

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Mothering Sunday – 30th March 2025

*Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean
or have meant, for the love they have shown
and the care they have given.*

*We thank you for the qualities of mothers –
their patience, their kindness,
concern and understanding.*

*we thank you for the part they play in our lives,
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you',
this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say
but so rarely do.*

*For mothers and motherhood,
for children and families
we bring you this day our grateful praise.*

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Cross Country Star!



After being selected for the Merseyside Primary Schools Representative Team, Jasmine took part in the National Primary Schools Cross Country Finals on Saturday 22nd March in Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth.

The Merseyside Year 6 Girls Team finished 3rd place in the Country and are now National Bronze Medallists!

What an amazing achievement! Well done Jasmine!

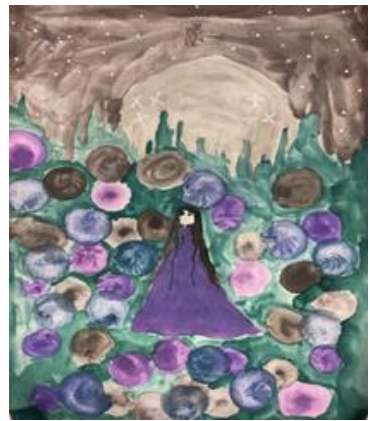
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Dot Art Competition Update

Last term, 19 Year 5 pupils took part in an after-school art competition as part of the Dot Art Schools Competition. .

The Dot Art Competition website is now live and has all of SPB's entries. A huge congratulations to Matilda, Annie and Jodi who have been chosen by an expert judging panel as the top 3 entries. We invite you to log on to have a look at the pieces and vote for your favourite: the winning entry will be displayed in the Walker Art Gallery in the summer.

A huge congratulations to all Dot Art entrants for all their hard work in making their outstanding work!



The top three: Matilda, Annie and Jodi's entries.

Vote now at: [St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School | Schools | dot-art Schools](#)

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International Day of Zero Waste



This Sunday, 30th March, is International Day of Zero Waste. This year's theme has a focus on the fashion industry and the waste involved with fast fashion.

In today's assembly, some Rights Ambassadors shared some shocking facts about food waste too. Did you know that roughly 2.9 million potatoes are thrown away each day in the UK? Children were also shown the average amount of food wasted in one day during lunch time at our school! They couldn't believe it!

Next week, as part of the Wider Perspectives Project, some students from Hope University will be working with each year group to help them understand the significance of textile and food waste. Check out each year group's X account to learn more about the project.

As a result, if we can all make small changes and we are more conscious about textile and food waste, it will have a big impact on the future of our planet.

"Together we can do great things!"

Mother Teresa

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PTA Easter Bingo

We hope everyone who came along to our KS1 Easter Bingo event on Wednesday had a great time! We are looking forward to KS2 Easter Bingo on Thursday 3rd April!

Reminder

School closes for Easter break on Friday 4th March at 1.30pm. There will be no Afterschool provision that day. Thank you.

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.

Please can we remind parents to ensure your child's jumper/cardigan/coat /PE kit/ hat are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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Diary Dates

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

Bank Holiday – School closed – Monday 5th May

SATs week – Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May

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

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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– 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.

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Recently your local Neighbourhood Policing team has received reports of possible vehicle obstruction and inconsiderate parking outside St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School, Chelwood Avenue L16. We are advising you to please be considerate when parking your vehicle outside your child's school.

- **D**o not park on the pavement or grass verge.
- **A**lways keep pavements clear for pedestrians.
- **N**ever stop or park on the zig zag lines outside schools.
- **G**ive yourself more time to park safely.
- **E**very vehicle obstruction is a potential hazard and obstruction.
- **R**emember it's your child's safety.

Merseyside Police are trying to make your roads and pavements safer for all to use. Obstructions could also cause a friend's child to be injured and often restrict the emergency services from getting to you when you need them there. **THINK BEFORE YOU PARK.**

Thank you for your support,

Belle Vale Neighbourhood Policing team.
Belle Vale Police station
Runton Road
L25

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have been exploring the season of spring! We have discussed what things we see and hear as well as what happens during this season. We have read books, watched videos and shared all our photos of the signs of spring we have spotted in our local area. Thank you for sharing them! In the writing area, we have used our new knowledge to label and write sentences about a spring chick. In our creative area, we used cotton buds and paint to create beautiful blossom trees. They look stunning! In Numeracy, we have explored capacity. We have been using the language 'empty', 'nearly empty', 'half full', 'nearly full' and 'full' to describe the capacity of water in different jugs in our water tray. In RE, we have learned why Easter is celebrated and now we know how it is celebrated. We looked at images and videos of how Christians celebrate Easter around the world and we learned the meaning behind giving eggs at Easter time as they are a symbol of new life. We have also made Easter cards which we will bring home next week along with our Easter baskets. Have a great weekend. We hope you enjoy the spring sunshine!

