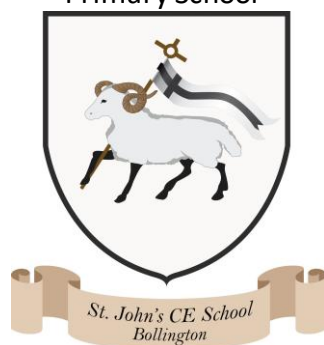


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Luke 6:31

5th June 2026

Head's Message

We know we are in the final half term of the year when our Academies have started. Our thanks, as always, to staff and volunteers who give up their time to ensure the children have this wonderful opportunity. This year Lil and Tabby, our journalists, will be updating the web. Congratulations to our budding artists who did so well in the recent Bollington Festival Art Competition. I must say that I thought all our entries were amazing. Today, we were delighted to welcome Chris Penn (Director of Education at the diocese) to visit school. He was extremely impressed with both the children's attitude to learning and their behaviour. He was also lucky enough to get a preview of our Leavers' Play, Aladdin as the children had their first rehearsal in the hall. Next week, we have a lot going on. The Year 4 children will sit the Multiplication Tables Check on Monday. Year 1 will sit their Phonics Screening Test on Wednesday. We have a Green Week Assembly on Tuesday, hosted by Bollington Town Council. On Wednesday there is a netball match scheduled at 4pm against Rainow. Then, at the end of the week, we have our PTA Spring Fling on Friday at 5-7pm. Finally, it is with great sadness that I write and tell you that Mrs Rosie Hemmings died last Sunday. Rosie was an integral part of the St John's community for almost 20 years, first as our SENCO, then as a governor and also as a volunteer who, among other things, listened to children read each week. She was dearly loved by us all and will be tremendously missed.

Sustainability News

The Eco Council continues to champion our food waste initiative and is carefully monitoring and weighing our daily food waste. We are already noticing positive changes in the children's attitudes and behaviours towards reducing waste. The children have particularly enjoyed harvesting fresh vegetables from our school garden. Next week marks the start of Great Big Green Week. There will be lots of opportunities to learn about sustainability and ways we can all help to protect our environment. For more information, please visit <https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/>

Diary Dates

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)

26th June – Class 1 trip to Lower Moss Wood

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

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have used the Mighty Writer board to support our independent sentence writing. We have focused on scaffolding by using the pictures and then drawing out our ideas; we then wrote out our sentences and checked for accuracy. In maths, we have introduced sharing by setting up a picnic for our teddies and distributing food. We then highlighted the numbers that cannot be shared into two. This will lead us into looking at odd and even numbers next week. On Wednesday we welcomed Rev. Jenny into our class for an RE lesson; she spoke about her role at St Oswald's church and she explained more about the common features of a church through photos and items. We then set up a special space in the classroom for the children to use for quiet reflection.

News from Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been settling back into our learning routines and have had a fantastic start to the term. In English, we have been exploring fiction and non-fiction texts, identifying their key features and creating our own glossaries. In maths, we have been learning about pictograms and block diagrams, using them to represent and interpret data. In science, we have begun an exciting new topic on oceans. We created our own rock pools and explored how different species depend on one another within habitats. In geography, we have started learning about coasts and have been investigating famous landmarks across the UK. We have also enjoyed spending time in the garden, where we were delighted to harvest our own lettuce and strawberries.

News from Class 3

A great start to the final term for Class 3. We kicked off with a bang finishing off our maths topic from last term and starting our new topic of shape, angles and lines. English was great fun this week as we predicted and looked at fiction and non-fiction books before looking at our new class book, Flotsam. Science was interesting looking at how food and nutrients impact our bodies. In RE we are looking at changing the world and how we can have an impact on others.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been exploring spirals, learning about the Archimedian and the Baravelle spirals. In English, Year 5 have been completing some summer term assessments, and Year 6 have been working on their comprehension skills. In science, we have been exploring what working scientifically means and making sure we have a good understanding of the key vocabulary involved. In geography, we have started exploring the key question: Where does our energy come from?, starting by looking at why energy is important and exploring renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Jordon for his really careful writing in our Literacy lessons.

Class 2 – Izzy for her fantastic independent English work.

Class 3 – Orla for her fantastic effort in English this week.

Class 4 – Olivia for wonderful art linked to our maths work on spirals.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Penny for being such an excellent role model for kindness.

Class 2 – Jonas for being a kind friend.

Class 3 – Emme for persisting through challenges.

Class 4 – Jack for having a great attitude in his assessments this week.

Ethos Award (Respect) – Class 3: Henry for always treating others with kindness and respect.

House Points – Clarence are last term's winners.

Sports News

Class 1 – We all enjoyed a music and movement session, focusing on action songs and then bringing in instruments to reflect our movements.

Class 2 – This week in PE, the children were focusing on teamwork and communication. The children started off with games, working together to get a ball from one area to another but only being allowed three steps at a time per person. There were different challenges including only rolling, throwing or bouncing the ball. The children then played a game in partners where they linked arms and had to stay linked the whole time, choosing which battleship to land on before one of the ships were randomly being taken out of the game.

Class 3 – Due to the weather, we couldn't start cricket and tennis. We turned to small team games, working in groups using communication, teamwork, awareness and strategy. We played noughts and crosses using cones and hoops. We then finished with small team games involving ball skills and awareness.

Class 4 – This week, we started with tennis and cricket. Children played small doubles tennis matches focusing on their striking techniques and communication on court, and then they played quick cricket focusing on striking and shot direction, using their body to direct a shot and concentrating on a good connection. The groups then swapped half way through the lesson.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Aleah

Class 2 – Jacob and Viktoria

Class 3 – Evelyn and Dyiako

Class 4 – Tabby and Isaac

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