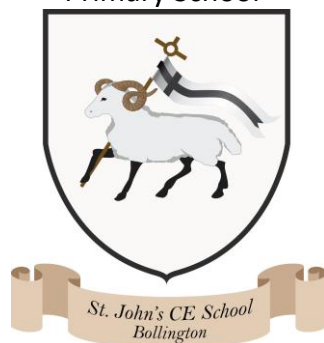


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

Head of Teaching, Learning and Assessment: Mrs E. Watson

## '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*

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Head's Message

We have chicks! The joy in Reception knows no bounds as three feathery friends have joined the class. It seems fitting they appeared when the weather has been so pleasant, filling the air with the promise of spring. On Wednesday, the whole school celebrated Earth Day. Details of the activities that took place, along with photos, can be viewed on the school website. Today, children in KS1 and KS2 were treated to a performance by the Saltmine Theatre group, after which the juniors participated in workshops. Tonight, the PTA are hosting a Quiz Night which is sure to be a fun packed event. Looking forward to next week, please note that road works are due to start on Grimshaw Lane on Monday. You may need to find an alternative route to and from school. Finally, please find attached to this newsletter a letter detailing our plans to introduce a preschool at St John's from September 2026. Sadly, Allsorts will be closing at the end of the summer term, and we have begun a formal consultation process to open our own provision.

### Staffing News

We are delighted to formally inform you that Mrs Steyn is now the St John's SENCO. We are equally thrilled to share the news that Mrs Heath is undertaking her teacher training qualification, based at St John's. Between them they will continue to magnificently lead and teach Class 3.

### Sports Fixtures

The following sports fixtures have been arranged, and further details will be circulated to parents via home contact. Please note that two football matches are planned, but not yet confirmed. One is against Nether Alderley, and one against Bollington Cross which will hopefully take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May. We have also scheduled:

28<sup>th</sup> April - A ball skills festival for Year 5 (8 pupils)

14<sup>th</sup> May - Tennis for Year 3 and Year 4 (8 pupils)

18<sup>th</sup> May - Cricket for Class 4 (8 pupils)

### Bollington Festival

We are thrilled that six children from Class 4 have been shortlisted for their entry into the Bollington Festival Children's Art Competition. They have been invited to a prize giving ceremony on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm to receive an award for their achievements. An exhibition of all the entries will be in the Arts Centre entrance hall throughout the festival.

### Gate Timings

Following a home contact that went our yesterday regarding school logistics, please find a summary of the timings:

- **3:20pm** - Playground gate unlocked; parents welcome to enter
- **3:50pm** - Playground gate locked  
*(Parents and children may remain on site, but will be unable to exit until 4:30pm)*
- **4:30pm** - Playground gate unlocked by Mr Di Marco; his clubs and Netball Club dismissed, then gate relocked
- **4:30pm** - Collection from the Front Office for all other clubs except Mrs Jobbins' club

### Arbor and 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](mailto:bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Diary Dates

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

### News from Reception

In Reception this week we have welcomed three very tiny chicks into our classroom. We were able to watch most of the hatching process and we learnt a special poem all about this incredible moment. We learnt all about the equipment we will need to have ready for their arrival and we wrote a set of instructions for how to care for the chicks. In maths we have focused on more complex repeated patterns and we all did an amazing job at recreating ABB, AAB and AABB patterns

using actions, bead threading and natural materials. We are lucky enough to have our live camera box back in action and our bluetit family are very busy building their nest; we have been watching every day to see their progress.

### **News from Class 2**

This week in Class 2, we've had a fantastic time learning across all subjects. In English, we explored houses for sale in Bollington and created our own persuasive property adverts. We also enjoyed performing our own pieces of performance poetry. In maths, we have been developing our division skills and learning about odd and even numbers. We loved celebrating Earth Day by taking part in some hands-on activities; we charmed worms and even created our own wormery! This links closely with our science work, where we are learning all about plants and how things grow, as well as caring for our class garden. In history, we brought learning to life by acting out the first aeroplane flight using a drama freeze-frame technique. In computing, we designed our own algorithms to help navigate through a maze. It's been a busy week.