YEAR ONE:

This week, in English, we have been exploring features of information texts by identifying writer's knowledge in our 'Sharp Teeth Sid' fact file! We have also been writing descriptive sentences about a chosen wild thing and have been practising our oral skills by asking each other questions about the wild things. We have been using phrases such as 'did you know...' and 'another interesting fact...' in our answers! We are now ready to start writing our own information texts. In Maths, we have continued learning how to solve addition and subtraction word problems. This has been so tricky but we have been trying our best to find the answers! In Science, we conducted an investigation to find out the answer to 'Do taller people have bigger feet?' Our results were surprising! We completed our History unit about toys from the past by exploring how old toys have influenced the toys we have today. We talked about how safety features are now a key part of toy production and how the materials have developed over time. In RE, we listened to the story of 'The Last Supper' and talked about why this is such a key part of the Easter period. We then wrote some simple sentences to explain what happened. We are looking forward to the final week of Spring Term.

YEAR TWO:

We have had such a busy week in Year 2!

In English, we have spent time researching, planning and editing our animal information texts. We took time to carefully include relevant and interesting information that we knew would captivate the reader. Furthermore, we included lots of important features such as subheadings, titles and fronted adverbials.

In maths, we have started our shape topic and have been learning all about vertices and lines of symmetry. We enhanced our understanding by drawing our own shapes and testing them out to see how many lines of symmetry they have.

In science, we have continued our exploration of plants and took time to draw the life cycle of a seed and labelled it to show which stage it was at. We learned key words such as germination, roots and dispersal.

In geography, we have been learning all about physical and human features and discovered the difference between the two. We worked hard to draw a diagram showing the different types of physical features and had a discussion and what we already knew.

Well done Year 2, enjoy a restful weekend!

YEAR THREE:

In English lessons this week, Year 3 have planned their own letter based on the vehicle text 'Jemmy Button' and have written their first three paragraphs. They have impressed us with their amazing use of Writer's Knowledge including: conjunctions, adverbs for time, place and cause, present perfect tense and describing the character's feelings. In Maths this week the children have continued to work on time. They have looked at Roman numerals and could read the numerals to 12 on a clock face. They have also used stopwatches to time different activities using seconds and order these from shortest to longest. In Science this week the children were tasked with planning and carrying out a fair test investigation to find out which shoes had the best grip. They had to decide which variables to change and which had to stay the same in order to make the test fair. Following on from this, they also observed how magnets work and sorted different objects into 'magnetic' and 'non-magnetic' by testing them out. The children were very surprised by some of their findings! Finally, the children had one last creative activity which they will be bringing home on Friday. We hope all the special people who receive these enjoy a restful and relaxing day!

YEAR FOUR:

This week in History, we explored the abolition of slavery in the UK and the differing opinions surrounding it in 1834. The children examined arguments both for and against abolition at the time, and many were shocked to learn that some people opposed it and even received government compensation when slavery was abolished. This led to some insightful discussions about justice and equality. As part of our English lessons, pupils have been preparing to write a persuasive letter to the witch from *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy, urging her to return the stolen happy endings to children's books. To help develop their persuasive techniques, the children created role plays of the moment the endings were stolen and took part in a 'conscience alley' activity, where they whispered persuasive thoughts to the witch as she walked through. The Year 4 teaching team were truly impressed with the creativity and enthusiasm on display, and we are certain their final letters will be fantastic!

Our Science lessons have focused on understanding the terms *producer* and *consumer*. The children applied their knowledge by creating their own food chains, identifying the roles of different plants and animals within an ecosystem.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on money. Pupils have been counting different amounts and exploring various ways to make 10p, helping them develop confidence in recognising and handling money.

We hope all families have a restful weekend—well done, Year 4, for another brilliant week of learning!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 made Lenten calendars, describing how we are preparing for Easter. We demonstrated how we can put into practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We also learnt about the betrayal of Jesus by his friend Judas. We discovered how he gave in to temptation and discussed the reasons why he might have done what he did. In pairs, we looked at potential motives for his actions and ranked them in order of which we thought was the most convincing argument. In Maths, we have continued with our decimals chapter, adding and subtracting decimal numbers and transferring this knowledge to working with monetary values. In English, we gathered ideas through role play for our character narratives. Then, we planned and wrote our own story extracts based on our Vehicle Text, 'The Promise'. In Geography, we learnt about Fairtrade and how it helps farmers in less economically developed countries. In Music, we continued with our Motown songs. We're really enjoying singing 'Dancing in the Street'! In Science, we explored reversible and irreversible changes. We had great fun inflating balloons by dropping bicarbonate of soda into bottles containing white vinegar - we can't wait to make our own plastic next week!

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YEAR SIX:

This week Year 6 have continued to work on Geometry and have been drawing triangles and quadrilaterals with given angles, accurately, using a protractor. We have become much more confident at using protractors and will continue to work on this over the coming weeks. In English, we have explored the difference between reported speech and direct speech and have practised writing a witness statement for our newspaper reports, using both styles. In RE, we talked about the significance of the Paschal Candle and the symbols it is decorated with. We then designed our own Paschal candle and gave reasons for our choices of symbols.

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