

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Catholic Jubilee Year 2025 – Jubilee Launch Day

Today, catholic schools across England and Wales joined together to celebrate Jubilee Launch Day for schools celebrating

Children embarked on a journey as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The theme 'Hope' comes from knowing we are loved by God, the hope we can bring to those in most need and the hope we can bring to our common home, the Earth.

At SPB, children listened to a message from Pope Francis inviting us to all be signs of hope and took part in activities including making a jar of hope filled with our hopes for the world!

"May the light of Christian hope illumine every man, woman and child, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

Pope Francis

24.01.25

Ski Trip 2025



Our skiers are having an amazing time on the slopes. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

A huge thank you to all staff involved for making the trip possible.

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Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 27th January @ 9.15am

U11 Girls Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 28th January 3-5pm

PGL Meeting for parents/carers – Thursday 30th January @ 4pm

Y6 Girls Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 31st January 12.15pm – 3.30pm

U10 Boys Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 4th February 3-5pm

Online Safety meeting for parents/carers via Zoom – Thursday 6th February @ 2pm

U11 Boys Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 11th February 3-5pm

School closes for half term break – Friday 14th February

Half term – Monday 16th February – Friday 21st February

Children return to school – Monday 24th February

Cross Country @ Sefton Park – Monday 24th February @ 4pm

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Thursday 6th March @ 4pm

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter eggs (for Easter Bingo events) – Friday 7th March

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th March @ 9.15am

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter eggs (for Easter Bingo events) – Friday 14th March

PTA Easter Bingo Event EYFS/KS1 – Wednesday 26th March 5-7pm

PTA Easter Bingo Event KS2 – Thursday 3rd April 5-7pm

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
Monday	Computer Club from 13.01.25*	Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25*	Y5/Y6	7.45am-8.30am
Tuesday	Dot Art Club From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25*	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
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

*No session for Dot Art on 21.01.25

Computer Club dates 2025– 13th and 27th January
 10th and 24th February
 10th and 24th March
 19th May
 2nd, 16th and 30th June
 14th July

General/Important Information

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

It's been another busy week in Reception! We have continued with Lost and Found and we have been retelling the story in our own words using actions and storytelling language. In Literacy, we have been composing and writing factual sentences about penguins. We produced some excellent writing, hearing lots of sounds in the words we wrote and even remembered capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! In Numeracy, we have been subitising amounts on ten frames. We discussed how the amounts can look different but can be the same. We have been matching ten frames that have the same amounts. Homework this week reinforces this. We have also been introduced to number bonds. Can your child share with you any number bonds to five? In RE, we have talked about times that we have shared and how sharing makes us feel. We said a prayer to God thanking Him for all the wonderful things he shares with us and listened to the story of when a little boy shared his loaves and fish and how Jesus performed a miracle and was able to feed a crowd of 5,000. In our busy time areas, we have been identifying and labelling the North and South Poles and the equator. We have talked about difference in the temperatures and used maps to identify where hot and cold places are. We made and used black, white and orange play dough to make penguins and we have completed observational drawings of penguins too. The children have really enjoyed learning about penguins. What facts can they share with you? We are looking forward to next week as we will be learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year! Have a great weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

This week we have been writing our own version of Hermelin and have been trying so hard to include capital letters, full stops and use 'and' to join sentences together. In Maths, we have completed our addition and subtraction unit by exploring how to create number fact families. We were recognising patterns within the number sentences to help us solve these problems. In RE, we learnt all about Candlemas and how and why it is celebrated in the Church. We decorated our own candles to help us remember that Jesus is the light of the world. On Tuesday, we started our new Art topic, exploring the work of Dennis Wotkiewicz. We talked about which of his paintings we liked and which we disliked and started to identify techniques that he used that we will be able to use in our work. In Geography, we explored the flags of the United Kingdom and then coloured them using the correct colours. Finally, on Friday, we celebrated the launch of the Jubilee Year for the Church. We explored the meaning of the word 'hope' and heard all about Pope Francis' wish for us to have deep faith, lively hope and active charity.

