

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Welcome Back!

*"Yesterday is gone.
Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today.
Let us begin"*

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

08.09.23

School Uniform

All of the children look really smart in their new uniforms! Thank you to everyone who ensured that their children returned to school looking so smart. Please remember to label all of your child's uniform and coats.

Kitted-Out Uniform Supplier

114 Allerton Road
Mossley Hill
L18 2DG

Telephone number: 0151 733 5533.

Please head to Kitted Out's website for information <https://www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk/>

PE Days

PE Days for this Half Term are as follows:

Monday – EYFS and Year 3

Tuesday – Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days. Thank you.

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

Annual Flu Vaccinations

A letter from Merseycare NHS Trust regarding this year's Flu Vaccination Programme and Intra Nasal Flu Vaccine E-Consent Form are now available on our school website under the 'News' section or by clicking [here](#).

Consent forms must be completed by Friday 15th September 2023.

Please follow the link text to you from school to complete your child's consent form even if you do not want your child to receive their flu vaccination. Paper copies are also available from the school office.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Visit: merseycare.nhs.uk/imms



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SPB Open Afternoons

SPB will be holding two Open Afternoons for parent/carers of children starting Reception in September 2024.

Thursday 28th September @ 1.45pm

and

Thursday 5th October @ 1.45pm

Please call the school office 0151 722 0464 to book a place. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

EYFS 22/23 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – apply for your child's place from Wednesday 1st September. Closing date for on-line applications is Monday 15th January 2024 – **St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed** – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

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Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 11.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 12.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y5 & Y6*	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 19.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y3, Y4 & Y5	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 13.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 14.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From 21.09.23	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm

*Y6 begin w/c 18.09.23 for 6 weeks.

Diary Dates

Applications open for Reception and Y7 Secondary school places 2024/25 – Friday 1st September 2023

Y6 Trip to PGL – Monday 11th to Friday 15th September 2023

Open Afternoons for EYFS 2023/24 intake – Thursday 28th September 2023
Thursday 5th October 2023

INSET Day (School is closed to children) – Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term – Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023

Children Return to School – Monday 6th November 2023

Road Safety - Letter to Parents/carers from Liverpool City Council

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every year at the start of a new academic year we ask you as parents and guardians to try and improve the accessibility of pupils arriving to school. Ask yourself do we live local enough to walk or cycle to/from school, helping to reduce the carbon footprint. Children's fitness levels improve plus you are the one who will be with your children at the roadside every day. When you are out with your child you will have good opportunities to reinforce the road safety messages. Please think about telling your child about the

- Importance of finding safer places to cross.
- Stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening, and thinking.
- Holding their hands even if using a pedestrian crossing.
- Check they have good visibility.
- Coat hoods down while checking the road.
- No distractions with phones or friends when near roads.

This will help your child to develop good road safety habits at an early age which is important for when they become more independent.

If you need to use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, **consider parking further away from the entrance & exits** in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is one of the biggest safety concerns for parents outside Primary Schools. Parked vehicles can hide children from passing drivers and stop children from being able to see approaching traffic. Almost half of the young children injured as pedestrians have had their view of the road blocked by a parked vehicle. **Remember pupils need to see and to be seen** when crossing the roads so think seriously about the location of the school and neighbourhood and consider ways you can help as a motorist.

Do Not Park on

- School Keep Clear Zig Zags
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs
- Near School Crossing Patrol locations
- On Pavements
- In front of resident driveways

We all have a responsibility as a parent/guardian of pupils attending Liverpool schools to think about the school community & neighbourhood and treat with respect.

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General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

St Julie's Catholic High School Open Evening

St Julie's Catholic High School will be holding an Open Evening for Year 5 and Year 6 girls on Thursday 21st September 3.30pm-6pm. A link to book is now live on St Julie's website. Please visit [St Julie's website](#) to book. Thank you.

St Francis Xavier College Open Evening

SFX will be holding an Open Evening for Y5 and Year 6 boys on Thursday 21st September 4pm – 7pm. A link to book is now live on SFX website. Please visit www.sfx1842.org to book.

New Group at Christ the King Church!

Are you in year 5?

Do you love our world and want to care for it?

Are you willing to share ideas?

Willing to work in a team?

Want to care for others?

WE NEED YOU!

Tuesdays 3.45 -4.45pm

St John Vianney Meeting room

Each week

Look forward to seeing you at the first 3Ps Meeting!

Tuesday 19th September

Prayer!

Purpose!

