

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



May – Month of Our Lady

During May, we think about Mary. Mary takes care of us. She prays for us and asks Jesus to bless us. She helps us be like Jesus so that we can live forever with Him.

We ask Mary to pray for us – and to help carry our prayers to God.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen.

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Sunny Weather

As we are having warmer, sunnier weather, please can we remind parents to take the following sun protection steps to ensure pupils enjoy the sun safely during the next half term;

- Provide your child/children with hat/sunglasses to wear outside.
- Apply a minimum SPF 15 sunscreen, daily (preferably one which requires a once-a-day application at home).

Also, for pupils who suffer with hay fever, please make sure over the counter medication is managed daily at home unless symptoms are severe and require prescription medication at which point you should speak to a member of staff with regards to the management of medication in school.

Please make sure your child's name is on cardigans, jumpers, PE tracksuit tops and caps.

Thank you for your support.

VE Day Celebrations

SPB will be taking part in VE Day celebrations on Thursday 8th May.

Thank you to everyone who has emailed photos and stories of family members who served in World War Two and for the memorabilia for our museum.

We are looking forward to celebrating VE Day next week and sharing them with the children. Check out each year group's X page for photos throughout the day!

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday – School closed – Monday 5th May

VE Day Celebrations @ SPB – Thursday 8th May

U11 Girls' Football vs St Gregory's @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 8th May

KS2 SATs week – Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May

U11 Girls' Football vs Our Lady Bishop Eaton @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 13th May 3pm-5pm

U11 Boys' Football vs Banks Road @ Heron Eccles – Tuesday 13th May 3pm – 5pm

U11 Boys' Football vs Much Woolton @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 15th May 3pm – 5pm

Y4 First Holy Communions @ CTK Church – Saturday 17th May

Mass @ SPB – Monday 19th May @ 9.15am

U11 Boys' Football vs LIPA @ Tiber Street – Tuesday 20th May 3pm – 5pm

EYFS Trip to Farmer Teds – Thursday 22nd May

U11 Boys' Football vs St Matthew's @ Jeffrey Humble – Thursday 22nd May 3pm – 5pm

INSET Day – School closed to children – Friday 23rd May

Half Term – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Children return to school – Monday 2nd June

Y6 Events – Dates for the diary

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

Y6 Trip to Ninja Warrior – Thursday 10th July

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- 8.30p

Parent Workshop Transition Event Y6 to Y7



Is your child moving up from primary to secondary school this year?

This is a time of change which can feel difficult and cause anxious feelings for both children and their parents and carers.

The Liverpool Parenting Team is running a one-hour **Moving Up** workshop for all parents and carers of year 6 children who are moving to secondary school in September.

Offering guidance and advice on:

- What children worry about and what you can do to help
- What parents worry about and how you can help your child prepare for change
- Teen development, friendships, social media and staying safe
- Dealing with high emotion and restoring relationships after challenge
- How to encourage family containment
- The first few weeks and settling in
- Where else to get information and further reading



Our school is holding the Moving Up workshop on:

Tuesday 24th June 2pm until 3pm

Please tell the school if you would like to book a place

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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.

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 28.04.25 until 14.07.25	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 22.04.25 until 15.04.25	Y5/Y6	7.45am-8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 22.04.25 until 20.05.25	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 23.04.25 until 16.07.25	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 24.04.25 until 17.04.25	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm
Friday	Dance From 25.04.25 until 18.07.25	EYFS to Y6	8am – 8.45am
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 25.04.25 until 11.07.25*	EYFS	3pm-4pm

Computer Club dates 2025– 19th May
2nd, 16th and 30th June
14th July

*No EYFS football sessions on 27th June or 18th July (Finish @ 1.30pm for Summer break).

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have continued with our Jack and the Beanstalk focus and we used our imagination to think of what we would see and who we would meet if we climbed to the top of the beanstalk! Children shared some great ideas before drawing and labelling pictures and writing sentences for their writing challenge! We have also read a non-fiction book called 'The Bean Diary'. We then used our knowledge from the book along with pots and compost to plant our own beans in the sunshine! We have learned that the beans will need plenty of water and sunlight to grow. In our busy time areas, we have developed our scissor skills by cutting out the different parts of a plant. We had to read the labels such as stem and roots then put them in the correct places. We have also used oil pastels to develop our drawing skills, completing still life observational drawings of apples. In numeracy, we have continued to develop our counting on skills. We have been recording answers using number equations. In RE, we have started our new topic, Pentecost. We listened to The Jolly Postman and talked about the good news the characters received in the story. We then shared our own good news that we have received and how it makes us feel. Amongst all the learning, we have also enjoyed the beautiful weather in our outdoor area! We hope it continues and you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a busy week this week and even with the hot weather, we've still managed to complete lots of work! In English, we have been doing some descriptive writing based on our story 'The Secret of Black Rock.' We used our senses to write a setting description and we had to imagine we were Erin out in the sea; writing a poem about all the things we could catch a glimpse of. In Maths, we have completed our Multiplication unit by exploring doubles and learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, in order to help us solve problems. Our RE lesson this week focused on the Ascension, when Jesus went to Heaven to be with His Father. We retold the story of the 40 days that Jesus returned to Earth. In Geography, we learnt about the 5 oceans of the world and labelled them on a map - we even have a song to help us try and remember them. On Thursday, we started our new Art unit focusing on the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We gathered ideas from his work and talked about what we liked and disliked. We can't wait to plan and design our own land art. We hope you all have a lovely long weekend!

