

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



St George's Day - 23^d April 2024

St George is the patron saint of England. His emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the flag of England and part of the Union Jack flag.

St. George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Roman's torture of Christians and died for his beliefs. One of the best known stories about St.

George is his fight with a dragon.

Like St George we should support the vulnerable and the persecuted.

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid.

Do not be discouraged.

For the Lord your God will be with you, wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

26.04.24

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.

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

Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 29th April @ 9.15am

UIO Boys Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Tuesday 30th April @ 4pm

Polling Day – Thursday 2nd May

UII Boys Football @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 9th May @ 4pm

SATs Week Begins – Monday 13th May

UIO Boys Football @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 14th May @ 4pm

UIO Boys Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 16th May @ 4pm

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

UIO Boys Football @ Tiber Street – Monday 20th May @ 4pm

Y3 Trip to Roman Dewa Experience – Tuesday 21st May

UII Girls Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Tuesday 21st May @ 4pm

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

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

Children return to school – Monday 3rd June @ 8.30am – 8.45am

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th June @ 9.15am

Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 15.04.24 for 5 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 16.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 16.04.24 to 9.07.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 17.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 18.04.24 for 6 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 18.04.24 to 11.07.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 19.04.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

General/Important InformationSchool 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.

26.04.24

Quiz and Prize Bingo Event at Christ the King Parish Club

Christ the King are hosting a quiz and prize bingo event on Monday 29th April @ 7pm to raise money for the Lourdes Youth Programme.

Pay on the door - £2 per person.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had another busy week... this week we have been continuing our Jack and the Beanstalk theme. We have been talking about how to innovate a story. This is when we use the structure of a story we are really familiar with and change it a little. This week we have been using our story maps from last week to help us innovate the middle of the story. We have had some fantastic ideas as to what Jack could have found the top of the beanstalk. We have been re-telling our stories in the small world and writing about them in the writing area. Our assessments from half term, have shown that the children have found 'one less' a little tricky so in maths we have been reinforcing this, as well as introducing the concept of counting on- please see homework for more work on this. In the creative area we have been exploring water colour paints to create spring flowers and we have been using the investigation equipment to look for signs of Spring in our outdoor area. We continue to develop and strengthen our fine motor skills by threading beads onto mini beanstalks and creating beanstalks with play dough. In RE we have been learning and sharing about Good News. We discussed what good news is and how we can share it. We learnt about the good news of Jesus and sang a lovely song together. We hope you all have a super weekend!

YEAR ONE:

Our English lessons this week have focused on analysing the story 'The Secret of Black Rock.' We worked together to identify writers' knowledge within the text and have been able to record some of this to use in our own writing over the next week. In Maths, we have continued focusing on addition and subtraction word problems. We have been exploring the problems using cubes to create bar models and have been identifying key language to help us recognise if we are adding or subtracting. In RE, we learnt all about Holy Communion and then as a class we re-enacted the part of Mass where Catholics receive the bread and wine. On Tuesday, we started our new Geography topic: Continents and Oceans. We labelled the 7 continents of the World on a map and enjoyed singing along to the popular continents' song. In Science, we completed a senses investigation. We had to feel, smell and touch a range of different everyday things and then we explored what we can see and hear in our garden. It was so much fun! The highlight of our week was definitely the school disco. We loved dancing and playing games with our friends. Thank you to our PTA for putting on such an exciting event!

YEAR TWO:

What a busy and exciting week for Year 2! We started off the week continuing our learning about Pentecost and talked about the symbols of the Holy Spirit which the disciples witnessed. We then retold the story using our own finger puppets. In English, we have continued to look at the features of a persuasive letter and have created a plan ready to write our own letters. In Maths, we have finished our unit on shape, learning all about position and movement to end the topic. We continued to plan and design our

hand puppets in DT, making note of all the tools and equipment we would need. Finally, on Thursday, we took our learning outside for Science to find plants and animals living in their natural habitats. All in all, we have had a busy and exciting week with the school disco on Tuesday and finally a bit of sunshine to enjoy outside.

YEAR THREE:

During this busy week, Year 3 have started a new unit 'Pictograms and Bar Graphs' in maths; they have continued to explore the experiences of fictional character 'Emily Sands' as she travelled around ancient Egyptian tombs and monuments in English – with attention focused on technical and old fashioned language; have asked historical questions about Queen Boudica to further understand the impact of the Roman Invasion of Britain; and have experimented with colour mixing, using watercolours, in the art lesson. Each class also set up an 'observation over time' investigation, in the science lesson, in order to find out the important function of leaves for plant growth and health (photosynthesis). The children are looking forward to finding out if the plant with half the leaves removed will wilt and die on one side only – will they be in for a surprising result?

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 received the disappointing news on Monday morning that our first swimming lesson had been cancelled due to an issue with the water filter at Wavertree Swimming Baths. Therefore, we spent the first part of the morning practising times tables through a range of games and on Times Table Rock Stars in preparation for our National Multiplication Check. In the afternoon, we looked at what happened when slavery was abolished in Britain, then housed a debate about whether statues of slave owners should be removed.

During our ukulele lesson, we continued to learn 'Three Little Birds', the classes are now able to play and sing the verses and chorus – we are really impressed with the progress that has been made in a short time on this instrument!

On Thursday, we produced our still life drawings of fruit as part of our unit inspired by Paul Cezanne. Pupils were really focused on observing the fruit and capturing its likeness, then adding tone to show the contrast between dark and light. Well done, Year 4 on your fantastic still life artworks!

In maths, we have been converting between different units of measurement. First we looked at converting metres into cm, and on Friday we have looked at converting between km and m. We hope that everyone has a lovely, relaxing weekend and we keep our fingers crossed that swimming can go ahead on Monday without any further disruption!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 read the story of Pentecost and made a conscience alley for someone deciding whether or not to become a disciple. We also learnt about the conversion of Saul and rewrote a prayer for Christians' daily lives. In Science, we began our topic about living things. We recapped the life cycles of some animals and discussed previously learnt vocabulary and key words for this new topic. In Art, we looked at the rainforest artwork of Henri Rousseau and Ruth Daniels and compared their styles. In Geography we looked specifically at Brazil and made fact files about what it is like there. In Maths, we have been describing co-ordinates and translating and reflecting shapes in mirror lines. In English we have written character descriptions using action to convey characteristics and examined language features of an example survival narrative. We're really enjoying our 'Lost Book of Adventure' and looking forward to reading more next week!

YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have been working very hard in Maths and have been practising the addition and subtraction of negative numbers. We have applied these skills to help us to solve word problems involving such numbers and have found that these skills are relevant to many real life situations such as: temperature, floor levels and even goal difference! We have also continued to work on our Geometry skills and have been learning how to use a protractor to draw triangles with specific angles. In English, we have been writing a diary entry from the viewpoint of a child who has been affected by war. We have been using a range of emotive language, rhetorical questions, formal and informal language and some powerful vocabulary. On Friday, we designed a Mascot as part of Soccer Aid's first-ever Mascot Design Competition. Our Mascots had to represent the values that UNICEF UK upholds. The top 5 entries will be selected by Mrs Carr next Friday and will be sent off to Soccer Aid to be judged!

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