Praise

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

The Early Years staff have been so impressed with how happy and confident all the boys and girls have been coming into school this week! How smart do they look in their uniforms! The children have all been very sensible showing their teachers that they are definitely school ready! The children have been playing, exploring and learning in all of the different areas of our classroom. They have been making new friends, learning their names and enjoying the sunshine in our outdoor area too! Children have learned that we are a Rights Respecting School and that they are rights holders. They have coloured astronauts to add to our Class Charter to show that they understand all children have rights. They have all listened to a song called 'We've all got rights!' Can your child tell you any of their rights? Children have been practicing recognising and writing their name and their first piece of homework this week is to continue this. Practice makes perfect! Children have also been on a tour of our school in preparation for their first full day on Monday. They met Mr Flood, the office staff and Chef Jack. Children will be having their first lunch and PE lesson on Monday, how exciting! Have a great weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

What an exciting first week in Year One, we have had! We have become familiar with our brand new classroom and we have been good at beginning to recognise the routines and rules of our class. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 10 and have shown some fantastic counting skills. We have used tens frames to help us show different numbers and we have enjoyed journaling in our new books. In English, we have been focusing on a story called 'Ruby's Worry.' We created our own worry monsters and really thought carefully about good ways of helping our worries shrink and not grow. We also wrote some words to describe Ruby's feelings at different points in the story and we also worked in pairs to sequence the events correctly. Excellent work! In RE, we talked about what makes a family and how families can be made up of lots of different variations. We enjoyed drawing our families and sharing them with our teachers. On Thursday, we got creative and used paints to create self-portraits. We discussed how everyone is unique and how it is important to celebrate our differences. We can't wait to display them in our classroom! This week, we have also taken some time to create our class charter. We read a story about the importance of working together and looking after each other and then we designed hot air balloons and made a list of the ways we can ensure all children in our class have access to their rights. There were lots of very sensible, important ideas!

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back at school. To start the week off, we read the story 'The Paper Dolls' and created our own to remind us of all the special people we have in our lives. We then moved onto deciding on our new class charters for the year along with selecting the rights which we think are the most important for our classrooms. In Maths, we have made a start on our first topic, Place Value. To start off we reviewed counting forwards and backwards and worked the whole way up to 100. We have since moved onto using the part whole diagram to partition numbers. Finally, in English we have read the story 'The Pirates Next Door' and created a role on the wall for Jim Lad. Well done for a great first week back at school!

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 children – the new 'big juniors' – have made a very positive start to the school year. Monday morning was all about settling in: equipment was handed out, expectations were discussed, and hopes for the new school year were explored in our first Year 3 collective worship. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed being competitive in P.E. and welcomed Miss. Ruiz, who will teach them Spanish.

It got a bit exciting on Wednesday, when both classes walked into rubbish strewn all over the floor and desks! The children were set the task to create something interesting or beautiful (or both!). This was the 'creating interest' lesson, which will lead into subsequent lessons of the English text focus: The Tin Forest, by Helen Ward. We were very impressed with the imaginative outcomes!!!

By Friday, it all started to feel rather 'normal', with the children showing that they are more than ready for this next step in their school journey. Well done Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

What a fantastic first week Year 4 have had!

It's been wonderful to see how quickly they have adapted to new routines, and they have certainly impressed their new teachers.

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the first three chapters of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. Throughout the week, we have explored unfamiliar vocabulary, and explored various characters' thoughts and feelings at different points in the story.

In Maths, we have been counting in thousands, hundreds, tens and ones and using a place-value chart to help us understand the value of each digit in a 4-digit number. We have some super mathematicians in Year 4!

As part of our 'Electricity' topic in Science, the children were asked to sort various household objects, into a Venn Diagram, using the criteria: battery operated and mains operated. There were lots of interesting discussions amongst the groups, and they displayed some excellent prior knowledge.

Reminder: homework is given out every Thursday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

YEAR FIVE:

It has been a really busy first week back in Year 5. The children have been thinking about the difference between talents and qualities – and considering which ones they can showcase this coming year. The story of Beowulf and Grendel has captivated the children in English lessons, and the children have produced some excellent writing in the role of the villainous Grendel, even coming up with some truly, gruesome 'human' menus. In Maths, the focus has been on the place value of each digit in five and six-digit numbers.

Please find below key information needed for this academic year:

HOMEWORK: Will be given out each Thursday, to be returned the following Wednesday.

Reading Books – will be sent home on Wednesday, to be returned to school the following Monday.

PE – Our PE lesson in the first half-term will take place each Tuesday morning. Children are to wear their school PE kit/tracksuit to school on their designated PE day.

Other Sporting Activities – a text will be sent home if children are required to wear a PE kit for football training/cross-country practice.

YEAR SIX:

What a fantastic start to the new school year for our year 6 children! Already, they are setting an excellent example to our younger children with their wonderful behaviour, manners and kindness. At the beginning of the week, we gathered together as a year group for our special collective worship, entitled 'Little Eyes are Watching You'. We talked about how, as the eldest children in the school, it is important to set a good example to others who will be following our lead, just as we follow Jesus. On Monday, we were given our brand new year 6 ties. These ties let everybody in our school know that we are year 6 - so we must always set a good example. We are fully aware of the responsibilities that come with being a Year 6 pupil and our teachers have every confidence that we will rise to the challenge! Next week is our much anticipated trip to PGL- we cannot wait!

KEEP IN TOUCH...

Download our school app! Our school app can now be downloaded by invitation via email. Please contact the school office. Our app gives access to lots of information including term dates, lunch menus and our weekly newsletter every Friday!

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