

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Advent Begins – Sunday 1st December

Hope becomes peace.

Peace becomes joy.

Joy becomes love.

Love becomes Christ

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Aladdin Pantomime

Today, we kicked started our Christmas festivities with a pantomime! All children watched a spectacular performance of Aladdin delivered by Stage-ed. Did the children enjoy it? Oh yes they did! We would like to thank everyone for their contributions towards the cost of the pantomime.



Breakfast with Santa!



Monday 2nd December – EYFS
Wednesday 4th December – Year 1
Thursday 5th December – Year 2
Friday 6th December – Year 3

Breakfast with Santa events will begin at 8am.

Please escort your child to the 2nd set of double doors of the extension (following the main path to the left and around the side of the building).

Santa can't wait to meet the boys and girls!

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school to provide you with an opportunity to buy some exciting books! You will be able to visit the fair, with your children on the following days:

Monday 2nd December – EYFS and Year 1 parents and children

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 2 and Year 3 parents and children

Wednesday 4th December – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents and children.

The book fair will be held after school, in the school extension and will open once Year 2 have been dismissed. We ask that you patiently wait near the school office to ensure that Year 2 parents can collect their child safely. If you have children in different year groups then you only need to visit the book fair on one day.

When visiting the book fair, you can either pay for your order by cash or by card using a QR link to the Scholastic payment site. You will complete an order form and pay for your order on the day; however, books will be sent out at the end of the week, once the fair has finished. This ensures that everyone gets the opportunity to see every book on offer.

We cannot anticipate how many people will attend each evening: therefore, there may be a queuing system in place. If you cannot attend the fair then there will be an opportunity for children to bring money in to purchase books on Thursday morning, before the final orders have to be completed. If you wish to browse the books beforehand, you can see what will be available on the following website:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

Every book that is bought from the book fair, earns free books for our school to add to class libraries. We thank you in advance for your support.

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PTA

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Bingo events over the last few weeks.

Christmas Bingo Event – Both Christmas Bingo events have now **sold out**. Please remember to bring your ticket to the event to enter the free prize drawer!

We have a waiting list for KS1 and KS2 bingo events. If you have bought tickets and you can't attend, please return your tickets to the school office for a refund.

Tickets for the prize drawer are allocated to the person who bought the ticket. If you receive a ticket from a friend please be aware that their name will still be on our records for the prize drawer.

Due to the size of extension/dining room and health and safety regulations, admission can only be given to those who have a ticket. If you have misplaced your ticket, don't worry, staff have a list of names for admission purposes.

Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the night if attending without a ticket.

Santa DashSanta Dash - Friday 6th December 2024

On Friday 6th December (**weather permitting**) we will hold our Annual Santa Dash.

Parents are welcome to watch from the grass on the right-hand side inside the main path gate. This means that the children do not have to run through the parents. Parents can also watch from the footpath outside school. This provides excellent views of the whole playground. Please ensure that you still leave room for people to be able to pass you without having to step on the road.

We hope that the weather will allow us to have our Santa Dash as planned. If the weather is bad, we will unfortunately have to postpone the event until Friday 15th December. It would be a miserable time for the children to run around the course in the pouring rain! We are aware that many parents may have arranged time off work to watch their children, so if there is only light rain we will proceed as planned. In the event that we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send out a text early on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Time	Year Group
9.15 am	EYFS
9.25am	Year 1
9.35am	Year 2
9.45am	Year 3
9.55am	Year 4
10.05am	Year 5
10.15am	Year 6

Christmas Event Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Monday 2 nd December	Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am – 8.45am
Monday 2 nd December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Mrs Mutch's class	2pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly's class	9am
Wednesday 4 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am-8.45am
Thursday 5 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am-8.45am
Friday 6 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am-8.45am
Friday 6 th December	SPB Santa Dash	Whole School	AM
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9am
Wednesday 11 th December	KSI Bingo Event	Reception, Y1 & Y2	5pm-7pm
Thursday 12 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9am
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School	Lunchtime
Monday 16 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Wilson's class	2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss William's/Miss Devereux's class	9am
Tuesday 17 th December	Choir Performance	Parents/carers of choir members	4pm
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Bingo Event	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	5pm-7pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon	Whole School	1pm-3pm

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.

For the **choir performance a maximum of 2 guests** per child is allowed. Thank you.

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Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 2nd December @ 9.15am

Final Y6 Swimming Lesson – Monday 2nd December

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 2nd December 3pm

Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 3rd December 3pm

Scholastic Book Fair – Wednesday 4th December 3pm

Christ the King Church Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 7th December 1pm-4pm

Y5/Y6 Water Polo Competition – Thursday 10th December 1pm-3pm

School closes for Christmas break – Friday 20th December @ 1.30pm

Children return to school – Monday 6th January

Y5 Swimming Lessons Begin – Monday 6th January

Winter Holiday Activities and Food Information

Please click the link below to read information from Liverpool City Council re this year's winter HAF scheme. Bookings were live from Tuesday 26th November 2024. Thank you.

[Liverpool City Council – Winter HAF Information](#)

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 05.11.24 until 17.12.24	Y1 & Y2	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
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 08.11.24 until 13.12.24	EYFS	3pm-4pm

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General/Important Information

School Health – Liverpool Immunisation Team

Has your child missed their flu vaccination? It's not too late – contact the team on 0151 295 3833 to book an appointment.

