

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Growth

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

2 Peter 3:18

17th April 2026

Head's Message

What a marvellous start to the summer term we have already had. We have eggs in the incubator in Reception, lambs came to visit us (thank you Jess and Aimee) and the PTA kindly funded two owl workshops for all the children enjoy, led by Feathery Friends. On Tuesday, Rachael from UK Parliament Outreach led workshops for the junior children on democracy and politics, which was rounded off with debating. On Thursday, more of our children visited the food bank in Bollington, helping and interacting with our local community. Teacher led after school clubs start next week and we also have a PTA Quiz night to look forward to on the 24th April. Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter. Finally, please do take a minute to look at the Diary Dates and see all the exciting activities we have coming up this term. Please note, for example, we have an earlier date for Sports Day than usual.

Fundraising Focus

Two children in Class 3 have gone to great lengths to fundraise for their chosen charities, and we do hope you will support them and their marvellous efforts. What amazing children we have at St John's, we are so proud of them. Henry has had 19 inches cut off his hair, which he has donated to the Little Princess Trust. This charity provides wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity. To donate please use the link:

https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/henrys-hair-donation?edit=page&utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dspb-WA&utm_content=MPC



Meanwhile, Joseph has set himself a challenge to run more than 90km by the 30th June to raise money for the children's ward at Macclesfield Hospital. He has made a super start and has already covered in excess of 10km. He would be over the moon if anyone could sponsor him. The money he raises will go directly to East Cheshire NHS and is ring fenced for the children's ward. To donate please use the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jrunsformacc>

Wrap Around Club, Arbor and Payments

Please note that after the Easter Arbor glitches, the system is now working and you are able to book wrap around sessions until the end of the term. If you think you need the club, please do book on, so that we can ensure we have bought enough snacks. If you have any queries relating to the provision, Arbor or payments in general, please email bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Kitchen News

The government has launched a consultation aimed at improving school meals. They are focussing on ending deep fat frying food and using too much sugar. At St John's none of the food we serve has been fried, and we use fruit where possible to sweeten desserts to ensure we are using minimum sugar. The government also wants schools to publish their menus, which we already do. We will, of course, be following the consultation very closely but we already know the food served at school is fresh and nutritious.

Diary Dates

20th April – After school clubs begin
24th April – PTA Quiz Night at school
29th April – PTA Meeting at Church House Inn at 7pm
4th May – Bank holiday (school closed)
11th to 14th May – SATs week for Year 6 children (breakfast provided for Year 6 children at 8:30am on these days)
12th May – Class 2 Trip to Manchester Airport Visitor Runway Park
14th May – Class 2 PTA Cake Sale
20th May – Year 5 family lunch at 12-12:30pm
20th May – Sports Day 2:00-3:30pm. All families invited (Back up date: Friday 22nd May)
22nd May – Last day of term
1st June – Staff INSET day
2nd June – Summer term 2 starts
3rd June – Academies start at 1:30-2:45pm
12th June – PTA Spring Fling
16th June – Class 3 Trip to Chester Roman Experience
24th June – Special Lunch – Summer Picnic on the field (weather permitting)
25th June – New Reception children starter afternoon 1 at 2-3pm (followed by Parents' Information Session at 3pm)
2nd July – New Reception children starter afternoon 2 at 2-3pm
2nd July – Reception PTA Cake sale
7th July – Last week of after school teacher led clubs
7th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School
13th July - All classes move up afternoon at 2-3pm
8th July – Academies Celebration Assembly at 10:45-12pm. All families invited
8th July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
10th July – Leavers' Disco at 6pm-7:30pm
17th July – Leavers' Play at 9:30-11:30am. Class 4 families invited
17th July – Last day of term
1st September – Staff INSET day
2nd September (Wednesday) – First day of Autumn term for the children

News from Reception

It has been a very busy week in Reception this week! We returned to school to find an incubator full of mystery eggs. Over the week we have candled them to see if we can spot the embryo and the blood vessels, identified all of the internal parts of the egg and watched how the embryo develops

over 21 days. On Tuesday, we welcomed two lambs in to school where we learnt all about how to care for them. This also linked to our learning about different types of animals; we looked at the features that help us recognise that a lamb is a mammal. In maths we have focused on 3D shapes, identifying the properties and the 2D shapes within them. We have printed and stamped pictures using 3D shapes, as well as building models and focusing on using our language. Everyone enjoyed the owl experience and it has fuelled lots of retelling of owl stories!

News from Class 2

We have had such an amazing week in Class 2! We have been reading a new story, House in the Trees, and writing descriptive sentences using verbs and adverbs. In maths, we have been practising division. In science, we have been busy planting and gardening, and we also carried out an experiment to investigate the conditions plants need to grow. We were excited to start our new topic on flight, learning about the Wright brothers. We even made our own airplanes and held a competition! To make the week even more special, we met a lamb and enjoyed an amazing birds of prey show.

