

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Lent

*Let the love of The Lord
Light up your life
This Lent and Always*

Amen

World Book Day

On Thursday SPB celebrated World Book Day! We celebrated authors, illustrators, books and most of all reading and sharing stories from breakfast to bedtime!

The children came to school dressed as characters from their favourite book. We saw Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Willy Wonka, Where's Wally, Stick Man, a huge dinosaur and many more great costumes!

Thank you to all children (and staff!) for making a fantastic effort, everyone looked amazing! Please head to your child's year group page on X for more photos!

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!*

Dr Seuss

SPB Book Drive for Children's Book Project

Thank you for all your donations of preloved books at our Book Drive today. We will be taking them to the Children's Book Project drop off point in the next couple of weeks. We will reveal the total amount of books received in next week's newsletter. Your donation is a gift a child will be able to open again and again. Thank you!



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PTA Pancake Flip Event

The children all had a great time today taking part in pancake flip relays and eating a pancake afterwards!

Thank you for all of your donations, every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you once again for all of your support!



PTA Own Clothes Day – Friday 14th March

Our next PTA own clothes day will take place on **Friday 14th March** when a donation of an Easter Egg will be gratefully received to support our Easter Family Bingo events.

Parking Considerately

Please can we remind parents/carers to take time to park considerately outside and around our school and allow safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

School has received complaints of parents/carers parking on the zig zags outside of our school. We have also received complaints from local residents of parents parking inconsiderately on corners and across driveways. Residents have taken note of number plates and have informed Merseyside Police.

Remember **pupils need to see and be seen** when crossing the roads so please consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety.

If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th March @ 9.15am

City Cross Country Championships – Tuesday 11th March

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

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

U11 Boys Football vs St Oswald's @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 13th March 3pm – 5.30pm

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

U11 Boys Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 14th March 1-3pm

U11 Girls Football @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 18th March 3.30pm – 5pm

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

U10 Boys Football vs Runnymede @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 20th March 3pm – 5.30pm

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

Mass @ SPB – Monday 31st March @ 9.15am

U11 Girls Football @ Heron Eccles – Tuesday 1st April 3.30pm – 5pm

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

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

Y6 Events – Dates for the diary

Y6 Leavers' Mass – Tuesday 8th July @ 2pm

Y6 Leavers' Assembly Mr Gallagher's class – Tuesday 15th July @ 9.15am

Y6 Leavers' Assembly Miss Thompson's class – Tuesday 15th July @ 2pm

Y6 Prom – Wednesday 16th July 6.30pm- 8.30pm

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 March
 19th May
 2nd, 16th and 30th June
 14th July

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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.

YPAS – Incredible Years Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme

FREE 14 WEEK COURSE
Friday Mornings
9-30am - 11.30am
Starting 21st March 2025
Belle Vale Children's Centre
Led by two therapeutic practitioners

COURSE CONTENTS

- Relationship building
- Play
- Praise
- Following commands
- Rules and routines
- Emotional regulation
- Time-out & consequences

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REFERRALS

- Children aged 3 - 9 years
- Aggressive or challenging behaviour
- Separation anxiety or low self esteem
- We can also accept children with an ADHD diagnosis or who are on the pathway for autism or ADHD

 The Incredible Years
An Evidence-Based Community Care Organisation

 YPAS
Young Person's Advisory Service

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

It's been a very busy week in Reception! We've had school photos, a pancake flipping relay race, Bikeability and World Book Day! We've also continued with our pirate topic too! We've been making pirate treasure maps with an x marks the spot in the creative area whilst in the play dough, we've used different materials to make parrots! In numeracy, we have continued to explore number bonds and recorded them in number bond diagrams. We have also continued to practise our sentence writing too, writing sentences about pirates. On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We designed bookmarks, completed book reviews, enjoyed a shared reading session with children in year four and took part in a book quiz! In RE, we have learned that we are in the season of Lent. We talked about how during Lent we think of ways in which we can grow in God's love. We made Lenten promises and they were hung on a special tree in our classroom. We would like to say thank you for support and for coming along to Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to share with you the progress that children have made since starting school. Have a great weekend! We can't wait to see all the pirate ships next week!

