

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Advent

Advent Begins – Sunday 3rd December

Hope becomes peace.

Peace becomes joy.

Joy becomes love.

Love becomes Christ

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school to provide you with an opportunity to buy some exciting books! You will be able to visit the fair, with your children on the following days:

Monday 4th December – EYFS and Year 1 parents and children

Tuesday 5th December – Year 2 and Year 3 parents and children

Wednesday 6th December – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents and children.

The book fair will be held after school, in the school extension and will open once Year 2 have been dismissed. We ask that you patiently wait near the school office to ensure that Year 2 parents can collect their child safely. If you have children in different year groups then you only need to visit the book fair on one day.

When visiting the book fair, you can either pay for your order by cash or by card using a QR link to the Scholastic payment site. You will complete an order form and pay for your order on the day; however, books will be sent out at the end of the week, once the fair has finished. This ensures that everyone gets the opportunity to see every book on offer.

We cannot anticipate how many people will attend each evening: therefore, there may be a queuing system in place. If you cannot attend the fair then there will be an opportunity for children to bring money in to purchase books on Thursday morning, before the final orders have to be completed. If you wish to browse the books beforehand, you can see what will be available on the following website:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

Every book that is bought from the book fair, earns free books for our school to add to class libraries. We thank you in advance for your support.

PTA

Thank you to all who donated bottles and chocolate today. Donations will support our PTA Christmas Bingo events.

Christmas Bingo Event – Both Christmas Bingo events have now **sold out**. Please remember to bring your ticket to the event.

Due to the size of extension/dining room and health and safety regulations, admission can only be given to those who have a ticket. If you have misplaced your ticket, don't worry, staff have a list of names for admission purposes

Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the night if attending without a ticket.

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Breakfast with Santa



Tuesday 5th December – EYFS
Wednesday 6th December – Year 1
Thursday 7th December – Year 2
Friday 8th December – Year 3

Breakfast with Santa events will begin at 8am.

Please escort your child to the 3rd set of double doors of the extension (following the main path to the left and around the side of the building).

Santa can't wait to meet the boys and girls!

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
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
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
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.11.23 for 6 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

Diary Dates

Final Y6 Swimming Session (pyjamas needed) – Monday 4th December

Scholastic Book Fair – EYFS and Year 1 – Monday 4th December @ 3.10pm

Scholastic Book Fair – Year 2 and Year 3 – Tuesday 5th December @ 3.10pm

U11 Girls Football @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 5th December @ 4pm

Scholastic Book Fair – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday 6th December @ 3.10pm

Mass @ SPB – Monday 11th December @ 9.15am

KS2 Water Polo Competition – Monday 11th December 9.30a – 12pm

U10 Boys Football @ Tiber Street – Monday 11th December @ 4pm

School Health Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 12th December

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

INSET Day – Friday 22nd December

Children return to school – Monday 8th January 2024

Y5 Swimming Lessons Begin – Monday 8th January

Y1 & Y2 Disco – Tuesday 16th January

Y4 First Holy Communion – Session 3 @ CTK Church – Tuesday 16th January 6pm

U11 Boys Football @ Simpsons Hub – Friday 19th January @ 1pm



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
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
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.

Santa DashSanta Dash - Friday 8th December 2023

On Friday 8th December (**weather permitting**) we will hold our Annual Santa Dash.

Parents are welcome to watch from the grass on the right-hand side inside the main path gate. This means that the children do not have to run through the parents. Parents can also watch from the footpath outside school. This provides excellent views of the whole playground. Please ensure that you still leave room for people to be able to pass you without having to step on the road.

We hope that the weather will allow us to have our Santa Dash as planned. If the weather is bad, we will unfortunately have to postpone the event until Friday 15th December. It would be a miserable time for the children to run around the course in the pouring rain! We are aware that many parents may have arranged time off work to watch their children, so if there is only light rain we will proceed as planned. In the event that we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send out a text early on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Time	Year Group
9.15 am	EYFS
9.25am	Year 1
9.35am	Year 2
9.45am	Year 3
9.55am	Year 4
10.05am	Year 5
10.15am	Year 6

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General/Important Information

Christ the King Church Christmas Fair



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.

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Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

Please find via the link below the latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter.

<https://sway.office.com/LqVupCOOf8fW6p3x?ref=Link>

The newsletter includes new information to support parents/carers, families and children in Liverpool during the Month of December. Along with information regarding events and activities on offer.

