

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Y2 Nativity Performances

On Monday and Tuesday, families of our year 2 children enjoyed their Advent Assembly. The children performed with such confidence, speaking clearly and singing beautifully. The assembly told the story of Jesus's birthday and reminded us that Advent is a time when we are getting ready to celebrate it.

*Dear God,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus.
Help us to share the gifts of love, joy and peace.
Look after everyone during the Christmas season.
Amen*

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All staff would like to say thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. We wish all of our SPB families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*God of light and hope,
Look upon us in love and fill us with the spirit of Jesus,
Protect us as we await the coming of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.*

Amen

PTA Santa Dash and Christmas Family Bingo

Thank you once again to all our SPB families for your generous Santa Dash donations and a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets to our Christmas Family Bingo nights and raffles.

All money raised will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Please visit our SPB Twitter page, individual year group Twitter pages and Tapestry (EYFS) to see photos and videos of our Christmas activities!

PE Days for Spring Term – w/b Monday 6th January 2025

PE Days after Christmas break are as follows:

Monday – EYFS, Y5 & Y6 swimming lessons

Tuesday – Y2 & Y6

Wednesday – Y1, Y3 & Y4

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days. Thank you.

EYFS 25/26 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 06.01.25 until 31.03.25	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir Club	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From until	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.01.25 until 01.04.25	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.25 until 02.04.25	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 09.01.25 until 03.03.25	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.01.25 until 28.03.25*	EYFS	3pm-4pm

*No session for EYFS football on 04.04.25

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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

General/Important Information

Liverpool ASD Training Team Event Information

Date: 13th and 14th January 2025

Time: 9.30am till 12 noon

Venue: Virtual – zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour (**Both session dates need to be attended**).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If your child has received an ASD diagnosis, can you please let us know as this is a pre diagnosis workshop.

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

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ASD Training Team

Autistic Spectrum Disorder Course

Date: 15th, 16th and 17th January 2025

Time: 9.30am till 12 noon

Venue: Virtual - Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Your child must have an ASD diagnosis) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below and we will forward a zoom invite via your email address. You can use a computer, tablet, or phone to access zoom.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

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We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

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Virtual Group Drop-in Advisory Sessions

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a group setting and who have questions or concerns about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Dates and Times 1pm – 2.30pm

14th January 2025

15th January 2025

23rd January 2025

24th January 2025

27th January 2025

28th January 2025

To book your place please email asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk with a choice of your date and you will be emailed a zoom link.

For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and Workshops

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Face to Face or Virtual Q&A Sessions

ASD Training team are offering schools and parents an ASD question & answer session. They can be arranged in your school or on a virtual zoom session. The sessions are an opportunity for parent/carers to talk in a school group setting and ask any questions they may have or discuss concerns about their child.

The sessions are targeted at parents/carers who have concerns with Social Communication & Social Interaction, if your child is awaiting an ASD assessment or has an ASD diagnosis.

Times: Afternoon sessions 2pm – 3.30pm (end of school day)

Date available: February 2025

Monday 10th, 24th

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 25th

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 26th

Thursday 6th, 13th, 27th

Friday 7th, 14th, 28th,

Schools must book these sessions.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

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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 have had a very festive week in Reception! We have completed lots of Christmas themed activities in busy time such as cutting out decorations and gluing them to a Christmas tree template, using tweezers to add pom poms to Christmas trees as well as Christmas counting and colouring. In our creative area, we have used watercolours to paint Bethlehem scenes, they look beautiful. We have used the crib and characters to retell the Nativity story and we have been writing Christmas cards for our family and friends. We have also written letters to Santa himself and if he's not too busy, we are hoping that he may reply! On Thursday, we enjoyed our Christmas party. We had lots of fun singing, dancing, playing games and eat snacks! Finally, on Friday, our elf Bud had left us a goodbye message which we used a magnifying glass to read as his elf writing was so tiny! He said he will be flying back to Santa to tell him we are all on the good list! We would like to wish all our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your break and we will see you in January. Thank you for your continued support and for all your lovely words, cards and gifts. Love and wishes from the Reception team.