### **News from Class 3**

Class 3 have had a wonderful week. In English, we have had a load of fun working through our novel. The children have done such a great job at descriptive poems. We have finished our fractions unit and have moved on to time. In history we looked at the Anglo-Saxon houses and the process of wattle and daub. Science was really interesting, looking and trying out different circuits. We have enjoyed looking at what is similar and different between laws and rules in RE. Finally, we have had a so much fun in looking at castles, how they are made and what they consist of.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have started work on shape, learning how to measure angles. We have also been finding out how to calculate missing angles around a point, on a straight line and in a triangle, as well as exploring vertically opposite angles. In English, we have continued work on the animation, Lighthouse, writing our own retellings, including setting and character description and dialogue which advances the action in the story. In science, we have been exploring how we see things, and, in history, we have been finding out all about the causes of World War 2, placing some the events which led up to the war on a timeline.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Ellen for writing a well thought out set of instructions for how to care for the chicks.

Class 2 – Ivy for her incredible persuasive advert.

Class 3 – Gruff for his insight and hard work in RE.

Class 4 – Lilian for a fantastic story, based on the animation, Lighthouse, describing the characters and setting wonderfully.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Jesse for coming into school with more confidence and a big smile.

Class 2 – Callum for always being so lovely to everyone.

Class 3 – Finlay for his kind and giving heart.

Class 4 – Liv having such a positive and determined attitude to her learning.

**Ethos Award (Growth)** – Class 3: Evelyn for her resilience when facing challenges and the growth she has shown.

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**House Points** – Adelphi are in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we have used the climbing frame to develop our hand eye coordination and listening and climbing skills. We have focused on our own risk taking and pushing ourselves to solve problems.

Class 2 – The children focused on gross motor skills and practised using different movements to collect magic coins and survive without being caught moving. The children then played a small dodgeball tournament focusing on special awareness.

Class 3 – In PE this week, Class 3 played a rounders match, understanding how to officiate the game and understanding different positions. The class then had some small class tug of war matches, focusing on teamwork and following the leader's command.

Class 4 – This week, we had a rounders tournament using either a rounders bat or tennis racket. The children were supervised to run their own game including keeping scores fairly and communicating information from team to team.

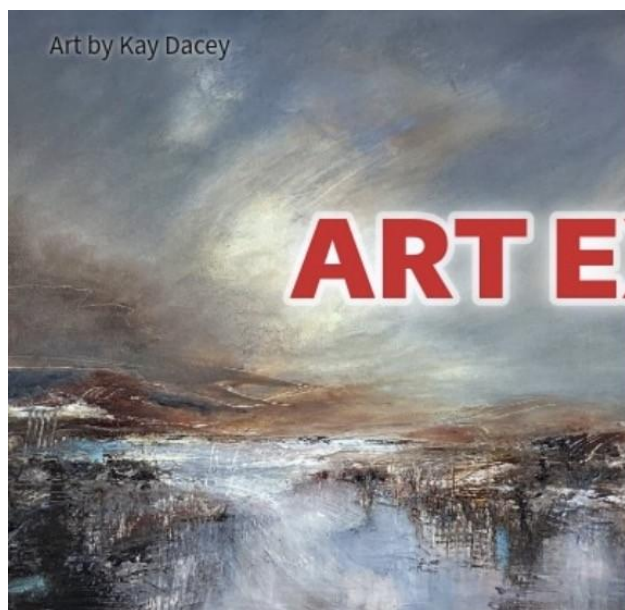
### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Albie

Class 2 – Theo and Fred

Class 3 – Sasha and Bobbie

Class 4 – Neymar and Ella



You are cordially **invited** to the  
preview of the **Bollington Art Group**

# **ART EXHIBITION**

Friday 1st May 7:30pm 2026

Exhibition continues 2nd, 3rd & 4th May

**Bollington Arts Centre**  
Wellington Road, Bollington, SK10 5JR