

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who attended our 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning Ever!' today. We are overwhelmed by your generous donations and support! Lots of wonderful cakes were donated and enjoyed by parents and grandparents during the morning, while having a coffee and a chat! Afterwards children were able to choose a cake and sit and chat to their friends. The total raised will be revealed in next week's newsletter. Thank you once again for your generosity.

There are now 3 million people in the UK living with cancer. One in two of us will get cancer. Macmillan makes sure no one faces cancer alone and also supports friends and family too.

Please remember in your prayers, friends and family who are battling cancer.

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SPB Open Afternoons

SPB will be holding another Open Afternoons for parent/carers of children starting Reception in September 2025 on **Tuesday 8th October @ 1.45pm**.

Please call the school office 0151 722 0464 to book a place. We ask visitors to arrive at 1.40pm – Headteacher presentation will begin at 1.45pm.

We look forward to welcoming you!

EYFS 25/26 Applications

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

Reception Class – Local Authority online applications are now open. Closing date for on-line applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025 – **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.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

Secondary School Admissions

Please be aware that the Year 6 to Year 7 annual admissions transfer application window remains open until 31st October 2024. Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the necessary information is posted and links to apply are located.

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Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 09.09.24 until 16.12.24	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir Club	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 17.09.24 until 22.10.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 10.09.24 until 17.12.24	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 11.09.24 until 18.12.24	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 12.09.24 until 19.12.24	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am

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Diary Dates

Ski Meeting for parents/carers – equipment/clothing – Monday 7th October @ 3.15pm

EYFS Reading Workshop for parents/carers – Monday 7th October @ 5pm

Open Afternoon (Parents of EYFS children starting September 2025) – Tuesday 8th October @ 1.45pm

Cross Country Race 3 @ Stanley Park – Tuesday 8th October

Pendle Ski Trip (Y5 skiers) – Wednesday 9th October

Pendle Ski Trip (Y5 skiers) – Thursday 10th October

Reception Meet the Teacher – Monday 14th October 3.20pm – 6pm

Cross Country Race 4 @ Clarke's Gardens – Monday 14th October

CTK First Holy Communion parent & child sessions – Tuesday 15th October @ 4.15pm & 6pm

Pendle Ski Trip (Y5 skiers) – Wednesday 16th October

Reception Meet the Teacher – Monday 17th October 3.20pm – 6pm

LDCSA Cross Country @ Wavertree – Tuesday 22nd October

INSET Day (School is closed to children) – Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

Children Return to School – Monday 4th November 2024

Mass @ SPB – Monday 4th November @ 9.15am

Y6 Girls Football Cup Match – Friday 8th November @ 12.15pm – 3.30pm

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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

Mental Health Support & YPAS Team

The Mental Health Support and YPAS parenting team invite parents/carers to join them virtually to share a hot drink and have a discussion on sleep. This discussion will include some information, advice and guidance on this important topic. For more information and to book please click following link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-coffee-morning-sleep-tickets-10336055911147?aff=erelexpmlt&gl=1*lepfrbj*_up*MQ...*_ga*OTIOMjQxOTAwMTcyNzg3MDk5Nw...*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*MTcyNzg3MDk5Nw4xLjAuMTcyNzg3MDk5Nw4wLjAuMA..

Please note this is a virtual event hosted via Zoom. Attendees will receive their link to their email on the morning of the event.

Other events and notices are included within the termly newsletter that can be accessed using the following link:

<https://liverpoolwsadirectory.co.uk/wsa-term-l-newsletter/>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have continued to explore The Gruffalo! We have been using storytelling actions, vocabulary and well-known phrases from the book to retell it. We have even practised using expression by changing our voices for the different characters and how they are feeling in different parts of the story! In our busy time areas, we have been adding features such as orange eyes and a poisonous wart to the paper plates we painted last week to make them look like the Gruffalo! We have worked on developing fine motor by completing Gruffalo themed jigsaws and we had to colour and match the Gruffalo characters to their initial sounds. In our focused activity, we played a game called 'pass the bag' in which we had to take an item from the bag, listen for the initial sound and place it in the correct sound pot. In maths, we have explored repeating patterns using shapes, colours, actions and instruments. In RE, children shared their all 'about me bags' which highlighted how we are all special and unique as we all have different likes, interests and talents! On Friday, we learned about the Macmillan charity and shared ways in which we can help others. We designed our own cupcakes and had a yummy cake to eat too. Thank you for all your donations. We hope you get some nice weather over the weekend to complete this week's autumn homework. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a busy week, this week. In English, we received a letter from Tin Dog who is another toy that has been lost in the attic. He was hoping that he could be rescued. We pretended that we were lost toys and thought about how we felt. We then wrote sentences using different emotive words. In Maths, we have continued exploring number bonds; we have created number stories using pictures and then transferred that information into writing number sentences and creating whole part diagrams. Our Science lesson this week focused on plants that we can eat. We looked at a variety of vegetables and talked about which part of the plant they belong to. We then created a vegetable plant in groups, using actual vegetables. It was so much fun! This week, we have also enjoyed exploring pitch during our music lesson, creating keys for our maps in Geography and learning all about the story of creation in RE. N.B Virtual classroom films for Phonics will be uploaded every couple of weeks to support children's learning. Please ensure you have logged in using the login details sent home so that your child can access the videos. Any problems speak to a member of the Year One team.

