

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

8th May 2026

Head's Message

The school is filled with David Attenborough excitement today as all classes mark his 100th birthday. Class 4 prepared a birthday package and posted it to him, as shown below. Along with their wonderful cards and creations, we also sent an open invitation for him to visit us at St John's. We invited him to see all the marvellous things we do to help protect the planet, and be custodians of this world, because of his inspirational lead. On Wednesday, we were thrilled to welcome Rev Jenny to lead worship. She then spent some time chatting to Year 6 about a pilgrimage around Bollington that is being planned for July. Following this the Mayor, Mr Weston, popped in to deliver a LifeVac, which is an anti-choking device. This has been funded by the Town Council. Next week, Class 2 have their trip to Manchester Airport runway park and a PTA cake sale. However, our big focus will be on our amazing Year 6 children as they complete their SATs tests. Please do remember our SATs breakfast will run Monday to Thursday from 8:30am. We are so proud of them already, and do not need a test to tell us what magnificent children they are.



Sustainability News

We are launching a new collection for the food bank and would be grateful for donations of chopped tomatoes, on Monday 11th May. Our Swap Shop will be held on Friday 15th May and is open to both

adults and children. If you have any clothes or items that no longer fit or are no longer needed, please consider donating them, provided they are still in good condition. The Eco Council have been weighing our weekly food waste. This week's results showed that the amount of waste has remained the same as at the start of the week, so we will be focusing on this in assembly and encouraging children to take only what they can eat!

Diary Dates

11th to 14th May – SATs week for Year 6 children. Breakfast provided for Year 6 children at 8:30am on these days. (Monday is the grammar paper and the the spelling paper; Tuesday is the reading paper; Wednesday is maths paper 1 and 2 and Thursday is maths paper 3)

12th May – Class 2 trip to Manchester Airport Visitor Runway Park

14th May – Tennis for Year 3 and Year 4 (8 pupils)

14th May – Class 2 PTA Cake Sale

18th May – Cricket for Class 4 (8 pupils)

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

29th June – Last week of after school teacher led clubs

6th 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

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

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story, The Girl and The Dinosaur. We all wrote about what we might discover if we were digging on the beach, searching for dinosaur bones. We looked at real examples of coprolite, ammonites and belemnites and carefully sketched them during our art sessions. We have set up a palaeontology digging area to supply our new fossil shop, inspired by Mary Anning. In maths, we have continued with our focus on number recognition and ordering. We celebrated David Attenborough's birthday with a story all about his life, discussing how we can learn from what he has achieved and making pictures of him with nature.

News from Class 2

Class 2 has had a wonderful week, and we are so proud of our growing garden! We have enjoyed tasting our freshly grown radishes and peppers, and have continued planting even more herbs and vegetables. In literacy, we have started exploring a new text all about the moon and have been learning lots of fascinating facts about it. In maths, we have been developing our measuring skills by measuring different objects. We have also loved learning about the significant person Amelia Earhart and discovering her incredible achievements. Everyone is very excited for our trip next week!

News from Class 3

A short but fantastic week in Class 3. We have been spending time in maths looking at a 12- and 24-hour clock, which is a tricky concept but the children have been trying really hard. English has sparked a lot of excitement as we have been planning our write in English for our main written piece next week. In RE, we revisited the pillars of Islam and saw how much we could recount and apply to a class discussion. Finally, in PSHE we looked at emotions and what makes us feel different emotions and how we feel when we put ourselves in other's shoes.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about how to read timetables and calculate time intervals, and we have also been learning to calculate the mean of a set of data. In English, we have continued work on the animation 'Lighthouse', writing newspaper reports detailing the events in the animation. We have also been revising our key grammatical terms that we have learned over the course of the year. Other highlights have been learning how to 'scale up' our drawings in art and finding out all about the The Blitz in our history lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ellen for her beautiful sketches of skeletons and ammonites.

Class 2 – Fred for his work about Amelia Earhart.

Class 3 – Orla for her fantastic contributions in RE.

Class 4 – Neymar for great work in maths, always participating to an excellent standard and persevering with tricky problems.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Izzy for always being patient and helping others.

Class 2 – Gus for always tidying up and doing his toast monitor job with gusto.

Class 3 – Sasha for always being someone we can count on in class.

Class 4 – Ellie for an excellent attitude to her work and her SATs revision.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 1: Jordon for his growth and dedication in phonics.

House Points – Adelphi are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we practised obstacles and sprinting races in preparation for Sports Day.

Class 2 – In PE this week, the children have practised for Sports Day, following clear instructions on how to compete in each event, including sprint race, obstacle race, throwing challenges and tug of war. The children finished off with some fun games.

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Class 3 – We have sat and planned our own rules for rounders and added bonus points for certain activities and created their own rounders' rules. The children also looked at sprint races and tug of war ready for Sports Day.

Class 4 – This week, we prepared for Sports Day, which included sprint races, tug of war, throwing challenges and obstacle race, which has been made slightly more challenging than before.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Amelie

Class 2 – Isla and Rory

Class 3 – Joseph and Finn

Class 4 – Lola-Rose and Megan