

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Random Acts of Kindness Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day is observed on 17th February each year. As this date falls in half term, we celebrated it today! The day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to come together and make the world a better place through their thoughtful actions. Article 27 of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child says that children and young people should be able to live in a way that helps them reach their full physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social potential. Research shows that when people are kind, it has a positive impact on their mental health.

Children have made a kindness pledge and shared how they can show kindness such as a simple smile, paying someone a compliment or holding the door for someone. Children have also written kind messages to their peers on hearts. See each year groups' X page for more! In assembly, some children shared the kind messages they had received and our choir finished by singing 'The Kindness Song'. Together, we can make the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

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Safer Internet Day – 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is marked every year in the UK, and it's all about staying safe online.

This year's theme is *Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.*

Safer Internet Day is run by the UK Safer Internet Centre who work with young people to provide tips about how to stay safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of advice for children in order to stay scam-safe in 2025.

Make sure that you look out for signs that something can't be trusted:

If something sounds too good to be true (like an in-game trade or social media giveaway) then it might be.

Don't share personal information online and remember that not everyone can be trusted in games or online.

Watch out for phishing and don't click on links from unexpected messages, even if it looks like someone you know or a company you've heard of.

Always speak to a trusted adult if you're worried about something you see online, or if you think you might have been scammed.

Please click the link or visit www.saferinternet.org.uk for more information.

Our school website also has lots of information and tips for keeping safe online. Please head to the Parents tab and select E Safety from the dropdown menu.

And don't forget we will be holding an **online safety meeting for parents and carers** via Zoom on **Thursday 27th February @ 2pm** for more helpful tips! Please join us if you can.

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PE Days for after Half Term – w/b Monday 24th February 2025

PE Days after half term break are as follows:

Monday – EYFS, Y5 and Y5 swimming lessons

Tuesday – Y1 and Y4

Wednesday – Y2, Y3 and Y6

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

Parents' Evening Dates

Reception – Monday 3rd March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – Thursday 13th March

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – Thursday 20th March

A letter will be sent home after half term with more information on how to book your slot.

Thank you.

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Diary Dates

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

Children return to school – Monday 24th February

Y1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park – Thursday 27th February

Online Safety meeting for parents/carers via Zoom – Thursday 27th February @ 2-2.30pm

Cross Country @ Sefton Park – Thursday 27th February @ 4pm

Parents' Evening Reception – Monday 3rd March

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 4th March AM

PTA Pancake Flip Event – Tuesday 4th March PM

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

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

MHST Coffee Afternoon for parents/carers – Wednesday 12th March @ 2pm

Parents' Evening Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Thursday 13th March

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

Parents' Evening Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Thursday 20th March

PTA Easter Bingo Event EYFS/KS1 – 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	LLS Multi-sports From 25.02.25 until 01.04.25	Y1 & Y2	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

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:

We have continued to learn about Space this week, with the focus being famous astronauts. Using non-fiction books, we have learned about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and the International Space Station. Can you child share any facts about them? In our busy time areas, we have been labelling and writing sentences about astronauts and in our outdoor area, we have been using construction tiles to build rockets to blast off into space! We have continued to practise our solar system song and this has helped us with our scissor activity, to cut and stick the planets in the correct order. In Numeracy, we have practised counting on from a given number. This helped us to complete number bond diagrams. Homework this week reinforces this. In our creative area, we used watercolours to paint hearts to make Valentine's cards for our loved ones. On Friday, we celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day. We made a kindness pledge and wrote a kind message for a friend. We have also learned about our goal of the month, 'to protect oceans and life below water'. We looked at some images of the impact of plastic pollution in our oceans and shared ways in which we can reduce single-use plastic waste. We can't believe that we are half way through Reception! We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing half term! See you back in school on Monday 24th February.

YEAR ONE:

We have had a busy final week of the half term. In English, we finished off writing our letters from Hermelin to a character in the story. We did some amazing writing! In Maths, we have completed our measuring unit by measuring objects with our hands and feet and then learning how to use a ruler to measure in centimetres. We also did some end of term revision and practised all the things we have been taught since September! We did a super job! In RE, we listened to the story of Zacchaeus and then completed a storyboard to retell the story. Our Science lesson, this week, focused on hybrid animals. We explored real and pretend hybrid animals and discussed what would make them special. We then designed our own! They were so creative. Alongside our learning, we also participated in a live session with an author to celebrate Children's Reading Festival and we loved all the kindness that was around on Friday to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness day! We hope that we continue to share small acts of kindness each day to make a difference to our world! Have a lovely half term!

