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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our SPB families.

*In the New Year may you be blessed with all
the good things God has to give.*

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EYFS 22/23 Applications

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.

PTA Sponsored Run

On Sunday 17th December, a group of SPB teachers ran the Aintree 10km race to raise money for the PTA. There were some tired legs in school on the Monday, but a great time was had raising the £600! Thanks to all that donated and a big well done to our runners!



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PTA Christmas Events

Thank you once again to all families who came along or donated to our PTA Christmas events, over £5500 was raised! Every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you for all your support.

Boccia Competition

Some of our pupils had a wonderful time on Tuesday afternoon learning how to play the game of Boccia. Well done!



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
Thursday	*Dot Art	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 12.01.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

*No Dot Art Club on Thursday 25th January.

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Diary Dates

Y1 & Y2 Disco **CANCELLED** Date to be re-arranged

School Health – Y6 Screening – Tuesday 16th January

Y4 First Holy Communion – Session 3 @ CTK Church – Tuesday 16th January 4.15pm & 6pm

Final Ski Meeting for Parents/Carers – Wednesday 17th January @ 3.15pm

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

Ski Trip – Sunday 21st to 28th January 2024

PGL Meeting for Y5 Parents/Carers (Zoom) – Monday 29th January 4pm

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 February 4.15pm & 6pm

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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.

NHS Dental Treatment

DTM Dental are currently offering NHS dental treatment to the following persons;

Children Under the age of 16 years old.

Pregnant and Nursing mothers.

This is an NHS service.

Appointments can be made via the email address / or the telephone number provided below.

Unit 5 Belle Vale Shopping Centre, Liverpool, L25 2RF

Tel – 07852 499715

Email – access@childwallvalleydental.co.uk

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ASD Training Team – ASD Course Dates for January & February 2024

Date: Wednesday 17th, 24th, 31st Jan and 7th Feb 2024

Time: 1pm – 2.30pm

Date: Mon 12th, Tue 13th and Wed 14th February 2024

Time: 9.30am – 12pm

Venue: Virtual / zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

The ASD Team would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (your child must have an ASD diagnosis). The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below and we will forward a zoom invite via your email address. You can use a computer, tablet, or phone to access zoom.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

YPAS Coffee Morning



**Open Access Drop-In
Coffee Morning**

Grab a hot drink and join us for a chat
about what our services can offer.

To book a place please visit:
www.ypas.org.uk/whats-on/

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
17TH, JAN	10AM - 12:00PM	SOUTH HUB

Christ the King Church – 3 Ps Club for Y5 children

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 3.45pm - 4.30pm

Christ the King Church

St John Vianney Meeting room

Doors open at 3.30pm

Each week

Look forward to seeing you at the 3Ps Meeting!

Tuesday 16th January

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We've had a very fun and busy first week back! Our story focus for the next few weeks is Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have read the story, explored the vocabulary and discussed the problem and how it is solved. We have thought about what the characters (the penguin and the boy) might say to one another. We then wrote our ideas into speech bubble templates. As the story is set in Antarctica, we have looked at a world map and identified where it is. We talked about what modes of transport we could use to get there and we looked at photos to see what it is like there in comparison to where we live. We learned about the equator and why it is so cold in Antarctica too. We have used watercolour paints and collage to create wintery scenes, taking inspiration of the view of the park! We have also been cutting and sticking things that we would pack if we were to travel to Antarctica. Consolidating our work on 2D shapes, we have also made penguins using circles, squares and triangles. In Maths, we have explored representations of amounts on five and ten frames. Homework this week reinforces this. Finally, in RSHE, we have learned about rules, why we have them and how we can be good citizens. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

What a lovely first week of the new year we have had! We all returned to school very refreshed and full of excitement to share our Christmas news. We started the week with an opportunity to write some sentences explaining what we had been up to over the Christmas holidays.

In Maths, we have started learning how to add numbers up to 20 using a range of different methods. It has been tricky but we have been trying so hard!

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In our English lesson on Tuesday we found a spell book, a witch's hat and some blonde hair on the teacher's chair. We talked about who these things may belong to and started making predictions about the story we will be focusing on. We very quickly realised that everything linked to Rapunzel. We have read the story, sequenced the story and used some fantastic adjectives to describe the evil witch. We have also written short poems about the tower where Rapunzel is being kept captured!

