

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



SPB Santa Dash 2023

Our annual Santa Dash was a huge success today, thank you all so much for sponsoring your children and for your generous donations.

Photos of the Santa Dash will be uploaded to the year group Twitter pages and Tapestry.

We will reveal the total amount raised next week.

Every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you again for your support.

*May you be blessed by the Lord
with the same warmth and joy you have given.*

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Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came along and bought books at our Book Fair. Every single book bought provides money for our school to buy new books for each year group. Your support is greatly appreciated. Anyone who hasn't yet received their books, they have been ordered and will be with you early next week. We hope all the children enjoy reading their new books!

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you will go!*

Dr Seuss

PTA

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.

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.

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

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Diary Dates

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
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.

ASD Liverpool – Virtual Drop in Advisory Sessions

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime within the time slot or stay for the duration.

You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date: December dates and Times (am / pm sessions)

Dates	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
8 th December	X	1pm – 2.30pm
18 th December	9.30am – 11am	X
19 th December	9.30am – 11am	X
20 th December	9.30am – 11am	X

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please

email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a wonderful week in school. This week we have started our new book 'Stick Man.' This is one of our favourite five stories, so the children are already really familiar with this book. We have been looking at zero in maths and what zero means. We have also been recapping the other numerals and what amounts they represent. We have had a busy week practising our Christmas Carol assembly and watching Year One's performance- it was fantastic! During busy time we have explored lots of lovely new activities. In the Reading Area we have set up the Stick Man tray to retell the story and added some other Christmas themed books. In the Creative Area we are making some homemade decorations to decorate the classroom and also practise our cutting skills. In the Maths area we are reinforcing counting and matching a numeral to the correct amount. We also are reinforcing height through a cut and stick 'Stick Man' activity. In the Role Play area we have been dressing up in lots of Christmas outfits. In the Writing Area we have been using our phonic knowledge to write the characters from Stick Man. In the Funky Fingers/ Playdough area we have been developing our fine motor skills through playdough and Christmas jigsaws. In RE this week we have been learning about a new religion, Judaism. We have explored many aspects of Judaism and learnt lots of new words. We finished the week learning about Hanukkah and making cards to celebrate!

Thank you for all your support with our school Santa Dash! The children had a wonderful morning and it was wonderful to see them all in their Christmas outfits!

We hope you have a lovely weekend

YEAR ONE:

It has been an exciting week in Year 1! Our Advent Assemblies at the start of the week were a wonderful success, we are so proud of the children and how amazing they were up on that stage. Our class elves brought back hot chocolate, cream and marshmallows from the North Pole, as a treat from Santa for doing so well. We also had festive fun at Breakfast with Santa, singing Christmas songs and all receiving a present from Santa. In Maths this week we have been recognising the words for the numbers up to 20 and comparing those numbers. In English, we wrote some Christmas senses poems and acrostic poems. In History, we learnt about Samuel Pepys and how a lot of the information we have about The Great Fire of London, came from the diary he wrote at the time.

YEAR TWO:

What a busy and exciting week we have had! We started off our festive celebrations on Monday when we got the chance to watch the Y1 Advent assembly they have been working so hard on to prepare. They explained the importance of advent and what it means when we prepare for Christmas day. Later that day, we created our own Advent promises and placed them on the school Christmas tree. On Tuesday we continued to learn about division, moving onto dividing by 10. We used our understanding of the ten times tables to help us see the patterns between multiplication and division facts. On Thursday morning we all joined together as a year group for Breakfast with Santa. We had a lovely time singing, and eating our breakfast with our friends before getting to see Father Christmas himself! Finally, to end a festive week, we completed our annual sponsored Santa Dash. We all came dressed festively for a brisk run around the school yards. We look forward to our final full week of Nativity preparations next week before our show is ready for parents on the 18th and 19th of December.

YEAR THREE:

What a fun, festive week we've had in Year 3! On Monday, both classes were lucky enough to watch the Year 1 Advent assembly dress rehearsal. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching, with some even saying they would watch it again if they could! In English, the children completed their independent biographies on a famous person of their choice, thus leading to the start of a new unit- Poems with a structure. In maths, we continued working on the unit 'Multiplication and Division', with particular emphasis on dividing numbers by 4 and 8. During our Rights Respecting Schools lesson, the focus was on COP28. Both classes looked at the different ways in which we can help protect our planet. Finally, we ended the week with an exciting morning, with Santa visiting us for breakfast followed by a Santa Dash!

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YEAR FOUR:

It's been another busy week in Year 4!

On Tuesday, Father Colin and Mrs Kelly came to help the children prepare for their First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation). Year 4 were very engaged in the whole-class discussion and, after asking lots of questions, they know exactly what to expect. We would like to say a huge thank you to Father Colin and Mrs Kelly for all their help.

In English, we have continued to explore newspaper reports: creating headline collages and even interviewing Taylor Swift!

In Maths, we have used a variety of methods to help us multiply two-digit numbers by a one-digit number. The children's times table knowledge is definitely improving, and we hope they continue to use Times Table Rock Stars at home.

In R.E., we discussed the qualities we look for in a friend. Then, we explored how God shows love for us and how we ought to love one another.

Finally, on Friday, we had lots of fun dashing around the school grounds in our fantastic festive outfits.

Enjoy your well-deserved rest this weekend!

YEAR FIVE:

The children looked great in their festive gear today as they took part in our annual SPB Santa Dash! There was fun and games throughout the day, with Guess the Christmas Song, Name that Christmas Movie and a variety of other festive activities being enjoyed by all.

Thank you for all of your support during this time of preparing to receive the light of the world, Jesus, on Christmas Day. The children have been extremely busy this week, learning about why night and day occurs and gaining understanding of the different time zones around the world. Some even talked about time travelling to arrive at different places in time for Christmas Day! In Maths, the focus has moved to fractions, and the children have been working hard to remember the different names and terms for different types of fractions. In English, they enjoyed writing their own version of a famous scene from Oliver Twist, producing some excellent work in the process. Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend everybody.

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YEAR SIX:

We had our last swimming lesson this week – well done to everyone on their improvements. In R.E. we had our first lesson on Advent, learning about expectations of each other and ourselves. In our PSHE lesson, we learned about the importance of sleep and why we should sleep regularly, and have a good sleep schedule. In English, we looked at 'Lucy in the sky with diamonds' highlighting words from each stanza and finding alternative words for them with the same syllables. In P.E. we were focusing on the skills and rules we could apply in a game of netball and playing against other teams. During our Geography lesson, we learned about how the population of the states of America have increased over 10 years and drew graphs to resemble this change. We ended the week with our last ever Santa Dash, Christmas songs and fun activities!

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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