

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



SPB Celebrates VE Day

Yesterday, children and staff had a wonderful day celebrating VE Day. Everyone looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits and 1940s/World War Two costumes! We gathered together to sing, listen to a prayer and waves flag in honour of all those who fought in the Second World War. We enjoyed taking selfies in our VE Day photo booth, we learned a 1940s style swing dance and visited our interactive museum full of photos, stories and artefacts. We enjoyed a picnic lunch listening to 1940s music and learned about VE Day in class, completing lots of fun activities. We ended the day with a video to remember all our family members. Please see Tapestry and X for lots of photos and videos of the day!

Almighty God,

We give thanks for the end of the Second World War in Europe and for the peace that followed.

We remember those who served and sacrificed so much and we honour their courage and resilience.

As we celebrate 80 years of peace, we pray for continued harmony and understanding between nations, and for a future free from conflict. May we learn from the past and work towards a world where peace prevails.

Amen

Christ the King Church – Poster Competition



100 YEARS OF CTK POSTER COMPETITION

**Design a poster to celebrate 100 years of
Christ the King Church.**

Open to all children in our parish, and who attend our parish
schools of CTK, OLGH and St Paschal Baylon.

One prize for a winner aged 4-7 and one prize for a winner aged 8-11.

Submit your poster design on A4 paper including on the reverse the
child's full name, class, school and a parent's name and telephone
number.

***Please submit all posters by 11am Mass on Sunday June 1st 2025 by
placing them in the box in the porch at church.***

Parent Governor Elections

I am pleased to inform you that Ms O'Rourke and Mr Fagan were elected as Parent
Governors of this school for 4 years commencing 6th May 2025.

Thanks are extended to all five parents who stood for election. In a time where some schools
struggle to appoint Parent Governors, we are extremely fortunate that we had five strong
candidates offering to stand. This is greatly appreciated by our school community.

The Governing Body of this School now comprises:-

Ms K Nolan – Chair of Governors
Mr E Flood – Headteacher
Mr C Reynolds – Foundation Governor
Ms C Kelly – Foundation Governor
Mr D Hulme – Foundation Governor
Mr P McLachlan – Foundation Governor
Mr J See – Foundation Governor
Mr T Devine – Foundation Governor
Ms J Kinsella – LA Governor
Ms R Dillon – Staff Governor
Ms S O'Rourke – Parent Governor
Mr C Fagan – Parent Governor

09.05.25

Diary Dates

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

Y3 Roman Dewa Experience Trip – Tuesday 13th 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

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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 4th July or 18th July (Finish @ 1.30pm for Summer break).

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a super busy week, even with the Bank Holiday!

We have continued with our topic of growing this week and have conducted our own science investigation. We have planted three seeds and have put the pots in various places around our classroom to see in which place will the bean grow the best! We have written instructions for how to plant a seed in the writing area and have also practiced reading instructions and drawing corresponding pictures to match them. In the Funky Fingers area, we have practiced cutting and sticking instructions in the correct order and have also enjoyed using the Play-Doh and have threaded the correct number of beads onto 'beanstalks.' In Maths this week we have looked at addition and subtraction and how they are the inverse of each other. We have practiced various sums practically and in our maths journals. In the creative area we have continued using oil pastels in the style of Van Gogh but have practiced drawing other various fruits that have seeds such as cucumbers and tomatoes. Outside we have had fun in the tuff tray with mud, spades and seeds role playing planting a seed. We had a wonderful day on Thursday to celebrate VE Day! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all the activities they participated in and it was fantastic to see all the children in their outfits. Thank you for your support with this as always! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a lovely week, this week, in Year One. In English, we have begun planning and writing our story based on 'The Secret of Black Rock.' We have been trying our best to include character feelings, adjectives and exclamations to express excitement. In Maths, we have been learning how to share amounts equally and have been introduced to the term 'divide'. We have explored this concept with counters and have some extra practise for homework. In Geography, we learnt about the equator and the North and South Poles and we colour coded a map to show how the countries near the equator are the hottest and the countries furthest away are the coldest. On Thursday, we had a wonderful day celebrating VE Day with the rest of the school. We learnt how to swing dance, we visited the mini museum and saw lots of artefacts and listened to lots of stories of people who had been around during the war. We also enjoyed a picnic lunch altogether and visited the photo booth with our friends. Check out X for lots of photographs! We have also spent time this week talking about the process of electing a new Pope and on Friday we looked at who our new Pope is. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had a busy and productive week, filled with lots of learning and exceptional work across all subjects.

