

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST



British Science Week

This week we celebrated British Science week. This year's theme is Change and adapt.

Children have taken part in lots of activities including astronaut training school with Tim Peake, learning all about survival in Space, and have joined online live lessons exploring adaption and evolution!

Changing and adapting plays a big part in science. Cities, towns and other areas where people live change and adapt as the world's population grows, plants and animals change and adapt to their new surroundings to survive.

Our behaviours change too. We need to change how we consume the world's resources to offset the worst effects of the climate crisis, and adapt our lifestyles to reduce our impact through recycling or reducing waste.

Perceptions of scientist are also changing and we need to keep adapting our thinking of a 'stereotypical scientist' because *anyone* can be a scientist!

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SPB Book Drive

Last week we held a book drive to support the Children's Book Project. We collected an amazing 988 books! The books will be delivered to the project next week.

Thank you so much for all of your donations. Your book donation will be a gift a child can open again and again!

PTA

A huge thank you to all our families who have donated an Easter egg to support our Easter Bingo events.

PTA Easter Family Bingo Events:

KSI– Wednesday 26th March 5pm–7pm

KS2 – Thursday 3rd April 5pm–7pm

PTA Easter Egg Raffle

The PTA are holding a raffle to win an amazing Easter hamper! Tickets are now on sale and cost 50p per ticket. Don't miss your chance to win one of the hampers or an Easter egg for 10 runners up! Thank you for your support.

Summer Uniform

When children return to school from Easter break on Tuesday 22nd April they may wear their summer uniform, which is:

Girls – A summer school dress in purple and white gingham (not stripes or spots), purple and white bobbles, white socks and sensible black shoes (no ballet pumps).

Boys – A white short-sleeved shirt, school tie, grey shorts, grey socks and sensible black shoes.

Parents PLEASE make sure names are on cardigans and jumpers.

Children should continue to wear full SPB PE kit on their PE day – PE tracksuit/ purple SPB polo t-shirt and purple PE shorts.

Diary Dates

Ski meeting via Zoom for Y4 parents/carers – Monday 17th March @ 4pm

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

KS2 Swimming Gala @ Wavertree Aquatics Centre – Tuesday 1st April 9.15am – 12pm

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

U11 Boys Football vs Christ the King @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 3rd April 3pm – 5.30pm

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

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

Easter Monday – Bank holiday school closed – Monday 21st April

Children return to school – Tuesday 22nd April 8.30am – 8.45am

Y4 Swimming begins – Monday 28th April

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– 24th March
 19th May
 2nd, 16th and 30th June
 14th July

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General/Important Information