YEAR TWO:

We have been very busy in Year 2 this week with lots of learning and hard work!

In English, we have been reading 'The King who banned the dark' and writing sentences in the style of the text. We have closely analysed key features such as adverbials, contractions and adverbs and applied them to our own writing. In sentence accuracy, we have been learning how to correctly use commas in a list and what happens to root words when we add the suffix 'ness' and 'er'.

In maths, we have been learning all about fractions and learning key vocabulary such as 'denominator' and 'numerator'. We have worked hard to learn all about halves, quarters and thirds.

In RE, we have been learning all about The Ascension and explored how Jesus' disciples would have felt during The Ascension and what they would have said to Jesus.

In science, we have been looking at things that are alive, have never been alive and were once alive. We discussed as a class the difference between things that have never been alive and things that were once alive and used a table to explain the difference.

In DT, we have been creating our very own healthy snacks made from root vegetables! We had a fantastic time cutting and frying our vegetables to make delicious, healthy snacks! Well done for all the hard work Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

During this busy week, Year 3 have started a new unit 'Fractions' in maths. We began the unit by counting in tenths and then looked at finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set. Next week, the children will explore equivalent fractions and look at simplifying fractions before comparing those with different denominators. In the English lessons, Year 3 have annotated the 'Example Text' showing where the Writer's Knowledge for the unit can be found. We also discussed the structure of the text and how each paragraph increases tension as the character travels deeper into a pyramid, building to a climax at the end where they narrowly escape danger! In RE the children were tasked with retelling the story of 'The Road to Emmaus' using puppets; shared their thoughts on some Roman fresco paintings in the art lesson; created a detailed diagram on how water is transported around a plant in science and discovered the reasons why Emperor Claudius invaded Britain in 43AD in history. Well done on a good week's work, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 have continued exploring their focus text, *The Journey*. Using drama activities, the children brought the story to life and gathered ideas to help them write powerful character and setting descriptions. Their writing focused on Mahek, the mother in the story, as she bravely shields her family while they attempt to cross the border into a safer country.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on converting units of measurement. Pupils have been practising how to convert between centimetres and metres, building their confidence in handling different measures accurately.

Thursday saw us complete our art unit, where we have been developing our shading techniques to create pencil sketches of still life objects. The classroom has been filled with fantastic pieces of artwork that really show off the children's creativity and growing skill.

In Science, we launched our new topic on sound. The children discovered that sound is produced by vibrations and took part in experiments using different apparatus to observe what they could see, hear, and feel when vibrations occurred.

Well done, Year 4, for another week of enthusiastic learning and brilliant effort!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 read the story of the Pentecost. We then made a conscious alley, focusing on the question, 'Should the crowds in Jerusalem become disciples or not after hearing what the friends of Jesus had to tell them?' A group on one side of the alley acted as disciples and the other side as non-believers. At the end, the person walking down the alley had to decide and reflect on the values and beliefs which influenced them the most. In Maths, we have begun our Geometry chapter and have been identifying different types of angles and parallel lines and calculating missing angles on a straight line and around a point. In English, we started exploring our new vehicle text, "The Lost Book of Adventure". We have made predictions, written poems and character descriptions and studied the vocabulary, structural and language features and writers' knowledge in the WAGOLL (example text). In Science we learnt about the life cycles of different mammals, birds, amphibians and insects. We did some online research before creating posters, songs and raps to teach our classmates about our chosen animals. In Geography, we learnt about the different types of rainforest (coniferous, deciduous and equatorial) and their layers (forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent). We really enjoyed our Art lesson this week: we went into the Peace Garden and chose a leaf we particularly liked the look of. Then we created some observational line drawings in preparation for our own rainforest paintings. We're looking forward to mixing shades of green next week!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have been doing a lot of preparation this week ahead of our SATs in a few weeks. We have been revising concepts that our children have requested to go over and brushing up on accuracy and conciseness. Alongside this, in maths, we completed both our pie chart and line graph topics deriving tricky information from these types of diagrams and graphs. In English, we continued with our endurance text of 'Shackleton's journey' unpicking the features of the example text to guide us with writing our own next week based on the expedition of Ernest Shackleton. In our guided reading unit, we looked at Sophie Anderson's novel, 'The house with the Chicken Legs,' and explored its many themes throughout whilst comparing the cultural setting in the story with other cultures across Europe. In preparation for VE day on Thursday, we made mini flags and began learning a song to commemorate the end of World War II in Europe.

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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