In English, we continued our writing based on *The King Who Banned the Dark*. We carefully planned, wrote, and then evaluated persuasive letters addressed to the King. We demonstrated a strong understanding of key writing features, including persuasive language, rhetorical questions, and a clear structure. Their use of punctuation and grammar has been particularly impressive, showing the progress they've made this term.

In Maths, our focus has been on understanding equivalent fractions. Through a combination of practical activities and written work, we explored how different fractions can represent the same value. The children made excellent connections between this new learning and their previous work on division, using diagrams and number lines to support their reasoning.

In Science, we extended our learning beyond the classroom by exploring local habitats. Working in pairs, the children investigated a range of plants and animals, including those found in micro-habitats. They used their observational skills to complete detailed habitat maps, which included a carefully designed key to represent the species and environments they discovered.

On Thursday, we came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day (Victory in Europe Day). This important historical event marks the end of World War II in Europe, following Germany's official surrender on May 8th, 1945. The children took part in a special celebration to reflect on the significance of the day, learning about its historical context and the importance of peace and unity. We had a picnic followed by lots of fun activities including swing dancing and quizzes!

Well done for all the hard work Year 2

YEAR THREE:

Our week may have been a shorter one but we have certainly managed to pack in lots of learning and lots of fun! The children have continued to work on fractions in Maths with our main focus being recognising equivalent fractions. This is definitely a tricky concept but the children are working hard on this! In English, the children carried out a role play activity to generate ideas for their Egyptian Mystery Narrative. They then completed their writing plan, including all of the Writer's Knowledge they have been working on. In Art, the children used watercolour paints to practise mixing colours in preparation for creating their own 'frescos'. They have studied some famous frescos, including the famous one on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, painted by Michelangelo. We have also talked about this being the location where the Papal Conclave voting is taking place this week! On Thursday we had a thoroughly enjoyable day celebrating VE Day's 80th anniversary. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and Union Jack colours! The children loved hearing the stories of each other's families and seeing the pictures and artefacts they brought in. A few highlights of our day were: gathering as a whole school to sing our VE Day song of remembrance; learning a 1940s swing dance; picnic lunch in the sunshine with our friends; visiting the school 'museum' of artefacts from our school family and finally having some fun with the props in the Photo Booth! What a wonderful week!

YEAR FOUR:

In English this week, Year 4 have been busy planning their own refugee narratives inspired by our focus text, *The Journey*. Pupils carefully mapped out how they will use fronted adverbials, speech, and expanded noun phrases to craft powerful stories that capture both the sadness and the hope at the heart of this theme. We are looking forward to seeing their ideas come to life in their writing next week.

Maths lessons have seen the children tackling the tricky concept of converting units of measurement. They began by practising changing metres to centimetres and vice versa, before moving on to converting between kilometres and metres. Their determination in mastering these new skills has been fantastic to see.

Thursday was a special day at SPB, as the whole school came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day taking part in wartime dances, posing in photo booths, and exploring the SPB museum, which displayed fascinating information about the experiences of people during World War Two. Back in class, we deepened our understanding by watching videos about life during the war and discussing the impact it had on families and communities.

Well done to all of Year 4 for their enthusiasm and hard work this week!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 read the story of the conversion of Saul to Paul. We discussed how he was transformed by the Holy Spirit and looked at artwork depicting the effect it had on him. We studied a prayer and what it means for Christians today. We then rewrote it in our words to demonstrate our understanding. In English, we analysed the Example Text, focusing on the structural and language features and the writers' knowledge that it contains. We wrote descriptions of dangerous threats like the encounter with the mamba in the example. We also gathered ideas for our own survival narrative, ready to write our final writing outcome next week. In Maths, we learnt the difference between regular and irregular polygons and identified them based on the sides and angles of given shapes. In Science, we learnt the parts of a flower and their functions. We also explored how they reproduce and the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways. In Geography, we learnt about different biomes, including rainforest, desert, savanna and tundra. We also thoroughly enjoyed our VE Day activities and learnt some interesting information about our families.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked tirelessly this week in preparation for next week's assessments. We are incredibly proud of all our efforts thus far and hope that everyone has a calm, relaxing weekend.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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