

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Advent - Joy

On Sunday we will celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

During Sundays in Advent, candles are lit on a wreath to symbolize our journey through Advent. The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us and prepares the way for the Light of the World, Jesus.

Traditionally, the four candles represent hope, faith, joy and peace. This week the pink candle will be lit to represent joy.

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth" Luke 1:14

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Water Polo Competition

A huge well done to our Y6 Water Polo team who came first place in a competition at Wavertree Aquatics Centre on Tuesday! Gold medal winners!



EYFS & Year 1 Advent Assemblies

EYFS and Y1 have performed their Advent assemblies to their families during the last few weeks. The children performed beautifully with fantastic acting, reading, singing and dancing. What superstars! Well done Year EYFS and Year 1!

We are looking forward to Year 2's Nativity performances next week.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday the children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. A big thank you to Chef, the kitchen team and all staff who helped make it possible!

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Kitted Out school wear – Christmas Opening Hours

Kitted Out will be closing on Friday 13th December at 5pm and we will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 9am.

The website will be active throughout this time and all orders will be processed on the 2nd January giving plenty of time before schools start back for the new term.

Kitted Out would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to providing your school's uniform throughout 2025.

Diary Dates

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

Children return to school – Monday 6th January

Y5 Swimming Lessons Begin – Monday 6th January



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
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.

EYFS 22/23 Applications

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

Reception Class – Closing date for on-line applications is **Monday 15th January 2024** – **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.

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 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:

This week we have had a super busy week! There have been a lot of Christmas activities and we have had lots of Christmas fun! We have started our new story 'Stickman' and have completed some busy time activities around this. We have reinforced number recognition and ordering in the maths area with a cut and stick activity. During carpet time we have been learning about positional language and using it to describe where objects are in relation to other objects. In the writing area we have been practising writing CVC words using 'Fred Fingers' to write the characters names from the story. In the playdough area we have made our own stickman! In the creative area we have been colouring and cutting Christmas decorations to hang in the classroom. And in the funky fingers area we have cut out different sized stick men and stuck them in size order.

We have performed both of our Christmas performances this week, twice for the school and twice for parents, we are so proud of all the children and how well they performed as we're sure you are too! They're all super stars!

We hope you have a lovely weekend, we are looking forward to our last week in school next week before the Christmas holidays!

YEAR ONE:

This week, in English, we have started planning and writing our set of instructions for 'How to Catch a Witch.' We have been learning how to use bullet points and write subheadings. In Maths, we have been learning how to read and write numbers 10-20 in digits and words and in History we finished our Great Fire of London topic by exploring the changes that have been made as a result of this event. On Wednesday, we finished our DT project which was making Christmas cards with a lever. We can't wait for you to see them! During our PSHE lessons, we have explored the importance of having school rules to keep everyone safe and then we also learnt all about staying safe when outside. We talked about what to do if we ever got lost and then we learnt how to identify safe strangers, who could help us and also strangers who we wouldn't always trust. We had lots of good discussions about this. Finally, we enjoyed Christmas dinner this week with our friends and we are very excited for the fun Christmas activities planned for next week.

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have enjoyed another busy festive week as we draw closer to Christmas. The main theme of the week has been Nativity rehearsals! The children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines and remembering all the songs. We look forward to welcoming you all next week for our final performances on Monday afternoon (2pm) for Miss Wilson's class and Tuesday morning (9am) for Miss Williams/Miss Devereux's class. In R.E, we learned all about the annunciation. We thought about how Mary must have felt when the angel shared the special news and created a comic strip to show what happened. In Geography we learned all about the points of a compass and used these to find objects on a map. In Science, we learned all about the importance of maintaining good dental hygiene. We looked at the sugar content in breakfast cereals and then investigated on the impact of exercise. On Thursday, we enjoyed a very festive Christmas dinner. What a busy week! We look forward to enjoying all the festivities for our final week of Autumn term next week.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have had a very exciting week! We have been lucky enough to watch two brilliant Christmas performances- one from Early Years and one from Year 2. Well done to all of the children involved! On Thursday it was 'Christmas Dinner Day' and the children said they loved listening to popular Christmas songs, whilst eating some yummy food! Along with all of the festivities, the children began the 'Write' phase of the English unit, continued to develop their understanding of 'Multiplying by 2-digit numbers' and painted their clay angel sculptures- linked to 'The Visitation' section of our RE unit. Well done on an excellent week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been another busy week in Year 4: full of learning and festive cheer.

In English, the children have been planning and writing information reports based on polar bears. Over the last two weeks, the children have acquired so much knowledge about these magnificent creatures, and it was wonderful to see them confidently showcase this in their independent writing.

In Maths, the children have been exploring different methods to multiply two and three-digit numbers by one digit. Many of the children now realise the benefit of being able to recall times table facts rapidly, and we hope they continue to work on their recall speed at home.

In Science, we compared ice and other frozen liquids. We then observed how different solids melt. The children were surprised that cooking oil was still a liquid as many freezers are not cold enough to freeze oil.

We thoroughly enjoyed our delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday, and it was wonderful to see the lots of beaming smiles whilst the children were singing along to some of their favourite Christmas songs.

We really can't believe how quickly this term has gone, but we are all looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned for our final week!

YEAR FIVE:

In RE this week, Year 5 have learnt about the Advent Wreath in more detail. We discovered that there is deeper symbolism to and other names for the candles. We also found out how Jesus belonged to the family of King David and showed an understanding of Mary's belief in God, based on the stories of the Annunciation and the Visitation. In Maths, we began our chapter on Roman Numerals – ask us to tell you what they are! We can go up to and beyond 1000! In English we have planned and started writing our letters from the perspective of the father to the son after his failed attempt at conquering the skies like a bird. We have included lots of writer's knowledge, including dashes, brackets and commas for parenthesis, modal verbs and verb prefixes. In Science, we completed our investigation on the effect weight/mass has on the rate at which objects fall and we were really surprised by the results. We also learnt about levers, gears and pulleys and tried to balance differently weighted coins on rulers using our knowledge of distance from pivots. Another lesson we enjoyed was Computing. We have been learning about systems and how they work. In particular, we looked at the systems on a bike, washing machine, talking teddy, pedestrian crossing and a catalogue store. It gave us a better understanding of how information is shared in the real world. We're looking forward to continuing next week!

YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have written their full discovery narrative and we were so impressed with the range of figurative language, dialogue, descriptive vocabulary and punctuation used! In Maths, we have continued to revise methods for dividing fractions by a whole number and we are now feeling very confident with this. We are now able to use all four operations with fractions and will continue to revisit this throughout the year. In History, we enjoyed learning about the Merseyside Dockers Dispute and the impact that this had on our city. We discussed how, once again, Liverpool united as a city against injustice and unfair treatment. In Science, we enjoyed using cereal boxes and mirrors to create our own periscopes. We talked about the importance of angles when creating our periscope.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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