

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Merry Christmas



We would like to wish all of our SPB families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*God of light and hope,
Look upon us in love and fill us with the spirit of Jesus,
Protect us as we await the coming of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.*

Amen

EYFS & Year 1 Advent Assemblies

EYFS and Y1 have performed their Advent assemblies to their families during the last few weeks. The children performed beautifully with fantastic acting, reading, singing and dancing. What superstars! Well done Year EYFS and Year 1!

We are looking forward to Year 2's Nativity performances this week.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday the children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. A big thank you to Chef, the kitchen team and all staff who helped make it possible!

PTA Santa Dash and Christmas Family Bingo

Thank you once again to all our SPB families for your generous Santa Dash donations and a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets to our Christmas Family Bingo nights and raffles.

So far, we have raised over £5000! The full total raised for all events will be announced in the new year.

All money raised will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Please visit our SPB Twitter page, individual year group Twitter pages and Tapestry (EYFS) to see photos and videos of our Christmas activities!

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EYFS 22/23 Applications

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

Reception Class – 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 – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.24 for 5 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computing Club: 15.01.24 29.01.24		3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 09.01.24 for 5 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 10.01.24 for 5 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 11.01.24 for 5 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 12.01.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

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Diary Dates

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

Ski Trip – Sunday 21st to 28th January 2024

U11 Girls Football @ Simpson Hub – Friday 2nd February @ 1pm

Mass at SPB – Monday 5th February @ 9.15am

Y3 & Y4 Disco – Tuesday 6th February

PTA Sponsored Pancake Run – Friday 9th February

School Closes for Half Term – Friday 9th February

Children return to school – Monday 19th February

Y4 First Holy Communion – Session 4 @ CTK – Tuesday 20th January 6pm



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
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.

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.



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The ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting or in a group setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time for 1:1 session

Thursday 28th December 2023

Friday 29th December 2023

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Thursday 4th January 2023

9.30– 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

Date and time for Group Q & A session

Friday 5th January 2024

Time 9.30am – 11.00am

Friday 5th January 2024

Time 1pm – 2.30pm

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link.

asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

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Solihull Parenting Course

Please find enclosed links to the Solihull parenting course which is free to all Liverpool residents.

Various modules include antenatal, under 1s, under 3s and teenagers.

Bonus is you can take part in the course and stop and save in your own time and return back to the course when you need to.

<https://inourplace.co.uk/liverpool/>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a very busy and Christmassy week! We have had a wonderful time performing our Christmas carol concert for KS1, KS2 and all of our parents and carers! We have been really proud of all the children and how well they have performed, as we are sure you are too, thank you for coming. We also had a lovely time on Thursday having our school Christmas dinner! As a treat on Friday, for performing so well, we had a special treat! We had a hot chocolate afternoon with whipped cream and marshmallows and watched a Christmas film!

This week in school we have continued to read Stick Man, we have been looking closely at some of the language used within the story and the meaning of some of the trickier words. We have continued with most of our busy time activities from last week as we've been so busy with lots of Christmas fun we didn't have time to finish them all last week. In maths this week we have looked at numbers 1-10, putting them in order and counting up and back from 10.

During busy time we practiced cutting out Christmas stockings and ordering them from 1 to 10. In RE this week we have continued to focus on the nativity story. We have thought about how it feels when we welcome a new baby into our family and have sung happy birthday to Jesus. We finished the week by writing a special prayer wish Jesus a happy birthday and thanking him for his love.

Have a great weekend!

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have continued exploring numbers up to 20 by comparing and ordering them. We have enjoyed playing some games with our partners to help us recognise numbers that are greater than or fewer than others. We are really starting to understand the concept of place value. In English, we have begun to piece together our own non-chronological report about The Great Fire of London, using all of the things that we have learnt in our History lessons. Our RE lesson this week, focused on The Nativity story. We learnt all about Jesus' birth and then we completed a storyboard explaining the key events of this story. On Tuesday, we enjoyed getting crafty and making our own reindeer hats; we then wore them for Christmas dinner day! This week, we have also completed our Design and Technology unit which has been designing and making pop up Christmas cards. We can't wait to bring them home to show you all. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

NB No new reading books will be sent home over Christmas.

