

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Spring

Oh Lord

*Thank you for Spring, the season of Your expression of joy!
Let every bloom remind us of Your grace.
Let each sunny day bring warm thoughts and kindness.*

Amen

22.03.24

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose to support Comic Relief. School raised an amazing £646!

Summer Uniform

When children return to school from Easter break on Monday 15th April they may wear their summer uniform, which is:

Girls – A summer school dress in purple and white gingham (not stripes or spots), purple and white bobbles, white socks and sensible black shoes (no ballet pumps).

Boys – A white short-sleeved shirt, school tie, grey shorts, grey socks and sensible black shoes.

Parents PLEASE make sure names are on cardigans and jumpers.

Children should continue to wear full SPB PE kit on their PE day – PE tracksuit/ purple SPB polo t-shirt and purple PE shorts.

PTA

A huge thank you to all our families who have donated an Easter egg to support our Easter Bingo events.

We hope everyone who came along on Wednesday had a great time! We are looking forward to KS2 Easter Bingo on Wednesday 27th March!

Reminder

School closes for Easter break on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm. There will be no Afterschool provision that day. Thank you.

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Term Dates 2024/25

Term dates for 2024/25 are now available. Please click the link below or head to the school website Parents tab/Term dates. Please note there are 2 x INSET days still to be set.

[Term Dates – Academic year 2024/2025](#)

Diary Dates

Mass at SPB – Monday 25th March @ 9.15am

Reception Parents' Evening – Monday 25th March 1pm – 6.20pm

Easter Bingo KS2 – Wednesday 27th March

School closes for Easter break – Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm

Easter Break – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Children return to school – Monday 15th April @ 8.30am

U11 Girls football @ Simpsons hub – Friday 19th April 1pm – 3pm

Y4 Swimming Lessons Begin – Monday 22nd April

Year 1 & Year 2 Disco – Tuesday 23rd April 5pm – 7pm

U10 Boys football @ Simpsons hub – Friday 26th April 1pm – 3pm

Mass @ SPB – Monday 29th April @ 9.15am

Y4 First Holy Communions – Saturday 18th May @ Christ the King Church

Y3 Trip to Roman Dewa Experience – Tuesday 21st May

PTA Own Clothes Day – Donations of toys – Thursday 23rd May

INSET Day – School closed to children – Friday 24th May

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th June @ 9.15am

Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 19.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club Every other Monday starting 26.02.24	Y2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 20.02.24 for 6 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
Tuesday	Debate Academy 30.01.24 to 26.04.24	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.05pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 21.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 22.02.24 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 23.02.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

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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.

Community

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church presents The Belle Vale Passion, a community passion play in the heart of Belle Vale.

This will take place on Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024 at 12pm at Belle Vale Shopping Centre, L25 2RF.

For more information please visit BelleValePassion.co.uk

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a super week in school. We have been continuing with our dinosaur topic. We have looked in non-fiction books to find out facts about dinosaurs and also reminded ourselves of the features of a non-fiction book and how they are different from story books. In the funky fingers area, we have been practicing our cutting and sticking with an activity sorting carnivores and herbivores, we have also been labelling dinosaurs using cut and stick. In the writing area we have been composing and writing our own sentences with facts that we can remember about a dinosaur. We have practiced our letter formation, sitting our letters on the line and used our Fred fingers for spellings. In maths we have been consolidating our learning on 2D shapes by drawing dinosaurs, either tracing around 2D shapes or attempting to draw them free hand. In the maths tuff tray, we have been attempting to work out the dinosaur addition questions. In maths this week we are learning about 3D shapes and their properties... We have been exploring these shapes in the playdough area by making prints to see what 2D shapes they are made up of. In the creative area we have been making salt dough to create our own dinosaur fossil! We have also been using stencils to draw observational drawings of dinosaurs.

We have been lucky this week to have some teaching students here with us from Hope University. They have been teaching us about biodiversity! – hard word! We have been working in groups in our outdoor area to de-weed our large wooden planters and have then planted some potatoes in there, we can't wait to see them grow!

