yet made your donation please follow this link: [Bollington St John's Primary School is fundraising for Down Syndrome Cheshire](#) as it would be wonderful to pass the £100 mark. Next week, we have some rather big events to look forward to. Please join us on Monday afternoon for our Easter assembly and infant Easter bonnet parade. Then on Wednesday, Class 4 travel to Lakeside for their residential. Please keep everything crossed for good weather for us. We also have our Easter lunch on Monday and Bikeability for Year 4 on Thursday. As this is the last newsletter of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and blessed Easter. We looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 13th April at the start of the summer term.



It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

Luke 23:44-47

Arbor and Payments

We have now registered for the Government's Tax-Free Childcare vouchers, as well as Edenred, Computershare and Kiddivouchers. If you pay via any of these methods, please can you email the bursar with the amount and date so that we can reconcile payments.

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

Diary Dates

23rd March – Easter Special Lunch

23rd March – Easter Celebration Assembly at 2-2:30pm. 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 summer term

News from Reception

This week in Reception we used the story, The Loon on the Moon, to inspire us to describe the characters and to write sentences. We learnt about the moon's surface and how craters are made; we created our own tinfoil moons using an imprinting technique. In maths we have looked at different representations of 9 and 10 and used ten frames to help us work out number bonds. We are all really enjoying studying our tadpoles; it is incredible to watch them change so much in just a week.

News from Class 2

Class 2 have had a fantastic and productive week! In English, we have been exploring verbs and using them to write more descriptive and engaging sentences. In maths, we have been learning about arrays and developing our understanding of equal and unequal amounts. We enjoyed getting creative by building life cycles using natural materials, and continuing our gardening work. It was especially exciting to meet some tadpoles this week! We have also been busy practising our songs and are very much looking forward to performing them in our Easter assembly next week.

News from Class 3

Another fantastic week in Class 3. In English, we planned and did the most beautiful setting descriptions. Maths has been a challenge looking at working in grams and kilograms. In geography, we looked at the benefits of the Amazon rainforest and what are the biggest issues contributing to the destruction of the rainforest. In RE we have started making our Easter books explaining the Easter story.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have completed our work on ratio, focusing on solving problems involving ratio and proportion. We have also started to look at algebra, exploring how to form expressions. In English, we have been learning all about cohesion in our writing, using pronouns, adverbials and relative clauses to make sure our paragraphs and sentences link and flow. We have also been writing letters linked to our class book, *The Hidden Forest* by Jeannie Baker. In science, we explored our pulse rate before and during exercise as part of our PE lesson, and, in geography, we found out about how humans use the desert biome and have looked at what the threats to the desert biome are.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jacob for his effort and enthusiasm for writing this half term.

Class 2 – Isla for her amazing descriptive sentences.

Class 3 – Finn for his fantastic setting description and use of adjectives in English.

Class 4 – Austin for great work in our computing lesson, writing a code for the micro:bits.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jacob for his effort and enthusiasm for writing this half term.

Class 2 – Theo for fantastic concentration and listening.

Class 3 – Maisie for her kind and loving heart this week.

Class 4 – Ella for being such a delight to teach every single day.

Ethos Award (Endurance) – Class 1: Willow for showing such patience even when things are tricky.

House Points – With a week to go, Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – We played large scale maths games outside using hoops and bean bags. The children enjoyed playing counting games using chalks.

Class 2 – This week in PE, the children were set tasks involving a hoop. The children would roll their hoop keeping it from falling. The children were given instructions such as spin (spin the hoop and swap with someone before the hoop falls), roll (roll the hoop and catch it before it falls) and reverse (throw the hoop forward whilst flicking your wrist and trying to get the hoop to return). We also played different games focussing on teamwork and communication.

Class 3 – We had a dodgeball tournament. The children were split into 4 groups, all competing to win their matches for points. Bonus points were added for the best listening team (during and after each game), the child with the best sportsmanship and sitting the smartest.

Class 4 – This week, we linked science, maths and PE. The children recorded their resting heart beat before any activities. The children then completed four different activities, measuring their pulse for 30 seconds (they doubled their count) and then recorded the result. The children would do another minute of work and record their pulse again. Once this was all complete, we reviewed our scores and compared them with friends.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jordan

Class 2 – Florence and Callum

Class 3 – Emme and Rosie

Class 4 – Aaruhi and Megan

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