School Nurse

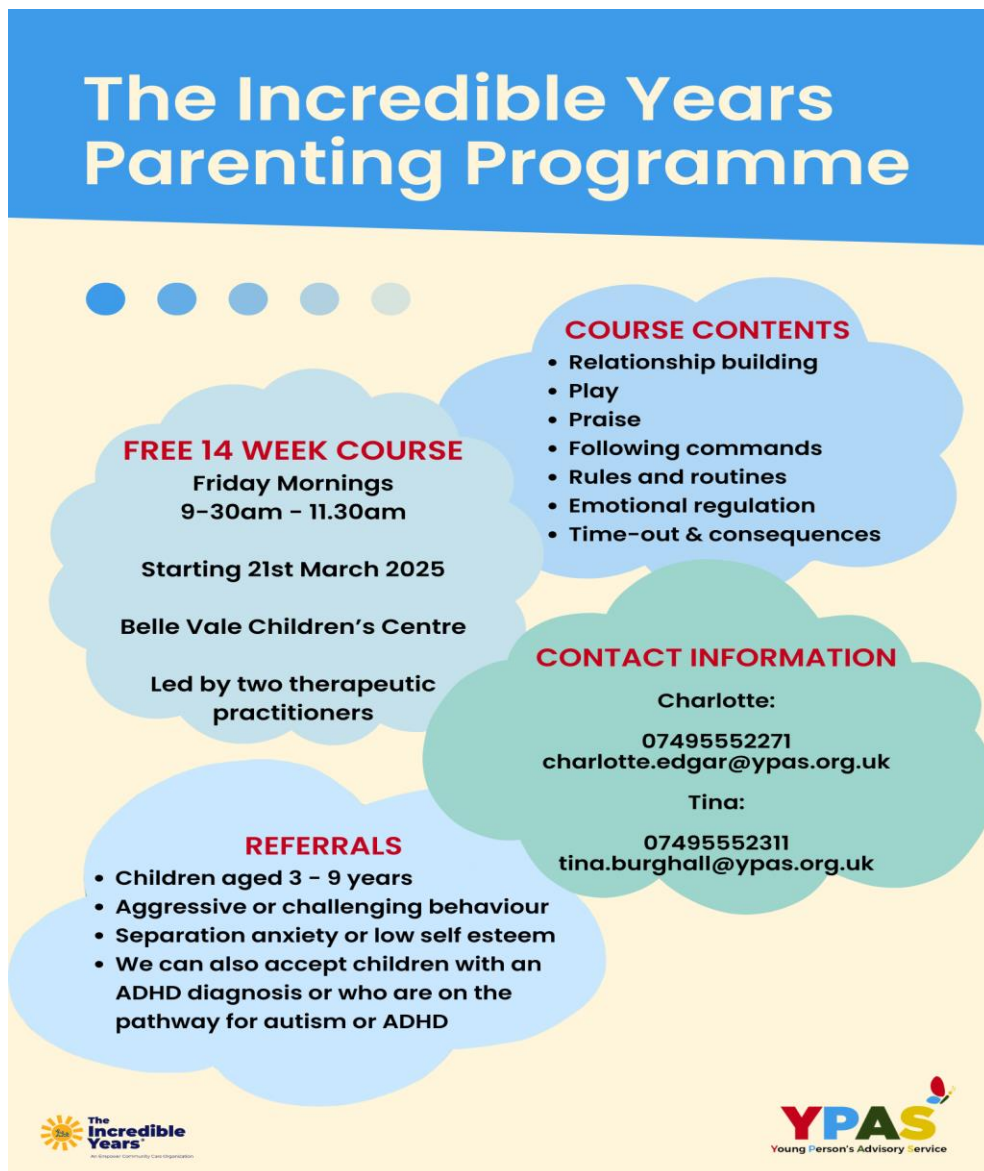
Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

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 poster features a blue header with the title 'The Incredible Years Parenting Programme'. Below the header, on a yellow background, are several blue cloud-shaped callouts containing text. At the top left of the clouds are five small circles in shades of blue and grey. The bottom of the poster has two logos: 'The Incredible Years' on the left and 'YPAS Young Person's Advisory Service' on the right.

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 Engage Community Care Organisation

YPAS
Young Person's Advisory Service

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have started to learn all about dinosaurs! We have learned about Mary Anning, a fossil hunter, who discovered a giant fossil when she was 12 which turned out to be an Ichthyosaurus! We then used non-fiction books to learn the names of different dinosaurs and facts about them. We have been writing facts about what we have learned and also labelled dinosaurs using adjectives to describe them. We read a story called 'Tom and the island of dinosaurs' and using figures and props, we have been re-enacting the story in our small world area. In our creative area, we have used watercolour paints to create a sunset scene. We will be adding dinosaur silhouettes to these next week once they have dried. We have been creating dinosaur fossils using play dough and cutting different parts of a dinosaur and placing them together to create dinosaur fossils. In numeracy, we have explored complex patterns. We have been identifying, repeating and creating various ABC and AABB patterns. In RE, we have listened to the first part of the Easter Story. We learned about the events of Holy Week and about what happened to Jesus on Good Friday. Thank you for all the hard work and effort making your pirate ships. They were all amazing and the children enjoyed sharing their masterpieces! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

This week, in English, we have been planning and writing our own versions of 'Where the Wild Things Are.' We've been really thinking about how to use adjectives to describe the character's emotions. In Maths, we have been using a number line to help us calculate how many more or less different numbers are and we have continued practising counting in 10s. Our RE lesson this week focused on Palm Sunday. We listened to the scripture of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and then created our own palm leaves to re-enact the story. During Science, we started our new topic 'Humans'. We drew around our friends and labelled the body parts then we completed a cut and stick activity independently. Finally, in our History lesson we learnt lots of facts about toys from the past. We looked at our research homework, we watched videos, read books and played with some toys from the past. We then had to write down some facts that we had learnt! What a busy week!

YEAR TWO:

Our week in year 2 has been jam packed with lots of learning and hard work. In English, we have been planning and writing our return narratives based on our class story 'Grandad's Island'. We have been working on using prepositions, adverbs and adjectives to make our writing as creative as possible.