Thank you to all who attended our Easter Bingo on Wednesday, it was lovely to see so many of you there supporting our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR ONE:

It has been a busy week in Year 1. In English, we analysed an Information Text and used interesting sentence starters to describe the Wild Things we had designed. In Maths, we have been recognising the tens and ones in numbers up to 40. We have also started comparing these numbers using 'more' and 'less'. In RE, we learn and wrote about Good Friday and how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We did our DT Project this week. We researched, designed and made delicious fruit pancakes. We also had some exciting visitors in school this week, they talked to us about the environment and we helped the Reception children prepare for planting by weeding their flower beds. We found lots of interesting minibeasts too.

YEAR TWO:

In Maths, Year 2 have been continuing to work on 'Money' showing equal amounts using different coins. They have now begun to solve word problems involving money and are drawing bar models to help them. In English, children have written a setting description and studied the features of a setting narrative. They will be planning to write their own setting narrative next week. In Geography, children presented a weather forecast for Tocuaro in Mexico. In D.T. they created a sequence for making vegetable crisps. The children had a wonderful lesson from Hope University students all about 'Biodiversity'. The children made bird feeders using recycled materials. Take a look around our school grounds to see what they made! In Science, children explored the question 'Will seeds grow in the dark?' and discussed their thoughts. Another busy week of learning!

YEAR THREE:

Easter cards have been on the agenda this week – meaning 'The Greatest Week' is getting closer! Although we are under a week away from completing the Spring term, it's still busy, busy, busy as we aim to complete all of the units by next Thursday. Hope students were welcomed into both classes on Monday, when the children discussed biodiversity and went on a bug hunt!

In Science, the children investigated magnetic materials, concluding that all magnetic materials are metal, but not all metals are magnetic (the metal has to contain iron, nickel or cobalt). On Thursday, it was the final lesson of the geography focus, where the discussion centred around the advantages (yes, there are some!) and disadvantages of living near an active volcano. The volcanic event used for our case study was the recent '*Gríðavík*' eruption in Iceland. We moved on to 'fractions' in maths; we celebrated Neurodiversity Week; we completed the computing unit – 'Branching Databases'; and in the R.E. lessons, the learning centred around the events of Easter Week – Jesus' wait at the Garden of Gethsemane, His death and His resurrection.

YEAR FOUR:

In history this week, Year 4 delved into various sources to gather information about the life of a slave. They subsequently compiled a report focusing on different aspects of a slave's life based on their findings.

In our ongoing exploration of decimals, students have been honing their skills in rounding and converting fractions into decimals. There has been notable progress across the classroom as students tackle these challenging concepts.

In English, we have continued to refine our use of technical language to craft sophisticated sentences in preparation for composing a non-chronological report. Following the planning phase, Year 4 concluded the week by drafting the initial section of their report on polar bears. We can't wait to read their completed work!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have been gathering ideas for their letters in English this week. We have been looking at the formal, old-fashioned and emotive language used in letters sent by families of evacuated children before writing our own sentences. In Guided Reading, we are enjoying Ted Hughes' 'How the Whale Became' and are looking forward to reading more extracts next week. In Maths, we have been looking at types of angles and calculating angles on a straight line and around a point. In Computing, we continued with our vector drawings and in Geography we learnt all about Fairtrade and created posters. On Thursday we enjoyed making bug hotels and exploring outside. It's been a busy week!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked hard this week doing past papers in preparation for their SATs. The progress that our children have made has been wonderful to witness and how our children take pride in succeeding is lovely to see. We had fun making our own bug hotels with student teachers which will be housed in our peace garden. Here, we learned the importance of biodiversity and small steps we can do to improve our world. In Science, we investigated the circulatory system and the importance of each of the parts of this system. This will lead onto next week's investigation of creating a fair test for heart rate. In English, we covered co-ordinating conjunctions, determiners and analysed a dual narrative annotating the features. Well done Year 6 for a challenging week.

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