YEAR ONE:

This week, in English, we have written a short poem based on our text 'Where the Wild Things Are' and we have written character descriptions that include lots of adjectives. In Maths, we have continued working with numbers up to 40 and we have been securing our understanding of identifying tens and ones. We have also compared numbers by identifying which one is more or less than the other. This week, we have completed our DT projects; designing and making fruit pancakes. We had to prepare and chop our chosen fruit, make a face or animal and then add a finishing touch of chocolate, syrup or cream. They were so delicious! In RE, we learnt all about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and we were lucky to have some Year6 children come and give us our ashes on Wednesday. World Book Day was the highlight of our week; we enjoyed making Wild Thing bookmarks, designing book tokens for a competition, reading with Year 5 children and joining in a live session with BBC. What an enjoyable day and all of the children's costumes were fantastic! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TWO:

We have been very busy in Year 2 this week. We have had a week full of learning and lots of fun activities. This week marked the beginning of Lent which is a time in the year where we prepare for Easter. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we had lots of fun activities such as a pancake flip and we also took the time to reflect on the meaning of Lent and what we must do to prepare.

In English, we have been reading Grandad's Island and have used this text to plan our own return narrative based on the events in our vehicle text. We have used all of our previous learning to include adverbs, expanded noun phrases and punctuation.

In Maths, we have continued our topic of money and have been learning how to add together notes and coins. We have worked hard to make sure we are using the correct symbols and the difference between writing a pound and penny.

In science, we have been learning all about plants and the different stages of growth that a plant goes through. We can now expertly explain what a plant needs in order to grow and thrive and the difference between different seeds.

For World Book day we had a fantastic time dressing up as our favourite characters from books that we all love! We had fun completing World Book Day activities and even had a shared read with Year 6 where we got to hear other children read books.

YEAR THREE:

What a busy week we've had in Year 3! In English, we generated ideas for a character description, based on the character 'Jemmy Button' from our 'Vehicle Text'. There was lots of role play involved, with the children taking part in freeze frame and hot seating activities. In maths, 'Money' continued to be the focus, with particular emphasis on subtracting amounts of money. Although the children have worked really hard, this is something that has proven to be quite tricky. In R.E., we read 'The Miracle of the Loaves' from Matthew 14:13-21. We made links between Jesus holding the bread up towards heaven and the breaking of bread in the communion. There was lots of excitement on Tuesday, when we marked Shrove Tuesday through our annual 'Pancake Flip Race'! The children also enjoyed some tasty pancakes whilst learning about why we have them on Shrove Tuesday. On the morning of Ash Wednesday, Father Colin led mass for KS2. The children received ashes in the shape of the cross which remind us to say sorry for the wrong things we've done and to try our best to be kind. Both classes had lots of fun on Thursday for World Book Day, with the pupils designing a 'National Book Token' for a competition as well as listening to some of our Year 6 children reading their favourite books to them.

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have had a fantastic week filled with creativity, discovery, and celebration!

In English, the children were set a mischievous challenge by the evil witch from *The Lost Happy Endings*—to write fairy tales with unhappy endings! Before starting their stories, they created detailed character profiles of an evil character of their choice from one of the fairy tales they explored last week. The classroom has been filled with wonderfully wicked ideas and brilliantly crafted villains!

In Maths, we have been working on converting between different units of time, including minutes to seconds and days to hours. The children have been developing their confidence with these conversions and applying their knowledge to problem-solving tasks.

Our Science investigation has been fascinating this week! We observed what happens to eggs when placed in different liquids. Since the eggs represent our teeth, the children were surprised to see just how much some of our favourite drinks can affect them. This experiment sparked some brilliant discussions about dental health and the importance of looking after our teeth.

Thursday was an extra special day as we celebrated *World Book Day*! It was wonderful to see the classroom filled with fantastic costumes and to hear the children speaking so enthusiastically about their chosen characters. A real highlight of the day was a live session with Michael Rosen. The children were captivated as he recited some of his best-known poems and shared insights into what inspires him as a writer.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 learnt about the Eucharist and wrote guide for people going to Mass for the first time. We described what happens and gave reasons for religious words and actions. In English, we have finished writing our formal reports based on *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. We've worked really hard on our four paragraphs and are excited to begin the next unit. In Maths, we have been subtracting fractions. We have needed to turn mixed numbers into improper fractions, find common denominators and write our answers in their simplest form. In Geography we looked at how our food travels around the world and how technological advances meant that more food could be transported quicker than before. In Music, we began our unit on Motown and have made good progress already singing *Dancing in the Street*. It's been a busy but enjoyable week with *World Book Day*, Ash Wednesday Mass, school photographs and pancake-flipping races!

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YEAR SIX:

This week, Year 6 have continued to work hard in maths and have been writing their own algebraic expressions. We have also been recapping on previously taught concepts (area, perimeter and roman numerals) in preparation for our fast approaching SATs! In English, we have continued to explore Flashback Narratives and have written some excellent setting descriptions using expanded noun-phrases and onomatopoeia. In RE, we have been looking at our Lenten calendar and have been discussing how, over the coming weeks, we will be reflecting on how we can make changes to develop ourselves spiritually and emotionally.

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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