

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Respect

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

*Luke 6:31*

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### Head's Message

Lots going on in school this week. Our Year 1 children took their phonics screening test, and Mrs Van was thrilled with their results. On Tuesday, Katie Walkes led a Green Week assembly, talking to the children about sustainability (a topic very close to our hearts). Our netball team were in action on Wednesday, and we have a match report below. Children visited the food bank on Thursday, our last visit of this academic year. Then today we have our Spring Fling to look forward to. Also this week, all classes took part in webinars or live sessions linked to World Ocean Day. Next week, Class 3 have their trip to Chester on Tuesday, which is always a wonderful excursion. Finally, please can I remind parents to use Arbor to book wrap around clubs. To do this please go to the Clubs section to register your child. Your invoice will follow at the end of each half term, and can be accessed via the Trips section of Arbor.

### Sustainability News

What a fantastic week for sustainability!

We were inspired by a wonderful assembly from the Bollington Borrowers, where we explored what it means to live sustainably and how small actions can make a big difference. We were also proud to share the work we are doing at St John's as we continue our mission to reduce food waste with Fudgy the Food Monster. A group of our children visited Life Church to help sort and pack items for the local food bank, supporting members of our community in a meaningful and practical way. We received some amazing feedback from members of the public, who were incredibly impressed by our children's enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment to helping make our community more sustainable. Well done to everyone involved! Our allotment is flourishing and is almost ready for harvesting, so watch this space for some exciting produce appearing on the playground soon. As part of Green Week and World Ocean Day, many children also took part in engaging ocean-themed workshops, learning more about the importance of protecting our seas and marine life.

### Netball Report from Coach Sarah

Our Class 4 netball team had a very exciting match against Rainow on Wednesday. This was our closest match that we've played and shows how much the team has improved over the last year. Although we lost 4-3, the whole team played really well and fought to the end. They should be really proud of themselves.

## **Diary Dates**

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)  
26<sup>th</sup> June – Class 1 trip to Lower Moss Wood  
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

## **News from Reception**

This week in Reception we have loved learning about the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Our Drawing Club sessions have inspired some fantastic writing and great use of very ambitious language; the children even chose to create their own vocabulary books in their own time! In maths we focused on grouping before moving on to odd and even numbers; we used numicon and number lines to help us show our learning. In DT we used a range of different materials such as paper straws, logs, lollypop sticks and tubes to design and create a bridge that would be strong enough to hold our mini goat characters.

## **News from Class 2**

Class 2 have had an amazing week! We have fully embraced Ocean Week across our learning. In English, we enjoyed exciting workshops about manta rays and the world's oceans, including an exciting session with Steve Backshall. We have used our new knowledge to create our own information books about these incredible marine creatures. In maths, we have been recognising coins and developing our money skills by counting and calculating different amounts. In science, we have been exploring ocean habitats. We created our own rock pools and learned how different sea creatures depend on one another within an ecosystem. In geography, we have been studying the UK coastline and learning about the features and importance of coastal environments. A fantastic week of learning.

## **News from Class 3**

Class 3 has had an incredibly busy week and the children have been producing beautiful pieces of work. In English we went into great detail looking into nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbials. We looked at pictures in the book and started to add to our working wall, planning what will be a descriptive paragraph for next week. Maths has been a keeping the children busy, looking at shapes and discussing their properties such as lines, triangles, angles, parallel and perpendicular lines and comparing how shapes are similar and different. In science we had a bit of fun looking at muscle fatigue and experimented having three different pupils holding up books at different times to test how their muscles cope doing the same activity with short breaks. We have started to look at people who have changed the world in RE and how we can be the change in the world.

## **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been revising long multiplication and completing maths investigations involving dice, looking at probability. In English, we have begun planning and writing our stories

based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. In design and technology, we have been exploring how spaghetti bolognese is made, from 'farm to fork', and, in geography, we have continued exploring renewable and non-renewable sources of energy.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Albie for his great effort to write sentences more independently.

Class 2 – Jaxon for his wonderful rock pool collage.

Class 3 – Orin for his fantastic improvement in English.

Class 4 – Tabby for her work in maths lessons, focussing so well and making great progress.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Ellen for being an excellent friend to others and including everyone in her play.

Class 2 – Finley for being so helpful and considerate

Class 3 – Maggie for her subtle ability to make everyone around her feel special.

Class 4 – Joey for always making great contributions in all lessons.

**Ethos Award (Respect)** – Class 4: Hugo P for always being incredibly respectful to everyone.

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

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, in our music and movement session, we used a drum to march to, changing our pace to match the beat.

Class 2 – The children focused on balancing and awareness. They moved to collect as many items from the 'messy bedroom' as possible and took them back to their hoops. The children then had to do the same but with balancing items on their head. The children then had a tennis racket and had to do the same but balance on the racket.

Class 3 – Due to the weather, we were indoors but the children still practised their sending and receiving which linked to cricket. The children were shown a long barrier and took it in turns playing various games in which they would stop the ball rolling past them using the long barrier technique. The children also played some small fun games which linked to awareness and finding the correct colour cones in a time limit.

Class 4 – This week, we completed a circuit which included step ups, wall sit, plank, push ups or sit ups, burpees, star jumps and speed bounce. They completed this twice around, learning and understanding which muscle groups were being used for which activity and finished off with some yoga and dance games.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Heidi

Class 2 – Eva and Posy

Class 3 – Rosie and Sophie

Class 4 – Olivia H and Ella

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