

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Chinese New Year 2025

Kung Hei Fat Choi! This week, Reception children have been learning about Chinese New Year.

2025 is the year of the snake and children have completed a range of activities and were given a fortune cookie too!

Fortune cookies symbolise luck, wisdom and fate. It is said that a Chinese immigrant, David Jung, invented the cookie in 1918 while living in Los Angeles. He was concerned about the poor people he saw wandering near his shop so he created the cookie and passed them out free on the streets. Each cookie contained a strip of paper which had inspirational Bible scripture on it, written for Jung by a minister.

In the words of Mother Teresa,

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving".

Have a wonderful weekend if you are celebrating Chinese New Year!



Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day UK took place on Monday 27th January 2025 and is a national commemoration day in the United Kingdom dedicated to the remembrance of the Jews and others who suffered in the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution.

During this week our older pupils talked about the Holocaust and reflected on why it is so important to remember those that were persecuted and the victims of all genocide.

Children's Mental Health Week



Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week will take place from 3rd – 9th February .

This year we're exploring the theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. Place2Be is joining forces with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company and the Inside Out 2 characters to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

Find out more in next week's newsletter!

31.01.25

Diary Dates

UIO 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

UII 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

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 4th March AM

PTA Pancake Flip Event – Tuesday 4th March PM

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/KSI – Wednesday 26th March 5-7pm

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

School Closes for Easter Break – Friday 4th April @ 1.30pm

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– 10th and 24th February

10th and 24th March

19th May

2nd, 16th and 30th June

14th July

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Reception have had a fun filled week learning all about Chinese New Year! To begin with, we listened to the Great Race story and learned all about the Chinese zodiac including how 2025 is the year of the snake. In Literacy, we have been writing lists of the animals in the story and composing and writing sentences about them too! We have read books and watched videos to learn about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. We learned about dragon dances, red envelopes and sweeping away bad luck! What facts can your child share with you? In our busy time areas, we have been making Chinese New Year cards for our families, decorating lanterns, painting Chinese numbers and letters and role playing Chinese restaurants in our home corner. In our outdoor area, we also had lots of fun using mud and wool to create our own sweet and sour noodle soups. We even used twigs as chopsticks! In numeracy, we have explored addition. We have done this practically with ten frames and whole part diagrams before writing number equations. In RE, we listened to the story of when Jesus calmed a storm. We talked about how Jesus cared for everyone and shared ways that we can care for others. Finally, we explored Goal 15 of the Sustainable Development Goals which is to protect life on land. We learned about deforestation, impact of palm oil and how we can support it. Another busy week! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

Another week has flown by in Year One. In English, we have been exploring how to write letters, particularly ones that relate to the missing items in our story. On Wednesday, we played a game of hide and seek where we had to find some missing items. We then had to write some sentences describing how to find these items. In Maths, we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes – their names and their properties. We have also explored shape patterns and have created some of our own. Our Science lesson this week focused on classifying animals; we used the knowledge we've learnt over the past couple of weeks to help us sort animals into their correct groups. In RE, we listened to the story of Boy Jesus at the Temple and then we explored what Jesus' mission was. We wrote down his mission onto some scrolls. The focus of Geography this week was England. We learnt all about famous landmarks and food in England and then created our own fact files. Finally, we continued our Art unit by doing some pencil drawings of the cross section of fruit. We had a selection of fruit to look closely at and then we drew our designs using detail and shading. What a busy week!

YEAR TWO:

What a busy week we've had in year 2. In maths, we have been learning all about grams and kilograms and comparing the size and weight of different objects. We've even challenged ourselves by learning how to find the difference between two masses. In English, we have been using our vehicle text 'Bog Baby' to create a set of instructions all about how to create the ideal habitat for a swamp creature. In history, we have been learning all about the amazing achievements of Helen Sherman, the first British person to go into space. In music, we have been learning about music through-out history, starting with Deep Purple and Queen. In PSHE we have been learning about the importance of sleep and how not getting enough sleep can affect our development. Keep up the good work year 2!

YEAR THREE:

There has been a lot of learning happening this week in Year 3. In Maths, the children have completed their chapter on 'Mass'. They have read scales of different increments and recorded the mass of different items in kg and g. On Friday, they began a new chapter on volume. Ask your child to tell you what unit of measure we use for volume! In English, the children have begun a new Non-Fiction unit and are working towards writing an information leaflet about rivers or waterfalls. This week they have conducted research using information texts and gathered facts for their own writing. Additionally, they have learnt about using present perfect tense in their writing. In Art, both classes created their 'string print' designs in the style of fossils they have observed. In RE, the children listened to the miracle 'Jesus heals the paralysed man'. They thought about how Jesus came for and helped everyone and reflected on how we can apply this in our own lives. It was a very exciting PE lesson for Year 3 this week as they had the apparatus out! They used the balance beam, the ropes and practised different ways of jumping and rolling. Well done, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week in Year 4, we have started an exciting new unit in English—information reports. The children have been researching mythical creatures, choosing between Fenrir and Jörmungandr, before practising how to write formal sentences explaining how these legendary beasts could be summoned and captured.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions. The children have identified mixed numbers and practised placing them accurately on a number line. We then explored equivalent fractions, using a fraction wall to help us visualise and understand the relationships between different fractions.

Tuesday's R.E. lesson was a special one, as we welcomed Ms Nolan and Mrs Kelly into our classroom. They spoke to the children about their roles in supporting the parish community, sharing their experiences and involvement in different groups. The children asked fantastic questions and really enjoyed learning about the ways people come together to help others. In Art on Thursday, we continued our study of David Hockney, using acrylic paints to create our own versions of *A Bigger Splash*. The children experimented with mixing colours and creating tints and shades, producing some bright and brilliant pieces that they should be very proud of!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 read a piece of scripture about Jesus' mission and how he came to make known that God loves each of us and that living in God's ways brings love, justice and peace for the entire world. We created a 'WANTED' poster for our school to attract suitable people to share in Jesus' mission. In History, we learned who the Abbasids were and how they became so powerful. In Science, we separated different mixtures of materials using the processes of filtration, sieving, magnetic attraction and evaporation. We began a new chapter in Maths this week, focusing on fractions. We have been turning mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. We have also furthered our knowledge on equivalent fractions. In English we have gathered ideas and planned our cliff-hanger narratives based on *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. We have considered how to introduce the characters and settings, identify a problem, demonstrate character reactions and increase tension and danger. We're looking forward to reading them next week. Our favourite lessons were learning about Chinese New Year and using the colour wheel in Art to practise for our final dragon eyes next week.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 started a new topic of percentages in Maths this week finding a range of percentages of certain amounts including money. We also began our new topic of a balanced argument in English still using 'the ways of the wolf' as a stimulus. Once we have analysed a range of balanced arguments we will write our own as to whether Scotland should re-introduce wolves back into the wild or not. In geography, we looked at weather and climate across the world and compared our climate to the USA's which have four climate zones. We looked at how droughts and floods affect the landscape and human lives. In our final computing lesson, we created our very own website which included pictures, hyperlinks to other pages and began embedding videos to make it more appealing. Some of these websites looked really professional. We also concluded our Art unit painting our final pieces of L.S. Lowry's fever van. A selection has been photographed and put on our twitter page.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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