News from Class 3

The summer term has started with a bang for Class 3. We started our second fraction unit and have been adding and subtracting fractions over the week. In English, we looked at our new book - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. Learners were given clues to figure out which book it would be. In science, we looked at batteries and electricity and what objects use what to run. In history, the children were given the opportunity to look at why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain. Finally, in RE we started to explore the life of Moses and how life has rules and how we have rules in life.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have completed our learning about algebra, looking at problems involving two unknowns. In English, we have been doing work on the animation, Lighthouse. We have written poems, considering similes, metaphors and personification, and we started writing our own retelling of the story. In PSHE, we have been learning about how parliament works, following our workshop on Tuesday, and, in science, we have been investigating how light travels. We also thoroughly enjoyed the Feathery Friends workshop on Wednesday.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ralph for excellent recall and labelling of the internal parts of an egg.

Class 2 – Guy for his enthusiasm and thoughtful questioning when learning about the Wright brothers.

Class 3 – Emme for her consistent good effort in English.

Class 4 – Johnny for an excellent poem, based on the Lighthouse animation.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Aleah for being so thoughtful towards her friends.

Class 2 – Rory for always organising herself, and taking ownership over her learning.

Class 3 – Bobbie for being an outstanding friend to all peers in the class.

Class 4 – Henry for always offering such thoughtful contributions in class.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 2: Theo for fantastic listening and learning.

House Points – Adelphi are last term's winners.

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Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we used a range of equipment to encourage us to move over and under, as well as balance and jump. We focused on safe landing and listening to instructions.

Class 2 – The children took part in sprint races and tug of war, working as a team using communication to win tug of war. We also played some small listening games and co-ordination using different items.

Class 3 – In PE, we held small team races, including sprint and relay races. The children then competed in tug of war, different groups including Boys v Boys, Boys v Girls and Girls v Girls from different ages. We finished with standing long jump, focusing on technique and landing.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 competed in short sprint races and relay races, looking at standing starts. The children then played tug of war in different groups. We then moved onto rounders playing a small football rounders match, understanding the rules and running route.

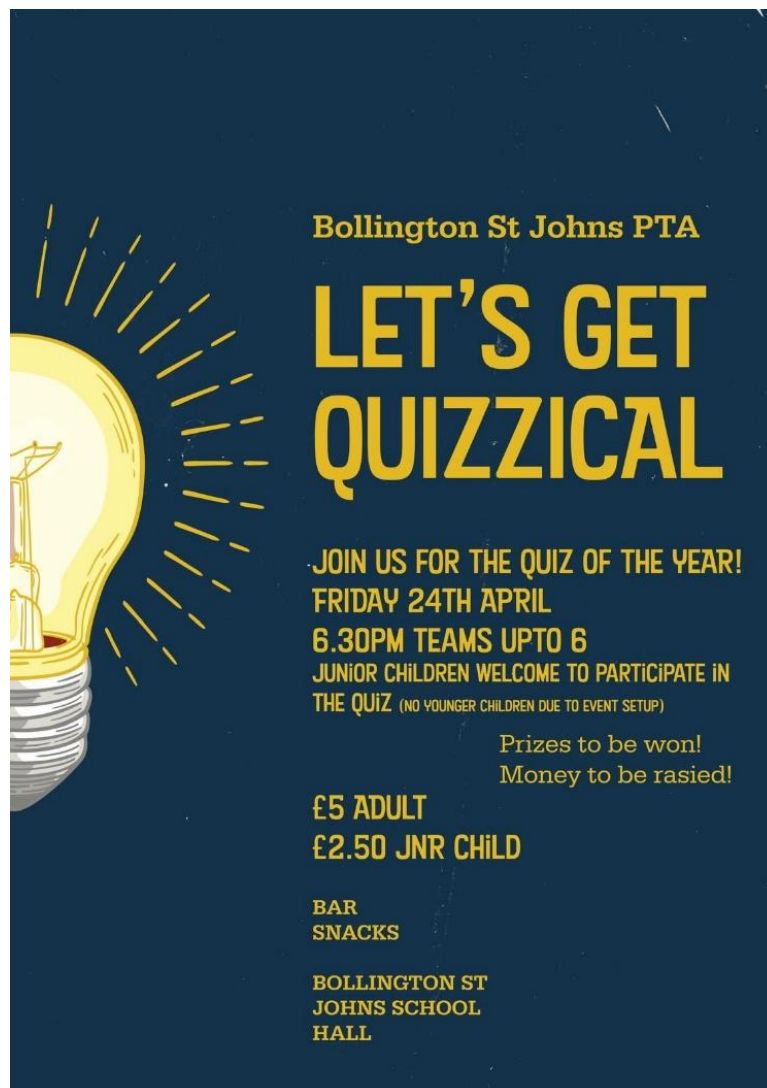
Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jordon

Class 2 – Finley and Callum

Class 3 – Eleanor and Orin

Class 4 – Freja and Henry



Bollington St Johns PTA

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

JOIN US FOR THE QUIZ OF THE YEAR!
FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
6.30PM TEAMS UPTO 6
JUNIOR CHILDREN WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUIZ (NO YOUNGER CHILDREN DUE TO EVENT SETUP)

Prizes to be won!
Money to be rased!

£5 ADULT
£2.50 JNR CHILD

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