

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Remembrance Day – Saturday 11th November

Today Year 6 held a Remembrance Service. They conducted themselves with dignity and appropriate reverence.

Thank you children for reminding us of the great sacrifice made by so many. Lest we forget.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them*

Anti-Bullying Week

13th – 17th November is National Anti-Bullying Week 2023. As we have done for many years, our school will participate, along with many other schools around the country, in assemblies and class-based activities, throughout the week, to promote this year's theme: *Make a Noise About Bullying*.



There will be activities each day so we hope that your children come home and tell you all about it. After all, as in the words of our long-standing slogan, *'We are a telling school!'*

The week's activities will start on **Monday**, when we ask all children to come to school in **odd socks**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. If children could also bring in a **£1 donation**, that would be great, as all money raised will be sent to the **Anti Bullying Alliance** in order for them to continue to help children around the country around issues of bullying.



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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 Andrew

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 06.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computing Club: 06.11.23 20.11.23 04.12.23 18.12.23		3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.11.23 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 08.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 09.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From 21.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.11.23 for 6 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

Diary Dates

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 13th to Friday 17th November

Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance – Monday 13th November

Mass @ SPB – Monday 20th November @ 9.15am

EYFS Elmer Stay & Play – Monday 20th November 3.15pm – 4pm

EYFS Gruffalo Stay & Play – Wednesday 22nd November 3.15pm – 4pm

Open Afternoon (Reception 2024/25) – Thursday 23rd November 1.45pm

PTA Own Clothes Day (Donations of toys) – Friday 24th November

EYFS Elmer Stay & Play – Monday 27th November 3.15pm – 4pm

EYFS Gruffalo Stay & Play – Wednesday 29th November 3.15pm – 4pm

PTA Own Clothes Day (Donations of chocolate/bottles) – Friday 1st December

Final Y6 Swimming Session – Monday 4th December

Mass @ SPB – Monday 11th December @ 9.15am

School Health Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 12th December

School Closes for Christmas Break – Thursday 21st December @ 1.30pm

Children return to school – Monday 8th January 2024

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions – Please see Tapestry for more information. Thank you.



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Friday 24 th November	PTA Own Clothes Day Donations of toys for Christmas Bingo	Whole School	All day
Friday 1 st December	PTA Own Clothes Day Donations of chocolate/bottles for Christmas Bingo	Whole School	All day
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Mrs Mutch’s class	2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am
Tuesday 5 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly’s class	9.05am
Wednesday 6 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am
Thursday 7 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am
Friday 8 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am
Friday 8 th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM (times tbc)
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9.05am
Wednesday 14 th December	KSI Christmas Bingo	Reception, Y1 & Y2	5pm – 7pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9.05am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School	Lunchtime
Thursday 14 th December	Choir Christmas Performance	Choir group	4pm
Monday 18 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Mrs Wood’s class	2pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Wilson’s class	9.05am
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	All day
Wednesday 20 th December	KS2 Christmas Bingo	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	5pm – 7pm
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas break	Whole School	1.30pm

Due to the size of our hall and number of pupils in each class, each child is allowed a **maximum of 3 guests to watch a nativity/assembly**. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 3 per family attend.

For the **choir performance a maximum of 2 guests** per child is allowed.

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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

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a great first week back, they have settled in well and have been working super hard! This week we have been learning all about Diwali, we have learnt about the Hindu faith and why they celebrate Diwali. During busy time we have explored Diwali further by creating cards and colouring Rangoli patterns. In the Maths area we have been matching numeral to objects, counting the Diwali pictures and using pegs to clip onto the correct number. In the play dough area, we have been creating our own Diya lamps and decorating them using lentils and sprinkles. In the literacy area we have been writing CVC words in hot chocolate using our fingers to form the letters! We have also used jigsaws to make CVC words. In the creative area we have been making our own bonfire pictures and creating our own sparklers to remember bonfire night. In the funky fingers area, we have practised our pencil control tracing mehndi patterns. Outside we have been making our own bonfires using leaves and pretending to toast marshmallows using twigs! In RE we have learnt more about the Hindu faith and the festival of Diwali. We also learnt about Remembrance Day, we said a special prayer for the soldiers, watched a video and made a special poppy to bring home. The children have also brought home their first 'Read with Me' reading book. Please read this over the next week and return to school to swap for another next Friday if you wish... more information about this on Tapestry. Have a great weekend!