YEAR ONE:

What an enjoyable last week of Autumn term we have had. In Maths, we finished our numbers to 20 unit by learning how to find numbers more or less than another number. In English, we completed our instructions for how to catch a witch, using time adverbials and imperative verbs. Impressive work! To finish our RE topic, we made Christingles and explored what each part meant. I wonder if we could tell you at home! On Thursday, we had so much fun at our Christmas Party – we sang, danced, played games and enjoyed some food altogether. We also got the chance to see The Champion's League trophy – what a nice surprise. To end the week, we had a whole morning of play with our friends. It was lovely to see so much sharing and laughter around the room!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind cards and gifts, we are so very grateful! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in 2025!

YEAR TWO:

A fantastic final week of term for Year 2 which started off with our Nativity performances for our parents on Monday and Tuesday. We have enjoyed researching, designing and making our Elf Mobiles for Design and Technology. We learned all about how axles and wheels work in toy cars and used our own for our designs. In Art, we finalised our Van Gogh pieces by adding our Liverpool silhouettes onto each skyline and we finished the week creating some festive Christmas cards. On Thursday, we enjoyed our Christmas party day playing Bingo and having a dance party. We hope you all have a Happy Christmas and New Year!

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have had a very busy last week of the Autumn Term. They have been putting to the test all of the computing skills they have been taught in their desktop publishing unit by designing their own poster for 'Breakfast with Santa'. They have been inserting picture placeholders, changing the border style and colour, inserting page parts and selecting appropriate images to make their poster eye-catching as well as including all the important details. In English they finished writing their Fable Narratives showing that the character of Magpie had learnt the lesson not to go with a stranger. We had a very exciting day on Thursday for party day! The children made party hats in preparation for the afternoon's festivities. They played a fun game of Christmas picture bingo, worked in teams to name the Christmas movies using emoji picture clues before some singing and dancing. It has been an incredible Autumn Term for Year 3. We are so proud of the start they have made and how hard they have worked. We wish you all a well-earned rest and look forward to seeing everyone on our return to school in January. Merry Christmas from the Year 3 Team!

YEAR FOUR:

This week in Year 4, we've been busy showcasing our creativity and sharpening our skills across all subjects. In English, we completed our information reports on polar bears, writing detailed paragraphs about their diets, habitats, and appearance. The children impressed us with their use of technical vocabulary and fascinating facts and figures.

In Art, we explored David Hockney's *Bigger Splash*. The children practised drawing this iconic artwork and learned how to create tints and shades using oil pastels. These skills will be applied to add colour to the pencil drawings they created this week.

In Maths, we tackled the short method of division, starting with 2-digit numbers and progressing to 3-digit calculations. The children have worked hard on questions requiring renaming hundreds as tens and tens as ones, building confidence and accuracy.

Thursday was a particularly exciting day as we celebrated our school party! The highlight was a visit from a very special guest: The Champions League trophy! The children were thrilled to have their photos taken with it. Later in the afternoon, we played dancing games and enjoyed some well-deserved treats, rounding off a fantastic week in Year 4.

YEAR FIVE:

In RE this week, Year 5 have studied W H Hunt's artwork of Jesus knocking at the door. We considered the symbolism of its composition from the brambles and bats to the handle on the inside. We recreated it ourselves and considered the hope Christians have during Advent. In English lessons, we completed our letters from the perspective of the father to the son. We have been really impressed with everyone's understanding of the purpose of each sentence within each paragraph and how to convey meaning effectively and build cohesion within a piece of writing. In Maths, we concluded our Roman Numerals topic, including learning how to read dates in the credits of television programmes. In Science, we learnt about levers, gears and pulleys. We tried to balance coins of different weight on a ruler about a pivot and reviewed our learning from our Forces topic. In Computing, we learnt about effective communication and how computer systems need an agreed way of doing something.

We worked in groups with people on the opposite side of the room to create shared banks of information. Together we produced guides for looking after a zoo animal. One of the highlights this week was definitely the Christmas activities and the party. We hope all our Year 5 children and their families have a lovely Christmas break and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

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YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have been using various methods to help convert fractions into decimals. We used our place value knowledge, as well as division, to help us to convert a range of fractions into decimals- including those which are recurring. In English, we have been consolidating our SPaG knowledge and looked at sentences which are written in the present or past progressive tense. We talked about when it might be useful or effective to use such sentences types in our writing. In History, we have been learning about The Beatles and how they shaped our city in many ways, including attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists to Liverpool each year. We located some famous sites using Google maps (John Lennon and Paul McCartney's home, Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields) and researched various aspects of their life including how they were formed, where they performed and the lyrics to many of their songs- including Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields!

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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@SPB_EYFS
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