

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it."

Psalm 96:11

4th September 2026

Head's Message

Welcome to the new school year. It was so wonderful to greet the children and see them again on Tuesday. It was also lovely to meet our new starters and officially open our Saplings pre-school. A huge thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Jobbins, for our successful launch of this very exciting venture. This week the newsletter will be short, but rest assured we will be back to our usual format next week. I just wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of some important changes and to remind you that at St John's we are always here for you. If you have any issue at all please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. My door is always open.

Free School Meals Letter

I am attaching a letter explaining the three categories of Free School Meals, which has changed from the previous two categories. Please do apply for Free School Meals via Cheshire East if you think you may be eligible. If you require any help in doing this, please do contact Mrs Davies in the school office.

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy

I am sending out this policy with the newsletter as guidance relating to Benedict's Law which came into force this September. Please do take a minute to read the policy and please do make sure you inform us if your child has an allergy. Please do note this from the policy:

Birthday treats brought from home must be pre-packaged with intact ingredient labels.

Attendance

It is absolutely vital for your child's future success that they attend school as regularly as possible. It is equally as important that children arrive at school on time, as lessons start promptly each morning. Children can also often feel anxious and self-conscious if they have to walk into a classroom late. Please do see the Working Together to Improve Attendance statutory guidance that was updated in July and is attached to this newsletter.

School Uniform Policy

Please also find attached our School Uniform Policy which is listed as draft at present until it is ratified by the full governing board on 11th November.

New Staff

We welcome two new members of staff this September. Ms Wainwright has joined our pre-school and Ms Marques and Ms Higginson have joined Class 3. Ms Higginson was already part of our team, working in our wrap around provision. We are thrilled to welcome them all.

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

Class names

We are all getting used to our new class names (Saplings, Birch, Cherry, Maple and Oak) as well as our Acorn wrap around provision. As a reminder:

Pre-school-Saplings

Reception - Birch

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2) - Cherry

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4) - Maple

Class 4 (Year 5 and 6) - Oak

Wrap Around – Acorn

Diary Dates

We will shortly send out a full list of this term's diary dates, but here are a few of the highlights for you:

14th September – Immunisation Team in for Flu vaccinations

21st September – Teacher led clubs start

24th September – PTA AGM at 6pm

1st October – Food bank visit

5th October – Harvest Assembly at 9:30am. Families are invited

7th October – Playground Portraits in to take individual photos

12th October – Phonics workshop for Birch and Cherry parents at 4pm

14th October – Year 3 Family Lunch

19th/20th/21st October – Parents' Evenings

22nd October – Swop Shop

22nd October – Last day of Autumn Term 1

23rd October – INSET day (Team Teach training for all staff)

2nd November – School opens for Autumn Term 2

4th November – Year 4 Family Lunch

11th November – Special Diwali Lunch for children

14th November – Reception 2027 and Saplings Open Day 10am-12 noon

27th November – Teacher led clubs end

9th December – School Christmas lunch

15th December – Infant Nativity at 10am (joined by Saplings)

16th December – Junior trip to the pantomime at Buxton

17th December – Junior Christmas Play at 2pm and 6pm

18th December – Carols around the Christmas tree at 2pm. All welcome

18th December – Term ends

4th January – School opens for Spring Term 1