

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

15th May 2026

Head's Message

What other start could there be to this final newsletter of this half term, than to congratulate our amazing Year 6 children for their splendid attitude and hard work throughout all their SATs this week. We are so proud of them all. At the end of the tests, they had their ice-cream treats and, in the afternoon, took part in a Joe Wicks session with their reading buddies. This event was scheduled to mark Mental Health Awareness Week which (irony overload) was also this week. I also want to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved, to Nicola and the parents who organised breakfast treats for Year 6, and to the rest of the school for keeping so quiet during the test period. Class 3 was transported to Narnia on Monday, and next Monday Class 2 have their airport immersion day. Both events have been carefully planned to give the children the richest learning opportunity possible. On Tuesday, Class 2 had their trip to the Runway Park in Manchester and had a wonderful day. As always, thank you to all the volunteers who came along. Yesterday, four children from Class 3 competed in a tennis tournament and we have a cricket event on Monday and a football match against Bollington Cross next Tuesday. Today, another Swop Shop took place, as well as a food waste update from the Eco Council. Next week, Class 4 will start well dressing on Monday and this year's theme is volunteering. We are going to highlight the work we do at St John's to support our community. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 5 families to lunch on Wednesday, which is also scheduled to be our Sports Day. As usual in the event of bad weather I will pass the buck, and let Mr Morrall and Mr Di Marco take the decision as to whether or not to proceed. Friday is our back up day. Don't forget to check out the artist creativity of Class 4, which is on display at the Arts Centre from 2pm on Sunday. Finally, the children have been given their Academy Choices letter today and a copy is attached.



Diary Dates

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 used the text, Life Size Dinosaurs to help us understand just how big dinosaurs really were. We measured out a triceratops' footprint and placed all of our shoes inside it, and there was still room to spare! We dissected dinosaur coprolite to determine if they were a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. We have all tried really hard with our writing this week, focusing on sounding out each word and 'holding a sentence' to help us write even more! In maths, we have looked at one more and one less, using manipulatives such as counters and cubes to help us move up and down a numberline. We all loved the live lesson with Joe Wicks, it was a great work out to do with our buddies!

News from Class 2

Class 2 have had such an exciting week! In literacy, we are really enjoying our class text and have been writing wonderful descriptions about 'The Lost Moon'. We have also been learning about homophones. In maths, we have been practising measuring using centimeters and meters. We also had an incredible trip to Runway Park, and even dressed up as airport staff! We have learned all about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing. To finish off the week, we have been developing our sewing skills, gardening and learning about Lowry's work, and creating our own versions.

News from Class 3

This has been a very busy week for Class 3. In English, we started the week with a Narnia experience to inspire our big write. The children have spent a lot of time planning and producing wonderful

written pieces. In maths, we have started our new unit on decimals and how fractions can be converted. Science was hands on this week as the children-built circuits and investigated why they were working or not and which items are conductors or insulators. We had a look into Sikhism and what the 5 ks are in RE and had a look what the symbolism is for each one.

News from Class 4

This week, our wonderful Year 6 children completed their SATs tests in reading, SPAG and maths. In maths, the Year 5 children worked on conversions of measures, practising converting km to m and visa versa. In English, we have been creating pets and writing guide books for the new owners to make sure that they know how to look after them properly! Other highlights have been making periscopes linked to our current science topic, which is all about light, and, in history, we have been learning about what evacuation was like in World War 2. We also enjoyed our workout with Joe Wicks on Thursday afternoon which was part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jesse for a fantastic contribution to our music lesson.

Class 2 – Arthur for his amazing moon description.

Class 3 – Ruby for her fantastic effort in maths this week.

Class 4 – All our wonderful Year 6 children for being amazing during SATs week!

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Jacob for his effort and resilience when learning something new.

Class 2 – Freddie for working so hard in class and not giving up.

Class 3 – Joseph for always offering a helping hand.

Class 4 – Scarlett for showing maturity and being a good friend.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 2: Eva for growing every day in maths.

House Points – Adelphi are in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we focused on sprinting, tug of war and beanbag throwing as part of our practice for Sports Day.

Class 2 – The children were preparing for Sports Day with some throwing activities over different distances using overarm and underarm throws, scoring points for different lengths of throw and working with hand eye co-ordination.

Class 3 – We have spent this week working on different throwing games, preparing for Sports Days activities. They also competed in different tournaments.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 played some line ball matches working on teamwork, communication, awareness and hand eye co-ordination. We finished with football rounders matches, including goalkeepers protecting the 4 goals.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Willow

Class 2 – Callum and Viktoriia

Class 3 – Harper and Asher

Class 4 – Scarlett and Liv

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