Clinic dates:

4th December – Garston SLTC, LI9 2LW

7th December – Garston SLTC, LI9 2LW

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.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a super busy week in school! We have started our new topic of Superhero's; our learning has been based around our new story 'Supertato.' We have read this story together numerous times over the week and have discussed the problems, the repeated phrases and what we like / dislike about the characters. We have practiced retelling the story in our reading area. We have enjoyed exploring our areas during busy time... in the creative area we have been making our own masks using collage, we have also designed our own capes! In the funky fingers area, we have practiced putting beads on to the superhero's using tweezers, we have also practiced our play dough skills using superhero playdough mats. In Maths this week we have begun to learn about 2D shapes. In the maths area we have explored circles, squares, rectangles and triangles in various ways including magnetic shapes. In the writing area this week we have continued practicing labelling, this time independently, labelling the superhero. We have also dressed up as superhero's, read some fantastic superhero stories, made our own capes using materials outside and created our own narratives using characters in the small world.

In RE this week we have listened to the Nativity story and sequenced it using pictures in our RE books. We also enjoyed a special treat on Friday, we had visit from Stage-Ed who performed Aladdin for us! The children were brilliantly behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the show!

We hope you have a safe and relaxing weekend.

YEAR ONE:

Another week has flown by in Year One and we are very much beginning to get into the festive spirit! In Maths, we have been revising all of the things that we have learnt so far in Year One before we move on to explore bigger numbers next week. In History, we learnt about how The Great Fire of London was key in the creation of the fire service. We compared how people tackled fires in 1666 and how effective our fire service is now. During our RE lesson, we learnt about the birth of Jesus and how the shepherds were the first people to visit the new baby. We created a storyboard of this event! Alongside our learning, we have been perfecting our Advent Assembly - we cannot wait to show you all next week.

Friday was the highlight of our week when we got to watch the pantomime Aladdin. We enjoyed singing, dancing and cheering along. What a treat!

YEAR TWO:

We've had another busy week in year 2. In Maths, we have started learning all about division and different ways to separate whole amounts into groups. In English, we have completed our descriptive narratives and used adverbs and suffixes to enhance our writing. In science, we have learned all about the life cycle of different animals and the life cycle of humans! To further our understanding, we each created a timeline using baby pictures of ourselves and drew what we think we will look like when we grow up. In geography we have been learning all about different counties and where they are located, including our very own! To end our week, we had an absolute blast watching the Aladdin pantomime at school—it was full of laughter, magic, and unforgettable moments!

YEAR THREE:

Throughout the week, Year 3 have worked extremely hard completing assessments in Reading and Maths. They should all feel very proud of themselves! In English, the children analysed the 'Example Text' where they carefully examined the language and layout features. In the following lesson, both classes were tasked with developing expanded noun phrases to describe the fox depicted in the 'Vehicle Text'. Finally, the pupils composed a character description of the fox using: conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. During this week's R.E. lesson, we read scripture taken from Matthew which explained how Joseph listened to the angel and opened his heart to the Holy Spirit. The children then studied Jesus' family tree and presented their own family tree in front of the class. In computing, the pupils began using Microsoft Publisher as part of their 'Desktop Publishing' unit. They learned to edit text, which will form part of the end of unit assessment. The highlight of the week occurred on Friday afternoon when Year 3 were treated to a delightful performance of 'Aladdin'! Well done on an excellent week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been an extremely busy week in Year 4!

In English, the children have worked hard to complete their outsider narratives. We have been extremely impressed with the variety of 'Writer's Knowledge' the children included in their work.

In Science, we investigated whether all types of chocolate melt at the same temperature.

Despite our investigation not going to plan, we were still able to conclude that the percentage of cocoa solids in the chocolate does affect the melting point.

On Thursday, Year 4 had so much fun taking part in a mini sports hall athletics competition, organised by LSSP. All of the children showed huge determination and excellent sportsmanship.

In preparation for Advent, we participated in CAFOD's primary Advent assembly and reflected on how we can put love into action and pray for peace this Advent. The children then wrote an Advent promise, which will be used to decorate our Christmas tree in the school hall.

Finally, on Friday, Year 4 were extremely excited to be part of the wedding of Aladdin and Princess Jasmine in the 'Aladdin' pantomime. What a wonderful way to end the week!

YEAR FIVE:

Inspired by Miss Nolan from last week's RE lesson, Year 5 have thought about what their missions in life are and what they might do to achieve them. We also considered why we would do these things and how we might live up to the standard set out in scripture. In English, we finished writing our setting narratives and were really pleased with the quality of our writing and how well we used the immerse, analyse and plan stages of the writing process to improve the standard of our work. In Maths, now that we have completed our chapters on the four operations, we have begun working on multi-step word problems. We have been using a 4-part process of understanding, plan, calculate and check to help us get to the answer. In D&T, we finished planning our breakfast burritos and we can't wait to make them next week! In Geography, we revisited prior learning of the continents and oceans, countries and their capitals and UK counties. Our favourite lesson this week was Science. We made predictions about how quickly coins would drop in different liquids and enjoyed seeing them sink. We also became marine engineers, moulding Blu-Tac into shapes and dropping them into a container of water. The winner was the person whose Blu-Tac took the longest to reach the bottom because they created them most water resistance!

YEAR SIX:

This week, Year 6 have been learning how to multiply fractions (which has been our favourite objective with fractions so far!). Next week we will be moving on to dividing fractions by a whole number. In English, we took part in a role play activity to help us to plan a dialogue paragraph between Captain Fitzroy and Darwin. We looked at various emotions, actions and formal language that we could include within our paragraphs to convey the characters clearly. As part of our D and T lessons, we were able to complete the creation part of the process by making our healthy vegetarian burgers (using seasonal vegetables that are high in protein). Our burgers looked delicious and we all gave them a 'taste test' in order to be able to evaluate what we liked/would change about them if we were to make them again. We enjoyed watching Aladdin on Friday-it was a lovely end to a very busy week!

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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