YEAR TWO:

What a brilliant week we have had in year 2. In maths, we have been continued learn how to measure things using meters and centimetres and how to compare object by size. In English, we have been writing our very own Finding Narrative based on the class text Bog Baby. First we gathered our ideas together, then we planned and now we have started writing. In history, we have been learning all about famous explorers and have started looking at Christopher Columbus. We have learned about how he set sail on a ship in search of gold and ended up finding America! In music we have been learning how to play the glockenspiel and listening to famous bands such as Queen and discussed which instruments they used. In RE, we used drama to re-enact when John baptised Jesus and performed our short plays for our whole class! Well done year 2!

YEAR THREE:

It has been another busy week in Year 3! In maths, we finished the unit 'Length' and moved on to a new unit with the focus being 'Mass'. So far, the children have read weighing scales to determine mass in grams or kilograms. In English, both classes completed their 'Setting Narrative' based on a range of pictures from '*The Rhythm of the Rain*' by Grahame Baker-Smith. When writing their paragraphs, it was brilliant to see the pupils including 'Writer's Knowledge' such as: adverbs ending in -ly, effective noun phrases and personification. Wow! In RE, we studied Matthew 8:5-13 'Jesus heals a Roman Officer's Servant'. We looked at different artwork depicting this scripture and discussed what the artist was trying to convey. We also thought about the feelings of the characters in the artwork. In the second part of the lesson, we made a Roman helmet, discussing some words and phrases associated with the scripture and the compassion of Jesus. In history, we discussed what we can learn about life in the Stone Age from Skara Brae by studying images of objects that have been found during excavations there. The children learnt that the people who lived there ate cows and sheep, kept dogs as pets, grew crops and vegetables and also used dice to play games! In Thursday's science lesson, we explored a number of different rocks. Both classes used wax crayons and oil pastels to draw the rocks and wrote a sentence to describe the: appearance, colour and texture of the rocks. Finally, on Friday afternoon we celebrated the 'Jubilee Launch Day' by creating a 'Jar of Hope' which we filled with our hopes for the world.

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have been working extremely hard this week. In English, we have been busy planning and writing myth narratives. The children have included a range of 'Writer's Knowledge' and we have been very impressed with the quality of their writing.

In Maths, we finished our chapter on graphs and moved on to fractions. With ease, the children have been counting in hundredths and tenths.

In Science, we explored why there were water droplets on the outside of a glass. We concluded that this was due to condensation and the children were able to use scientific vocabulary to explain the difference between evaporation and condensation.

On Friday, we celebrated the start of the Jubilee Year. The children listened to how Pope Francis has invited us all to be signs of hope in our world and what this means for us. We are excited to embark on this shared journey and be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Reminder: maths homework has been set on TTRS this week.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had a really enjoyable week this week. We have done a lot of art work, practising the skill of drawing dragon eyes. The results have been brilliant – some very effective use of colour to create dramatic, angry eyes. In Computing, we have used the laptops to work collaboratively with children on the opposite side of the room. We created Google Slides about different animals found at Chester Zoo. We had to use the chat facility to communicate about which animal to choose, a contents page, who would work on which slides and what information to include. We also used the laptops to practise the Year 5 spelling lists and our multiplication and division facts on Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of us had a competition on Tablesmaster to be the fastest at answering 20 questions. In Basic Skills, we have had a go at adding and subtracting fractions and calculating percentages and have practised multiplying by 2-digit numbers. In SPAG, we revisited some of the grammar features we have learnt so far this year such as dashes for parenthesis and expanded noun phrases. To launch the Jubilee Year, we held a class liturgy and created a jar of hope for the future. We also explored the meaning behind the symbols used in the logo. On Wednesday, we had a History, Science and Music quiz to recap our learning. We got to choose our own names and compete for a prize. On Thursday, we enjoyed a film afternoon, watching Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets whilst enjoying some popcorn, chocolate and juice. Overall, a very enjoyable week!

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YEAR SIX:

This week, Year 6 have been working hard at converting units of measure. We used our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to help us to convert millimetres to centimetres, centimetres to metres, metres to kilometres and grams to kilograms. In English, we have been focusing on SPaG and have been recapping on the use and identification of adverbs, modal verbs, relative clauses and the subjunctive form. In Art, we created our own colour wheels in preparation for painting our 'perspective pictures' next week. We blended white acrylic paint with a range of other colours to create a range of shades and tones.

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