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic week we have had in year two. In English, we have been busy planning, writing and editing our instructions for how to make the perfect habitat for a Bog Baby. We've been sure to include which materials would be needed and how to assemble the habitat. We've even demonstrated our fantastic writing skills by putting the instructions in chronological order to ensure the habitat is put together correctly.

In maths, we have been working hard at practicing our arithmetic skills and levelling up our understanding of the column method.

In RE, we have been continuing our understanding of baptism and how we can ask God for forgiveness. We have written our own prayers based on what we have learned and read them out for our class. In PSHE, we have been looking at different people in our community and what their role is. We also learned about who we can talk to if we are feeling worried.

On Tuesday we listened to a reading with Nadine Kaadan where she read her book 'Tomorrow'. The book was all about the war in Syria and how people who live in the country had been affected. The book inspired lots of questions from the children and we were given the opportunity to ask the author about how she became inspired to write the book.

For Random Acts of Kindness day, we have been discussing how we can be kind to our friends and people who are within the school community and beyond. It has inspired us to be even more kind to each other and to think about how being kind can make people feel happy.

Well done Year 2 and have a wonderful half term!

YEAR THREE:

What a busy week to end our first half term of 2025! We can't believe we are already at the mid-point of the year! In RE this week we read 'The Parable of the Yeast'. We talked about how Jesus is trying to tell us that something so small and insignificant like the yeast can produce something enormous; just like one person helping to build the Kingdom of God.

The children measured out the ingredients needed to make bread and, with help from Chef Jack, watched as the dough rose and then baked to become a tasty loaf. The best part was eating it! In Science we completed our unit on 'Rocks and Soils' with a knowledge quiz. We are experts! Similarly, in History, we conducted an end of unit activity by placing the different historical periods we have studied in chronological order. In English, we have completed our information leaflets on Rivers and Waterfalls. The children focused on using adverbs, conjunctions and perfect present tense for this genre of writing. On Friday, we celebrated 'Random Acts of Kindness' day by writing a kind message to someone in our class. For homework over half term, we would like the children to log onto Spelling Shed and TTRS when possible. Enjoy a well-earned break Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

In English, we have completed our information reports, providing would-be monster hunters with a comprehensive guide on Jörmungandr or Fenrir, detailing how these mythical creatures could be summoned and defeated. The children showcased brilliant report writing, using technical vocabulary and imaginative ideas to bring their guides to life.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focusing on adding and subtracting fractions. To support our learning, we used manipulatives such as fraction bars and number lines to help solve some tricky questions. Well done, Year 4, for your determination in tackling this concept!

Our ukulele lessons are progressing well. This week, we continued practising the C chord before learning the Am chord. We will keep working on these, focusing on transitioning smoothly between the two.

At the end of the week, Year 4 put their creativity and sewing skills to the test by making their own purses or wallets using binca and different stitching techniques. The classroom is now filled with eye-catching designs and some very impressive, neat stitching.

We hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable well-earned week off!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 learnt about different Christian denominations and made PowerPoint slides to teach our classmates about our chosen denomination. In English, we explored the vocabulary used in a formal report based on *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and wrote our own sentences to demonstrate our understanding. We also tried writing some report sentences in practice for our final piece at the end of the unit. In Maths, we have been finding pairs of fractions and adding fractions with both the same and different denominators. In History, we concluded our topic by recapping and recounting the events during the Siege of Baghdad in 1258. In Art, we completed our dragon eyes and are really proud of how effective the results are. In PSHE/RSHE, our focus was fake news. We discussed pop-ups, clickbait, advertising and how not to believe everything we see and read online. Our favourite lesson was Computing, where we made Magic 8 Balls. It was great fun and good way to end the half term. Enjoy a well-earned rest!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked tirelessly this week doing practice SATs papers in preparation for May. The progress they have made from September is incredible as they have really done themselves proud. In Geography, we looked at how New York's landscape has changes over the years and created a poster to reflect this. In R.E. we planned our own collective worship as if they were to deliver it to another year group. These were really thought about as children were able to link it to the scripture, use relevant music and think about how they can go forth with the message of Christ. In Science, we started our new topic of animals and their habitats where we used a Venn diagram to compare two animals. We look forward to a well-deserved break next week.

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