In maths, we have been continuing our understanding of money by thinking about different ways to show the same amount. We have used coins and notes to aid our understanding and worked hard to remember the value of each coin and note.

In RE, we have been focusing on how we can follow in the footsteps of Christ in our everyday life. We have had class discussions and came up with some fantastic ideas which we have represented in a footprint.

In art, we have been looking at the artist Alexander Calder who creates pieces of art which are colourful and mobile. We have also began planning and designing our own version of Alexander Calder's art work using coloured card.

In science, we have participated in live lessons all about different animals that live on a farm and how we can live sustainably. This included reducing food waste and how to recycle effectively. We also had an in-depth look at all of the work that goes into looking after a farm and how farmers correctly care for their animals.

Keep up the good work year 2.

YEAR THREE:

This week has been British Science Week and Year 3 have joined the rest of the school in taking part in a number of 'Live Lessons' with a focus on adaptation on change. On Monday, we joined BBC Live and were part of 'Astronaut School'. We learnt all about the conditions for survival in space, including how important it is to exercise as astronauts can lose bone and muscle mass. On Wednesday, we joined another lesson in which we found out about adaptations on a working farm. We learnt about the different soil types and saw some micro-organisms within the soil through a microscope! We also witnessed the birth of a calf! In our English lessons, the children gathered ideas for their writing using role play and used these ideas to plan and write their own 'Return Narrative'. We have been so impressed with the Writer's Knowledge included! We have now completed our chapter in maths on 'Money'. We will continue to revisit this tricky area throughout the year. Our R.E. lessons this week focused on the story of 'The Last Supper'. The children were set the task of writing a diary entry as one of the disciples, describing the events of that night. What a busy week!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been another busy week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have started a new chapter: decimals. The children have confidently applied their knowledge of fractions to help them write decimals to two decimal places.

In English, the children used roleplay to create a twisted ending scene to their chosen traditional tale. There were some fantastic narrators, and it was obvious that there are some budding actors and actresses in this year group!

As part of British Science Week, we joined a live lesson which was all about unravelling the mysteries of life. We were amazed at some of the interesting facts which were shared and they led to many interesting discussions. Year 4 also completed an activity to explore some of the remarkable adaptations that allow animals to thrive in different habitats. We were extremely impressed with the children's knowledge of animals from different habitats around the world.

In R.E., we discussed the importance of saying sorry and confessing, especially at the beginning of mass. The children then wrote some thoughtful prayers to say sorry for things they have done wrong.

We hope you have a well-deserved rest this weekend!

YEAR FIVE:

This week, Year 5 learnt the three acclamations of The Mystery of Faith, which all tell of the sacrifice of Jesus. We also learnt about the Eucharistic Prayer II and the words of the 'Holy, Holy'. We discussed the significance and meaning of this prayer and why it is sung at this part of the Eucharistic celebration. Finally, we looked at sacrifice in daily life and how it is full of give and take. We talked about how and why Christians today live out what Jesus asked of his disciples at the Last Supper. In Geography, we explored how chocolate travels from cocoa farms to our shops. We matched images to the different stages in the supply chain and annotated our maps to show one of the major cocoa trade routes. In Science we investigated thermal insulators by layering up cups and seeing which one cooled the most in the same amount of time. As it is British Science Week, we also took part in two live lessons, one about astronaut Tim Peake and one about the Amazing Story of the Sun. In English, we began our new unit based on a book called, The Promise. We first made predications about the story, then wrote narrative poems which will help with later work on characterisation in the context of a setting. We also wrote character descriptions based on the character we have met and her circumstances. In Maths, we have concluded our fractions unit, by multiplying whole numbers by mixed numbers and solving word problems involving them. Another busy week!

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YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have continued to plan and complete a range of short incidental writes in preparation for writing their full flashback narrative. We have explored how to create atmosphere by using senses, weather and transitional sentence and our teachers are looking forward to reading our completed narratives, next week. In maths, we have discussed how the formula for finding the area of a rectangle can be used to find the area of triangle (by dividing by 2). We used this method to calculate the area of a range of triangles as well as to calculate missing bases and heights. In RE, we have discussed the scripture John 12: 24-25 and talked about how the grain of wheat symbolises Jesus and how He died for us.

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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