YEAR ONE:

It has been a great first week back in Year 1. In English, we started exploring a new story; Zog, by Julia Donaldson. We worked hard to describe the main character of the story, Zog the dragon, using many different adjectives. In Maths, we used our knowledge of addition and subtraction to create number families, writing some fantastic number sentences. In RE, we learnt about the key steps that happen during a Baptism and wrote about them. In History, we started a new topic, we compared London in the present day to what London was like in the year 1666.

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic first week back for our Autumn 2 term. We started the week off with an exciting delivery of a mystery package from the Big Bad Wolf! He had written a letter telling us how he was plotting his revenge for being framed as the main suspect in the Three Little Pigs. We have read the story The Three Little Superpigs and learned lots of new vocabulary. In Maths, we have continued with our times tables learning the 2s, 5s and 10s. Remember Times Tables Rockstars is there to help you with your fluency and speed in times table recall! In Computing, we used Beebots and iPads to programme a direction of travel. We used our learning on direction to help us follow the path on the coloured floor mat. Finally, in Science, we have started our new topic on Animals including Humans with a recap of our learning from Year 1. We were incredibly impressed with how much knowledge the children had retained!

YEAR THREE:

It is pleasing to say that Year 3 have come back after the half-term ready to learn. There has been a change in focus in maths this week, as we moved from addition and subtraction onto multiplication and division. As usual, the unit will step back to basics in order to consolidate prior learning, before moving on to more complex equations and problems – practising the 3s, 4s and 8 times tables at home, as well as continued use of TTRockstars, will certainly be of benefit and will aid the children in this long unit of work. In History, the children started to compare what life was like in the Victorian era, to modern day life; whilst in design technology (DT), Year 3 were given a design brief to create a healthy wrap (which builds on the previous half-term's science learning on a healthy diet). In the new computing unit (Desktop Publishing) the focus was on the advantages and disadvantages of communicating important information using images, text, or both images and text. The outcome of this unit will be to create an invitation for a specific event using Microsoft Publisher. We ended the week with the fifth lesson in the OutRight programme, where the children explored the 'knock-on' effects of climate change – specifically how children's rights to health care, a clean environment and a safe home can be impacted.

YEAR FOUR:

What a busy first week back we've had in Year 4!

In English, the children have been innovating Philip Pullman's version of 'Puss in Boots'. They were asked to change the cat (Puss) to an animal of their choice: we had talking pigs, dogs, rabbits and even pigeons! We were impressed with the children's openings and are looking forward to reading the rest of their stories next week.

In Maths, Year 4 have been using their knowledge of multiplication facts to help them answer division questions. We have encouraged the children to keep practising at home on Times Table Rock Stars!

In Science, we used thermometers to measure the temperature of different liquids. Year 4 made some very accurate predictions, before recording the actual temperature.

Finally, in Design and Technology, we had so much fun making decorative bedroom lights. First, the children had to use their scientific knowledge from last half term to create a working circuit. Then, they used a range of materials, such as cardboard, felt, cellophane and wood to make their imaginative designs.

YEAR FIVE:

Welcome back to Year 5 and all of their families! We hope you had an enjoyable half-term break. We have begun quite a few new topics this week. We started our Computing lessons all about how computer systems work by means of an input, process and output and explored a variety of different systems in the world around us. In Geography, we revisited the continents and oceans of the world and looked at a number of countries, their capitals and national flags. In RE, we learned all about the wonderful charity work that our Chair of Governors, Miss Nolan, does and how she lives up to the standard set out in scripture. In D&T, we have started to think about making healthy breakfast burritos with a range of food groups. In English, we have read the story of Oliver Twist, exploring lots of vocabulary and making power pyramids. In Maths, we have been learning different methods of dividing, including long division, bus stop and partitioning. What a busy week!

YEAR SIX:

The wizard of Oz has been our focal point this week in English looking at the novel and comparing it to the film. We also used a thesaurus to up-level some of L. Frank Baum's writing. In maths we have moved onto dividing larger numbers that contains a remainder and expressing this as a fraction and into a decimal. We started our music unit using our recorders and playing along to a simple tune - we will develop this further next week by exploring playing as an ensemble. We explored light in science and conducted a simple investigation to prove that light travels in straight lines. In R.E. we looked at the word 'commitment' and what that means in our lives and what it means to be committed to something or someone. Year 6 have ended the week delivering a memorable and poignant remembrance service to parents for KS2 and parents. The did so with respect and the message of remembering those who lost their lives was truly delivered. Well done Year 6.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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