- Family Hub and Children Centres
- December Events Across the City for Families
- Winter health support
- Childcare
- Debt Advice
- Domestic Abuse
- Education Wonderhub Activities
- Employment Support and Adult Learning opportunities
- Foodbanks
- Mental Health
- Money Management and Financial help
- Parenting Programmes
- Parental Mental Health
- Support for Fathers

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have continued with our 'Cops and Robbers' story. We have explored vocabulary within the book, learning the meaning of words such as fondness and bounded and we have added them to our World Wall. Can your child tell you any new vocabulary they have learned? We have continued to look at the people who help us within our community and using Google Maps, we looked for their places of work. We learned what the symbols for a hospital, police station and fire station look like and then we identified the symbols on large maps of the local area. In Maths, we have explored positional language. Homework this week reinforces this. We have also focused on number formation. Practise makes perfect so if you get time, practise forming some numbers on a steamy shower door or even on a frosty bench at the park! In RE, we have learned about the season of Advent. We shared what we do during advent with our families and we made advent promises. Our promises were written on stars and we hung them on the school Christmas tree. We also learned about advent wreaths and used paper plates and cards to make some of our own. We have been in the hall this week too practising our 'Christmas Carol Concert'. We can't wait to sing for you all. Finally, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Reception. On Friday, our classroom had been covered in decorations and a Christmas tree. We also had a letter from an elf called Bud. Bud will be spending the next few weeks with us...how exciting!

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have completed our English unit on Zog as the final groups got to complete their guided writing. We have been so impressed with the children's application of their phonics knowledge! In Maths, we have begun our new unit focusing on numbers to 20. We explored the place value of 2 digit numbers and we have been learning how to count amounts by making 10 and then counting on. We will continue working on this next week. In History, we learnt about how the Great Fire of London started and what caused it to be so catastrophic. We had to sequence the events, in order, from the start of the fire until it was finally put out. We couldn't believe how long it burnt for! On Friday, we welcomed the arrival of 2 elves from the North Pole! They had turned our classrooms into winter wonderlands. It was so exciting! Alongside our learning, we have also been rehearsing for our Advent assembly and putting the final touches to make it perfect for you all to watch. We look forward to welcoming the parents of children in Mrs Mutch's class on Monday 4th at 2pm and the parents of children in Miss Reilly's class on Tuesday morning at 9.05am. Enjoy your weekend everyone!

YEAR TWO:

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week, by continuing our rehearsals for our Christmas Nativity. The children have been working incredibly hard on the performance and are very excited for everyone to see! Meanwhile in class, we have continued to learn about division by using grouping and sharing. We are starting to divide by 2, 5 and eventually 10. In R.E, we started to think about all the preparations which happen during the Advent season. We have written our Advent promises and talked about what the Advent wreath represents. Finally, we have had a visitor arrive in the corridors of Year 2. Elfiss the Elf, has appeared. We suspect he is there to keep an eye on us whilst we are designing and making our Elf Mobiles in Design and Technology. But before the final product is ready, we have been sanding the wheels to leave a smooth finish.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 got quite 'techy' this week. On Wednesday, the children continued their 'desktop publishing' focus in the computing lesson; whilst the design and technology unit reached its culmination, resulting in each child producing their very own wrap. Hints of Christmas appeared on Friday, with the start of the giant Advent calendars around each of the teacher boards. In maths, we continued to explore and reason about problems involving multiplication and division; the classes created posters stating why people came to Liverpool during the Victorian era in history, whilst in R.E. the focus was on 'the greatest visitor of all time' – Jesus. We finished the week, along with the rest of the school, discussing 'invisible disabilities' as we participated in 'International Day of Disabled Persons' – making links to the Convention on the Rights of the child.

YEAR FOUR:

This week in English, Year 4 have been focusing on newspaper reports. The pupils have been identifying the 5 Ws from an introductory paragraph, and then searching through news articles to identify layout features such as headlines, photos, and captions.

As part of our study of The Great Plague, we explored key events from 1665 and 1666 and created timelines of these events. We also learned the meaning of the word "chronology" and how historians refer to events in centuries. For example, The Great Plague in 1665 took place in the 17th century.

On Tuesday, we began our Art unit by studying Piet Mondrian's work, specifically his depictions of winter trees. We discussed opinions on his pieces and observed how some of his work was very abstract in nature. Finally, the pupils created a page in their sketchbooks to display their ideas about his work.

YEAR FIVE:

This week Year 5 have planned and written a scene from a story with a historical setting. We mapped out and role-played the scene from Oliver Twist where he asks for more and used the Super Star Sentences to retell the events which unfolded. 'The Nowhere Emporium' had us captivated in Guided Reading and we were able to compare it with other stories we know. In Maths, we have begun looking at graphs. We have read line graphs and train timetables, interpreting the data to answer a variety of question types. In RE lessons we learned about the Five K's of Sikhism and the holy text, the Guru Granth Sahib. In Geography, we understood about lines of latitude and longitude and how these are used to locate different places on Earth. In Computing we found out how messages are sent between computers and tried to recreate this ourselves by sending messages from one side of the room to the other. One of the highlights of the week was the making of the breakfast burritos! We hope they tasted as good as they looked!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have enjoyed playing our recorders this week as we focused on improvising around a song with given notes to choose from. This was a tricky skill yet entertaining for all. In R.E. we looked in detail at the Sacrament of Ordination and what a priest has to do to fulfil his vocation. We also looked at what real treasures are and how if we focussed on those more; the positive impact it could have on our lives. In Geography, we studied weather and climate zones and were amazed to find out that the USA had 4 climate zones in comparison to our 1. In English, we completed an ending to our classical fiction unit, 'the Wizard of Oz' with some remarkable narratives. We start our new unit of poetry next week.

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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