

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

10th July 2026

Head's Message

How is it possible that this will be the last newsletter of the academic year and that in a week we will be saying our goodbyes to our marvellous Year 6? As I reminded them in assembly today, they are always part of our St John's family and having two former pupils on work experience in school this week just serves to prove that point. In assembly I also showed the children new lanyards all staff, governors and visitors will have to wear in September. I asked for volunteers to join a Safeguarding Council and was blown away by the wonderful children who came to my office at lunch to sign up. Their enthusiasm was delightful and we had such a meaningful chat about how important their voice and views are. This week, our children going to Tytherington attended a taster day on Monday. On Wednesday we held three events. We had our Academy Celebration Assembly to showcase all the enrichment activities the children have engaged in over the last six weeks. Then we welcomed our Year 6 family members to join us for lunch. This was followed by an RSE and PSHE consultation to discuss changes to the curriculums. For those of you unable to attend I am sending out the Kapow Parent Guides with this newsletter. On Thursday Sowing Seeds held a transition workshop for Year 6 and beekeepers Paul and Chloe came to visit, bringing with them the all-important bees and honey. Next week, we have move up afternoon on Monday. We hope to finally get the SATs results on Thursday and then we have our Leavers' Play on Friday. Bring your tissues Year 6 parents. Finally, I do hope the children enjoy their PTA Leavers' Disco this evening.

Rebranding the School

As we have entered a wonderful new phase at St John's, by incorporating a pre-school on site and opening wrap around club provision, we thought the time was perfect to make a few rebranding changes. St John's has long had the motto 'Where Talent Grows', (as depicted by a tree) which inspires us to run enrichment programmes such as the Academies and Talent Shows. Added to this, is our deep love of our grounds and our commitment to Forest Schools and sustainability/climate action, so the staff have decided that we would like to rename our classes in honour of the beautiful trees on our site. From September we will be calling:

Pre-school – Saplings pre-school

Class 1 – Birch Class

Class 2 – Cherry Class

Class 3 – Maple Class

Class 4 – Oak Class

Wrap around – Acorns

Staffing for September

Just to confirm the staffing in place for September:

Pre-school and Reception – Mrs Jobbins, Ms Wainright, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Goodall

Class 2 – Mrs Van, Mrs Woolley and Mrs Moisei

Class 3 – Mrs Steyn, Mrs Heath and Ms Marques

Class 4 – Mrs Watson and Ms Forrest

PE lead – Mr Di Marco

Kitchen News

The government is planning a revamp of food standards, which need to be adopted by schools from September 2027. Due to this we will be gradually making changes to our school menus, starting with the pre-school and infants, to ensure we are in line with government policy. Please see attachment for more details.

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

Diary Dates

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

16th July – SATs results and reports will go home

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

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused all of learning around bees. We have learnt about the life cycle of a bee and the different roles that a worker bee has in her lifetime. We created art work to mimic a honeycomb using hexagons and we wrote about the role we'd like to have most if we were a bee. In maths, we have focused on prepositions and extended this into creating maps of our local area and giving directions to different locations. We all loved having a visit from beekeepers, Paul and Chloe on Thursday. We were able to observe the queen bee surrounded by 10,000 worker bees and it was incredible to watch the queen laying eggs, and the larva being fed inside each cell.

News from Class 2

What a fantastic week we've had! From learning all about honey bees and learning outdoors at Forest School, to developing our understanding of time and fractions. We loved writing our own stories, discovering the world of the Vikings and creating our own longboats, as well as gardening and carefully watering our tomatoes. One of our favourite moments this week was watching a bumblebee land on our very first sunflower! We've also enjoyed singing our repertoire of songs, dancing because we can, and celebrating the end of our time altogether, reflecting on all the wonderful memories throughout the year. We're excited for summer adventures and the new beginnings that await us in our new year groups. What an incredible year it's been!

News from Class 3

Class 3 has been amazing this week and has continued to work really hard. We started working through our final unit of statistics and looked at graphs and how to interpret data. In English the children did a deep dive into World war 2 and how children must have felt having a loved one in the war. They wrote a letter to someone they missed and shared their memories. In geography we had a wonderful experience sharing a bee keeper in Reception who brought in 10 000 bees and told us

about how honey is made. We had honey tasting and we made honey flapjacks. It was a wonderful experience as we linked it to where food comes from, and how far it travels.

News from Class 4

This week, we have continued working on our theme park projects, calculating our budgets and designing maps for the visitors to use, including creating keys so that people would be able to find essential facilities. In geography, we have completed our end of unit assessment, checking we have remembered the key facts we have learned about renewable and non-renewable energy sources. In RE, we have been exploring the Dharmic religions, learning some facts about Hinduism. Year 5 created some fantastic artwork, based on LS Lowry's cityscapes. We're putting the final touches to the Leavers' Play and can't wait for the performance!

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Gracie for creating a fantastic life cycle of a bee.

Class 2 – Jonas for his incredible long boats!

Class 3 – Gus for his fantastic ideas during our English discussions.

Class 4 – Hugo for a fantastic piece of art work in the style of LS Lowry.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Eddie for being an excellent role model to others.

Class 2 – Sky for being so caring and looking after everyone.

Class 3 – Emme for her kind and caring heart, always wanting to help.

Class 4 – Jessica for an amazing, conscientious attitude.

Ethos Award (Respect) – Class 3: Gruff for his respect towards peers and adults.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.



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