In RE, we started our new topic focusing on special people. We talked about all of the special people in our lives and we also recognised special people within the community; police, nurses, doctors, etc.

This week, we have also started our new Science topic 'Animals'. We shared our existing knowledge as a class and then we had to work as a table to try and sort a range of animals into groups. We sorted them by colour, size, where they live etc. We were then introduced to the correct names for the different animal groups: birds, fish, insects, amphibians, mammals and reptiles. We will continue exploring this next week!

YEAR TWO:

It has been a busy first week back for Year 2! We started the week in our English lesson by looking at some clues about an author we are studying. We had a dream jar, a red ribbon, a wooden spoon for stirring a potion and a golden ticket. We soon recognised the clues as all being from Roald Dahl's stories! We have spent this week finding out about the author and looking at some of the techniques he uses in his writing such as using adjectives and similes. We will be using this to help us write our own character descriptions. In Maths, we have begun a new chapter on Measuring using metres and centimetres. In R.E. we talked about different types of books. We talked about what makes books special and chose our favourite books. We then moved onto talking about God's special book: The Bible. In Art, we discovered the artist Andy Goldsworthy and looked at his sculptures using natural materials. Finally, we started a new topic in History all about Explorers. We drew pictures of what we thought an explorer looked like. We then thought about different types of explorers and what equipment they might need. We are really enjoying all of these new topics!

YEAR THREE:

Happy New Year to all our children and their families! We hit the ground running with Maths (division with renaming), English (spelling, handwriting and starting our new unit 'Fables') and Computing (where we explored 'Identity' and online safety). The children got creative in Thursday's Art lesson, which involved continuous line-marking to produce drawings of fossils – the results of which were pretty impressive! In History, the children were tasked with deciding whether Stone Age man was just a simple hunter and gatherer, through studying a number of secondary sources. Finally, we finished the week revisiting our RRS class

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charter, in order for the children to be reminded of the rights they chose at the beginning of the year from the 'Convention on the Rights of the Child'.

YEAR FOUR:

It's certainly been a busy first week back!

In English, Year 4 have been captivated by 'Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death'. Many of the children were pleading to read another chapter of the story, as they couldn't wait to find out what happens next!

In Maths, we have been using various methods to divide 2 and 3-digit numbers. Despite finding this rather challenging at first, the children persevered and have become much more confident when using the formal written method for division.

In Science, we have been exploring the effects of freezing different liquids. We discovered that not all liquids freeze at the same temperature. The children were amazed by the oil and tomato ketchup!

Year 4 have been set homework on Times Table Rock Stars this week, and we have been encouraging them to use this platform to try and improve their recall speed of times table facts.

YEAR FIVE:

Welcome back to all of our Year 5 pupils and families. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. We had a very exciting first day back with our first swimming lesson of the year and with PE and Spanish too. In RE, we have begun a new topic of 'Mission' and we explored inspirational communities and created an action plan for our own charities. In Guided Reading, we have been looking at the Victorians, thinking back to our work before Christmas on Oliver Twist. In English, we have started to examine science-fiction texts, in particular, a story called 'Everything I Need', which we will base our own sci-fi stories on next week. In Maths, we have been adding fractions, including making mixed numbers and writing our

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answers in their simplest form. In History, we started to look at Baghdad and why it has featured in the news in recent years, with a view to looking back at the city in AD900 in the coming weeks. In Science, we grouped different materials according to their properties and discussed which vocabulary we already know and which words will come up in our topic this half term. One of the highlights of the week was our Art lesson. We looked at different dragon eyes and how the artist used shape and colour for effect. We can't wait to start planning and creating our own!

YEAR SIX:

We have had a very successful start to 2024 in Year 6! We have been working very hard and have adapted right back into the busy routine. In Maths, we have been learning how to divide fractions by a whole number. We used a range of methods, such as identifying the relationship between the numerator and divisor, and we are proud of how we can now use all four operations when working with fractions. In English, we have been started our new topic on 'Balanced Arguments'. We have been looking at the reasons for and against the reintroduction of wolves into the wild and have found out just how valuable predators are to the eco-system as a whole! In History, we have started our topic on 'Vikings' and have used a range sources such as images, books and ICT to research the tactics used by Vikings when invading various settlement areas.

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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