

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



SPB Santa Dash 2024

Our annual Santa Dash was a huge success today, thank you all so much for sponsoring your children and for your generous donations.

Photos of the Santa Dash will be uploaded to the year group Twitter pages and Tapestry.

We will reveal the total amount raised next week.

Every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you again for your support.

*May you be blessed by the Lord
with the same warmth and joy you have given.*

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Cross Country Gold medal for Jasmine!

Following her performance in the Liverpool Primary Schools Cross Country League, Jasmine was selected to represent the city of Liverpool at the British Athletics Cross Challenge in Sefton Park on 23rd November.

The Cross Challenge is a National event, during which, a Merseyside County Cross Country Challenge for Primary Schools was held, competed for by District teams. Both Liverpool Boys' and Girls' teams won the Merseyside Cross Challenge team races, and the children are now County Gold medallists! Well done!



Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came along and bought books at our Book Fair. Every single book bought provides money for our school to buy new books for each year group. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope all the children enjoy reading their new books!

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you will go!*

Dr Seuss

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.

Diary Dates

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

Christmas Event Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Time
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.

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

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

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Liverpool Parenting Team Newsletter – Special December Edition

Please click the link below to read Liverpool Parenting Team's latest newsletter.

In this special December edition, you will find information on:

- Festivals
- Promoting Gratitude with children
- Activities and events in the community
- Winter HAF programme
- Family Hubs and Family Panels
- Spotlight on Healthy Me at Fountains Family Hub
- Ante Natal and Parent Programmes
- Kinship Carers
- Tips for co-parenting over the festive season and reducing conflict
- Support services for children with SEND needs
- Food and cost of living help
- Top tips for keeping calm at Christmas
- Mental health support for adults, children and young people
- Activities to support ending violence against women and girls
- The Liverpool Nurturing Community
- Childcare and health support
- Domestic Abuse Support

[Liverpool Parenting Team's Newsletter – December Special Edition](#)

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](#)

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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:

We've had a very festive week in Reception starting with 'Breakfast with Santa' on Monday. We enjoyed eating, singing and dancing with Father Christmas and afterwards, we watched Year One perform their Advent Assembly. When we come into class, the tree was decorated and all the lights were sparkling! We also found an elf named Bud who will be spending the next few weeks with us and reporting all our hard work and kindness to Father Christmas! We have made Christmas cards and we did our final run through of our Christmas Performance before we showcase it to staff and children and then to our families next week! We can't wait for you all to see it! On Friday, it was our first Santa Dash. We had lots of fun dashing around the school playground to raise money. We then enjoyed some Christmassy activities whilst listening to some Christmas songs. In RE, we listened to the next part of the Christmas story when shepherds travelled to visit Jesus. We wrote a prayer to wish Jesus a Happy Birthday and decorated it with signs and symbols. Speaking of visitors, we were also lucky to have a visit from Merseyside Police. We prepared questions to ask about their jobs and then had fun sitting in a real police car and turning the sirens on! We also enjoyed a performance by Rocksteady, a rock band who taught us about different instruments and then we joined in with some singing and dancing! Have a fun and festive weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

It has been a very busy week in Year 1. We were so proud of how amazing our Advent Assembly was at the start of the week. The Year 1 children started off our Advent season beautifully. In English, we have been exploring instructions, and learning how to use imperative verbs. In Maths, we have been recognising and making numbers to 20. In RE, we learnt about the how we sing The Gloria during Mass as a way to celebrate, just as the Angels did when they told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. In History, we learnt about Samuel Pepys and how he wrote about important historical events in his secret diary during the 1660s.

YEAR TWO:

We have been busy in Year 2 this week! To start off our week, we got to watch Year 1's Advent Assembly where we listened to the key messages on the real meaning of Christmas. We then continued to learn all about Advent in R.E where we found out how people all around the world use celebrations like Los Pasados. In Geography, we were learning all about the physical and human features. We were able to identify some examples from Merseyside. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Rocksteady where we were introduced to a range of instruments which can be used in a band. We enjoyed singing along to some of our favourite songs performed by the talented Jacob. In between lessons, we have continued to rehearse for our nativity performance. We have started to add actions and look forward to inviting you all in to watch us on the 16th and 17th. On Thursday, we got to enjoy breakfast with Santa. We sang songs, laughed with our friends and got to meet Santa himself! Finally, we finished the week with our annual sponsored Santa Dash. The children looked fantastic as they wore their special outfits for the run.

YEAR THREE:

It has been a very busy and creative week for us all in Year 3! Continuing with our work looking at the story of the birth of Jesus, we have been looking at the symbolism of angels in art throughout history. The children used these images as inspiration when making their own angels out of clay. They had to cut out different shaped templates and layer their pieces on top of each other to create the angel shape. Once they are dry we will begin to paint them. We have come to the end of our unit of work in DT and it was finally time to make our healthy wrap ideas. They all enjoyed gathering their ingredients, putting them together in their wrap and, of course, eating their finished product! On Wednesday we had the most exciting visit from Rock Steady who performed a rock concert for us! The children were delighted and really enjoyed singing along. There was even a surprise performance from Mr Sunter on the bass guitar! On Friday, the children had a fabulous time having breakfast with Santa! They were all on their best behaviour and we're sure they will be making the nice list! There was more Christmas fun afterwards in the form of the Santa Dash. Everyone's outfits and Christmas jumpers looked fantastic on the course. Well done for a super week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 has had a busy and engaging week of learning! In English, we've started our new unit focused on creating an information report about polar bears. The children have been researching fascinating facts about these incredible animals and using banks of technical vocabulary to craft precise and informative sentences.

In Maths, we've been honing our skills in two-digit by one-digit multiplication. By using partitioning strategies, the children have found ways to break down calculations and solve them with greater confidence and ease.

On Monday, we explored a fascinating piece of history by learning about the impact of the plague on the village of Eyam in the Peak District. After delving into the story, the children took part in a hot-seating activity as key individuals from the village. They then worked in groups to create compelling news reports, sharing how Eyam bravely quarantined itself to stop the plague from spreading.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 learnt about what happens during the sacrament of Marriage, including the promises that are made and the blessing of the rings. We created information booklets describing and giving reasons for the actions and symbols used. In Maths, we finished off our word problems chapter and focused on some arithmetic questions to see how much progress we have made in our Basic Skills since September. In English, we gathered ideas and practised writing sentences which we could use in our letters for our Writing Outcome 2. We are writing from the perspective of the father to his son. In Science, we planned and prepared our next investigation all about air resistance. We are going to be exploring how or if the weight of an object affects the rate at which it falls to the ground. In Geography, we concluded topic by reviewing our learning about the lines of latitude and longitude and the world's climate zones. Our favourite lessons this week were D&T, in particular, making the breakfast burritos! They looked and smelt delicious. Some were full to bursting - we hope they didn't fall apart when you ate them!

YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have been learning how to divide fractions by a whole number using a very interesting method-ask your children to explain this to you at home! In English, we have written the opening paragraph to our discovery narrative, within which we have described the turbulent voyage experienced by our characters when travelling to their destination. In History, we have continued with our 'Events that Shaped Liverpool' topic and have discussed the discrimination and bias experienced by the black community during the Toxteth Riots. In science, we investigated how light travels in straight lines. Our investigation involved a torch, cellophane and a hose pipe! We really enjoyed taking part in our final Santa Dash on Friday - it seems like yesterday that we completed our first ever Dash as tiny Reception children!

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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