YEAR TWO:

What a busy week of learning we have had this week! In Maths, we have continued our topic on addition and subtraction, learning how to use the column method when adding 2-digit numbers. We even came up with a catchy song to help us remember to start adding from the 'ones' column first. In English, we have been learning about some grammar features including conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. This week our R.E focus was learning all about the sacrament of Baptism. We linked this to our learning on the Story of Noah, when God sent the floods to cleanse the world and wash away sin, which is similar to the water used in Baptism. In History, we created our own Titanic scenes, using the information from key sources. We talked about how historic sources are always completely accurate, so used a range to pull out the key facts and information about the sinking of the Titanic.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have continued to impress us this week with their hard work and enthusiasm in class. This week has seen the children plan their own 'Approaching Threat Narrative' in English. They have used lots of 'Writer's Knowledge' including similes, conjunctions and questions. We can't wait for next week when we get to read the narratives they will write using their plans! In maths, the children have worked hard on applying different methods when adding to 3 digit numbers. They have now moved onto more complicated calculations which require renaming. They will be consolidating this for homework (a broken down method has been provided). Music lessons have been lots of fun this half term and the children are becoming very confident when playing the glockenspiel! They can read the music, recognising which note to play and how long each note is. They even applied this knowledge this week when learning the Gloria in R.E. and attempting this on the Glockenspiel. To continue our learning about humans and other animals in science, we focused our attention this week on eating a balanced diet. The children learned about the different food groups and sang a song to help them to remember them. They then designed a balanced meal, being sure to include the right amount of food from each food group. On Friday, the children learnt about the life of St Francis of Assisi as today is his feast day. They joined in worship to give thanks for St Francis and have taken home a prayer to share with their families. Well done, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 have started their new English unit on newspaper report writing. After reading through the example text, we began gathering banks of language and facts that can be used in the coming weeks for our own newspaper reports about a huge sea animal being spotted locally.

In maths, we have continued to practise our addition skills. We used place value counters to explore what happens when we need to regroup, and employed a range of methods to demonstrate our understanding.

On Tuesday, we learned about electrical insulators and conductors. Pupils were then given a range of materials to test by placing them into a circuit to see if the electrical current could run through them.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 learned about the life of a man called Maximilian Kolbe, a Christian who dedicated his life to the services of others. We demonstrated our understanding of how he used his unique God-given qualities in an exceptional way by retelling his story and giving reasons for his actions. In English, we have begun our second writing outcome for 'When We Walked on the Moon'. We have been immersing ourselves in space, imagining that we were landing on the moon and collecting moon rocks. We have gathered ideas for different landing sites and begun using formal and technical language from our example text. In Maths, we have been subtracting within 1,000,000, using different methods such as exchanging place value counters, counting back on number lines and calculating using the column method. In History, we explored what Anglo-Saxon villages looked like and compared these with the established towns the Romans left behind. We drew and labelled diagrams and wrote 'Horrible History' style letters to the Roman Emperor. Our favourite, but possibly most challenging lesson was Art. After sketching more human forms, focusing on correction proportion, we began manipulating wire into small hand-sized people. This is the first step in our recreation of Antony Gormley's 'Iron Men'. Before we know it, we will have our very own miniature 'Another Place'. Next week, tinfoil and modroc!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 learned about the dangers that smoking have on our bodies including our brains and lungs. This sparked a great debate about the use of cigarettes and electronic cigarettes. Next week we will look at the effect alcohol has on our bodies. In maths, we revised how me multiply 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and brushed up on our times table knowledge building fluency and accuracy. We had a visit from an author 'Michael Thame' who read chapters from some of his books and followed on with activities which were all based around evacuation during WWII. In English, we began writing setting descriptions based on our book study 'Rose Blanche.' During our computing lessons, we used spreadsheets to calculate tricky maths problems which could quickly and accurately calculate large numbers based on an electronic store. In Art, we practised some of the Chiaroscuro techniques using chalk and black card getting us ready for our final pieces. In R.E. we looked at a letter from St. Paul and unpicked this of how we can live this message out in our everyday lives.

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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