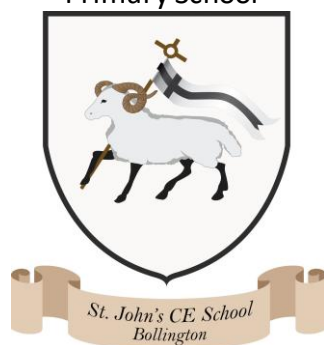


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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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

2nd October 2026

Head's Message

It is already October and the children's voices are filling the school as they rehearse for Monday's Harvest assembly. We do hope to see you all there as it promises to be a very lovely event. Yesterday, some children visited the food distribution initiative at Life Church, as part of the Eco-Council's ongoing commitment to sustainability and our community. You can read more about this in the Sustainability News section below which has been written by Samuel. The classes also celebrated Poetry Day. We had lovely guitar presentation on Wednesday afternoon, where our budding musicians were able to showcase their talents in front of family and friends. Very soon some children will be starting their recorder or flute lessons, which I am delighted that we are able to offer. Finally, please don't forget that on Wednesday Playground Portraits will be in (weather permitting) to take individual and sibling photos.

Office on Fridays

Please note that Mrs Davies does not work on a Friday so if you want to email the office to tell us your child is absent or will be picked up by someone else, please email the class teacher, bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk or head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Sustainability News

Yesterday, some children from our school visited our local food waste. We were very excited and happy to help people in our community. We are also monitoring the food waste in our school and trying to reduce it. We talked about biodiversity, which means having lots of different plants and animals around us. We can help biodiversity by planting flowers, growing trees, making bug hotels and leaving some areas of grass to grow. What other things could you think of to help to protect biodiversity? If you think of something, talk to the Eco-Council, by Samuel.

Diary Dates

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

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

News from Saplings

In Saplings, we have loved reading poetry with rhyming words as well as the poem 'Our Class'. We have used different vegetables in our artwork, printing them to make a vegetable patch. We have loved playing in the garden this week, clearing leaves, planting and rolling conkers down different tracks. In phonics we are focusing on rhyming words, and in maths we have been looking at colours and shapes with a focus on big and small.

News from Birch Class

This week in Birch Class we have learnt all about harvest and the importance of gathering food in the autumn. We discussed how others may not have as much as we do and how we can share food by contributing to food banks. We read the beautiful text, Harvest Days, that shows how people in other countries celebrate harvest. In maths, we have focused on comparisons and measurements; we have looked at length, mass and capacity. We used the vocabulary; long, short, heavy, light, full and empty. The children loved using practical equipment to show their understanding. On Thursday, we enjoyed National Poetry Day; we have spent the week practising the poem 'Our Class' and reading some very funny poems from our first poetry book. We have done lots of singing this week in preparation for the Harvest Celebration next week.

News from Cherry Class

What a fantastic week of learning we have had! We have been working hard on our sentence writing, focusing on uplevelling our writing and making our sentences even more interesting. In maths, we have been comparing numbers and using mathematical language such as greater than, less than and equal to. In science, we have been exploring our senses of sight and smell. We had lots of fun guessing different smells and taking part in obstacle courses while blindfolded! In history, we had a very special visitor from the past - Mrs Bobbins! She came to talk to us about a special holiday from the past. The children were fascinated by her stories, loved asking questions and were completely mesmerised by her visit! In DT, we have been busy planning and designing wraps. We are very excited to be making and, of course, eating them next week!

News from Maple Class

Maple class has really enjoyed their learning this week. In English, the children have worked so hard to plan and complete their first written piece of work. We also celebrated National Poetry Day by writing our own poems about autumn. We are nearing the end of our place value unit and the children have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In history, we are continuing to look at how children's lives have changed over the years. In science, we spent a lesson working on our researching skills around magnets and forces. Finally, in RE the children created the most beautiful

value booklets, which they made themselves, having a reflection on our personal values and how we see the world.

News from Oak Class

This week, in maths, we have been revising addition of integers, developing our reasoning skills by solving missing box problems. In English, we have been exploring homophones in our spelling lessons, and we continued writing our stories inspired by the story 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta, focusing on writing the build up, dilemma and resolution. Highlights this week have been learning all about copyright in computing and creating our posters to display the key facts we learned, and, in history, we have been exploring the jobs which were available in the Victorian times using the census from the time to help with our research.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Birch – Aylinn for her hard work during our practical maths activities.

Cherry – Izzy for her amazing writing, uplevelling her sentence.

Maple – Jonas for his fantastic English poem.

Oak – Bobbie for a amazing story inspired by 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta.

Good Citizen

Birch – Rowan for always seeking out a challenge and giving it his best effort.

Cherry – Jesse for being such a good friend.

Maple – Viktoriia for her kind and generous heart, always putting others first.

Oak – Neymar for always challenging himself and preserving.

Ethos Award (Creation) – Cherry: Ellen for being so creative.

House Points – Oakbank are slightly in the lead.

Sports News

Birch – This week in PE the children focused on travelling. We split into groups and completed obstacle courses that made us travel in different ways: crawling, jumping and balancing.

Cherry – The children played different team games such as craters and volcanoes (using awareness to find their targets), sharks (using awareness to find safe cones) and the colour game (using awareness to find the correct colours before time ran out).

Maple – We have spent this week focusing on a line ball competition, linking basketball skills learnt previously. The children learnt the rules and used their knowledge to score as many points as possible. Attacking and defending was the focus.

Oak – During PE this week, we played a big handball match. During the match, the children has 3 zones: attacking, midfield and defending, learning different roles and how to impact a game positively to give their team the best chance at scoring. The children had to be able to communicate, be aware of teammates positions and opposition and use hand eye coordination and teamwork to compete.

Star Sports Performers

Birch – Jolene

Cherry – Ellen and Deborah

Maple – Arthur H and Orin

Oak – Bobbie, Sophia and Hugo P

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