

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

26th June 2026

Head's Message

We are thrilled to have survived the extreme heat this week! Despite record breaking temperatures, the children have been exceptional. We have adjusted lessons, moved classrooms, stayed indoors at break, and they have taken it all in their stride. Our summer picnic was moved to the forest area and hall, but it was still thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils. On Wednesday we had our first transition session with our new starters and then held a Parent Information Meeting afterwards. It was so lovely to spend time with families new and old and welcome them and their children to our St John's family. Today, Class 1 have enjoyed their Lower Moss Wood pond-dipping adventure. Many thanks to the volunteers who accompanied them. Next week, we have our Year 6 Bible presentation on Tuesday, our second new starters transition on Thursday and a PTA cake sale. Unbelievably next week will also be our final Academy session of this year, with our celebration event the week after. Finally, baby Di Marco arrived safely last night and we all send our love to the new family.

RSE Changes

From September 2026, all schools must follow the new RSE statutory requirements from the DfE. Part of these requirements include ensuring schools have consulted with parents about the new curriculum. At St John's we will be following the Kapow scheme of work. We are inviting you to school on Wednesday 8th July at 3pm to meet with Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson to review the curriculum we will have in place, ask questions you may have and give feedback as part of the consultation.

School Uniform

As temperatures are forecast to fall next week, please revert back to school uniform on Monday. We will, of course, review this if the hot weather returns.

Diary Dates

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

2nd July – New Reception children starter afternoon 2 at 2-3pm

2nd July – Reception PTA Cake sale

6th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School

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

13th July – All classes move up afternoon at 2-3pm

17th July – Leavers’ Play at 9:30-11:30am. Class 4 families invited
17th July – Last day of term
1st September – INSET Day for staff
2nd September (Wednesday) – First day of autumn term for the children

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have used the non fiction text, Bugs, to inspire our Drawing Club sessions. We have written sentences about our favourite mini beast and then imagined that we had discovered a whole new species. We have identified and labelled the key features of a mini beast and learnt some fantastic new vocabulary. In maths, we have focused on numeral formation and addition and subtraction sums within 10. We absolutely loved our trip to Lower Moss Wood Animal Sanctuary where we enjoyed a nature walk and pond dipping with the team. It has linked perfectly to our mini beast topic!

News from Class 2

What a wonderful week we’ve had making the most of the beautiful weather and our fantastic Forest School environment. The children have enjoyed taking their maths learning outdoors, exploring fractions with sticks, creating tally charts, and interpreting pictograms in a hands-on way. We have also loved writing imaginative stories, with some wonderfully creative ideas and vocabulary on display. In geography, we continued our work on coasts and used Google Earth to explore Bollington, identifying both its human and physical features. We’ve also spent plenty of time in the garden, enjoying outdoor learning and caring for our growing environment.

News from Class 3

In a very warm week, Class 3 was on fire. We started having a look at money and converting between pounds and pence. In English, we have started our planning for our big write on the book Flotsam. The children have had to follow the storyline but change it to fit their ideas. In geography, we looked at the journey of a cocoa bean before it becomes chocolate and what process it goes through to become a chocolate bar. In RE, we continued to discuss being a better person and how we can change the world.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been revising addition and subtraction of fractions. We have also started our Theme Park projects, designing, planning and budgeting for our theme parks to ensure that we make a profit. In English, we have completed our stories based on ‘The Lost Thing’ by Shaun Tan. In geography, we revised key vocabulary linked to renewable and non-renewable energy sources, and we wrote letters to a new community to explain which energy sources we suggested they use and the pros and cons of them. In PSHE, we discussed the changes that happen to us during puberty. The leavers’ play is shaping up, and we are thoroughly enjoying our rehearsals, even in the heat this week!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Heidi for her excellent effort in maths.
Class 2 – Fabian for excellent work in English.
Class 3 – Evelyn for her fantastic work in RE.
Class 4 – Seth for making a great design for a theme park using his maths skills.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Albie for being so kind to our new Reception starters during their visit.
Class 2 – Freddie for working really hard every day.

Class 3 – Sasha for his positive attitude towards his work.

Class 4 – Dan for great participation in lessons and always doing his best.

Ethos Award (Respect) – Class 1: Gracie for always inspiring others to create something beautiful.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – In swimming this week, everyone had to swim either 10 metres or the full length of the pool and all the children did a fantastic job!

Class 2 – The children focussed on agility games and made their own obstacle courses.

Class 3 – We have spent this week doing calm yoga activities and spent some time in the forest school shade.

Class 4 – This week, we did a seated, full body workout to music in our lovely air-conditioned classroom! We then designed our own snakes and ladders boardgames and challenged our friends to a game.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Jacob

Class 2 – Isla and Posey

Class 3 – The whole class

Class 4 – James and Isaac

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