YEAR TWO:

Our final full week of term has been a busy one! We have enjoyed a mixture of festive activities and final preparations for our Nativity performance next week. We have been working incredibly hard on our Nativity and look forward to sharing it with you all next week. In English, we have been finding the features of an instructions text, highlighting them before making sure we include them in our own set of instructions on how to make an Elf mobile. On Thursday, we all got to enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner with Christmas music and a delicious dessert. We had lots of fun singing and sitting with our friends. Finally, in DT we have continued to build our Elf mobiles, this time decorating them with card to make sure they are fit for an Elf!

YEAR THREE:

We started our week peacefully and festively on Monday – Mass with Father Colin and the parishioners before break, then the pleasure of watching the EYFS Nativity after break. What a calming start.

Advent has been a feature again in Year 3 this week, both in our daily (giant) advent calendar around the class whiteboards, and in our R.E. lessons, where the children have been learning about Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to announce that she will be the mother of God's son. Also explored was the 'Visitation', when Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was also to be blessed by God with a special child. In English, the children have become poetry detectives, with a particular focus on shape poetry. We have enjoyed poems around a range of themes, including snakes, octopuses, kites, Christmas trees and rain, to name but a few. In each one, poetic devices, such as rhyme, rhythm, simile, metaphor, repetition and alliteration have been identified (or not, in the case of some of the poems). It was of general opinion that the most enjoyable poems, were the ones that rhymed. In maths, the focus remains multiplication and division, where we have moved on to more formal, structured methods for each of these operations. As usual, we would like to encourage the children to keep consolidating their learning by accessing TTRockstars, as most children are successfully using the methods, but are making errors in times tables!

On Wednesday, Year 3, along with the rest of the school, enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner – no mean feat when you're catering for around four hundred children! So, a big 'THANK YOU' to all the lunch and support staff from pupils and staff in Year 3.

YEAR FOUR:

It's been a busy week in Year 4, filled with special activities of great festive and spiritual importance!

On Monday, Father Colin visited the school to lead Mass before pupils, who will be making their First Communion next year, participated in their First Confession.

This week, Year 4 have been treated to performances of Reception and Year 2's Christmas productions, which have really filled us with festive cheer! Well done to all the pupils (and teachers) involved!

In History, pupils looked into the factors that contributed to the spread of the plague, then created their own booklets documenting what they'd learnt.

We have reached the writing stage of our English unit on newspaper reports: pupils are creating articles about a mischievous elf stealing the Year 4 Christmas decorations at the beginning of Advent! A worthy front page news story!

A great time was had on Thursday lunch time when pupils gathered together to enjoy a delicious Christmas meal prepared by our fantastic kitchen staff.

And just like that, we have just one week left of Autumn Term. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

YEAR FIVE:

It has been a very busy week in Y5. The children learned about the movement of the moon in Science, studying its different phases and discussing the near and far side of the Earth's satellite. In Geography, the children began to look at six different climate zones of the world, before using their atlas skills to locate which countries have which climate. In English, the children continued to showcase their verbal skills in Oliver Twist: a playscript. Fractions was again the focus of Maths. Y5 finished the week by watching a rehearsal of the Y2 nativity, which clearly shared the message of Jesus being the reason for Christmas celebrations.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked really hard with fractions this week, particularly adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have been exploring poetry and unpicked the poignant meaning behind well-known songs such as 'Blowin' in the wind' and 'I am a Rock, I am an island.' In R.E. we wrote a diary account of Mary and how she must have felt when the Angel Gabriel delivered the message to her. We also looked at Jesus and how he was both fully divine and human by studying the Scripture. Our PSHE lesson required us to think about any worries we have of our secondary schools and how we can turn them into a positive. We also created a poster in Geography, where we showed how New York has changed over time and looked at the reasons why this was the case. We thoroughly enjoyed watching Year 2 and our Reception children sing and perform their nativity for us.

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