

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



First Holy Communion

This weekend Y4 children will take their First Holy Communion, an important part of their faith journey. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

*May Jesus bless you on your First Communion day.
May you feel His loving presence in a very special way.
And as you strive to follow in His footsteps
May He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.*

Amen

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St Paschal Baylon Feast Day

Today we celebrated the Feast of St Paschal Baylon and all the children enjoyed an ice lolly.

He is our Patron Saint; our inspiration. He was a man who thought about others, had great perseverance and honoured the Eucharist.

"Be ready to serve God and love him above all things"

St. Paschal Baylon

Year 6 SATs

During this week, all Year 6 pupils took part in National Curriculum Tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths. They have all worked extremely hard this week and we are very proud of them. Well done Y6!

Children's Party - Christ the King Church Centenary

Sunday 22nd June, 2-4pm, tickets cost £1.00 and are available from Church.



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Diary Dates

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

LDCSA Athletics @ Wavertree – Monday 2nd June 3pm-6pm

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

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).

YPAS Virtual Coffee Morning Event



The poster features a dark brown background with a subtle grid pattern. At the top center is the YPAS logo, which includes the text 'YPAS' in large, colorful letters (Y in red, P in blue, A in green, S in yellow) and 'Young Person's Advisory Service' in smaller text below it. The main title 'VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING' is prominently displayed in the center in large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'VIRTUAL' in orange, 'COFFEE' in light yellow, and 'MORNING' in yellow. Below the title, the date and time '21ST MAY, 2025 | 10 - 11:30AM' are enclosed in a light yellow rounded rectangle. Underneath this, the text 'JOIN YPAS PARENTING PRACTITIONERS FOR A DISCUSSION AND TOP TIPS AROUND SCHOOL TRANSITION' is written in white and yellow. Further down, the text 'Hosted via zoom - sign up via eventbrite link' is displayed in white. At the bottom left, there is a circular illustration of a person's hands typing on a laptop, with a smartphone showing '10:00' and a document icon nearby. To the right of this illustration is a large QR code. The poster is decorated with stylized starburst shapes in yellow and orange at the corners.

YPAS
Young Person's Advisory Service

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have continued with our 'Growing' topic with the focus being chicks. We have read a non-fiction book all about chicks, learning about their life cycle and what happens inside of the egg. In our busy time areas, we practised our cutting skills to cut and sequence the stages of a chick life cycle and we made chick life cycle zig zag booklets! In our play dough area, we have been making chicks with yellow play dough, beaks and feathers. In our creative area, we have coloured and cut chicks and then used split pins to make their wings move! We have also been developing our pencil control by drawing dot to dot chicks. Our Reading challenge this week was to read a sentence about a chick and draw and label a picture to match the sentence and show our understanding of what we have read. We have also been practicing to read words with 4 sounds and draw pictures to match them. In numeracy this week, we have practised counting back from 20. We have also learned how to show teen numbers using two ten frames by counting on from 10. In literacy, we have started to record what has been happening to our beans in a bean diary. And in RE, we learned a song about Pentecost and decorated flags with the colours and symbols of Pentecost. We walked around the school singing our song and waving our flags to share the Good News with each class that Jesus sent a friend, the Holy Spirit! Finally, we ended our week with a lolly ice to celebrate the Feast Day of St Paschal Baylon! Another week of beautiful weather, enjoy the weekend sunshine!

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have finished writing our own versions of 'The Secret of Black Rock', in English, and have started exploring the rest of the story to find out the challenges that Erin (the main character) has to face to help save Black Rock! In Maths, we have completed our division unit and have begun exploring fractions, starting with learning how to identify half of different shapes. We folded paper to help us visually see what halves look like and learnt that both parts have to be equal sizes. We completed our final Geography lesson of this unit, where we focused on animals that live in the polar regions. We also talked about what sort of conditions attracted these animals to the different parts of the world. In RE, we heard the story of Pentecost and thought about how Jesus' disciples felt, what they would have thought and said when the Holy Spirit came to them, just as Jesus promised. In Art, we drew out designs for our land sculptures, in the form of Andy Goldsworthy – homework this week is to gather the resources needed to build our sculptures next week! Finally, on Friday we talked about St Paschal Baylon and shared his story, then we enjoyed a nice lolly ice in the sunshine to celebrate our Feast Day! What a lovely treat!

YEAR TWO:

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2, full of learning and hard work.

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time and using key vocab such as half past and quarter past. We have applied this knowledge to help solve time based word problems and used it in real life settings.

In English, we have been making predictions about our vehicle text 'The King Who Banned the Dark' and reading the text to see if we were right!

In RE we have been learning about Pentecost and the Ascension. Ascension and Pentecost are Christian feasts commemorating significant events after Jesus' resurrection. Ascension celebrates his physical ascent into heaven 40 days after Easter, while Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles 10 days later. These events mark the beginning of the church's mission and the empowerment of believers through the Holy Spirit.

In science, we have been continuing our understanding of living things in their natural habitat.

We made our way to the Peace Garden with magnifying glasses to see what we could find!

Then we came back to class and recorded our findings using a tally chart and pictures. We compared our results and discussed the different habitats of each mini beast.

In music, we have started a brand new unit which began with us learning and performing 'The Friendship song'. We enjoyed splitting into groups and performing different parts of the song.

Well done for all the hard work Year 2 and enjoy the weekend

YEAR THREE:

In this week's English lessons, Year 3 have been writing their 'Egyptian Mystery Narrative'.

The Year 3 team are very impressed with the paragraphs they have completed so far! In maths, we have had some very tricky lessons on fractions. Both classes have learned how to compare and order: fractions with the same denominator; unit fractions and fractions with different denominators. It has been fantastic to see how much knowledge and understanding the children have gained whilst working on this unit! Thursday's science lesson involved Year 3 setting up an 'observation over time' investigation to find out the importance of leaves for plants and how the process of photosynthesis helps plants to grow. The children decided to alter two of the plants in the investigation, by removing all of the leaves of one plant and depriving the other plant of sunlight. We are looking forward to observe the changes that take place! On Friday, Year 3 enjoyed the traditional 'Feast of St Paschal Baylon' lolly ices (or ice-lollies, depending on where you come from). The highlight of the week came on Tuesday, when we went to the Roman Dewa Experience in Chester. The children joined the mighty Roman Army for the day and experienced what life would have been like living in the fortress of Dewa. The staff were really impressed with how enthusiastic and well-behaved our children were! Please check out the Year 3 'X' page to see pictures and videos of our day.

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 began writing their refugee narratives inspired by our focus text, *The Journey*. The classroom has been buzzing with fantastic descriptive writing, as pupils skilfully used expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and dialogue to bring their powerful stories to life.

In Science, we investigated how sound travels by making our own string telephones. This hands-on experiment helped us understand that sound travels well through solid materials because the particles are closely packed together, allowing vibrations to pass through them more effectively.

Our R.E. lessons have focused on Pentecost, a significant event in the Christian calendar that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. We discussed how this moment marked the beginning of the Church and the importance of the Holy Spirit as a gift to guide and inspire Christians.

On Thursday, we continued our preparation for baking healthy, snack-sized treats by considering nutritious additions to a banana loaf recipe. Some pupils opted for dried fruits, while others chose ingredients such as blueberries, strawberries, or even grated carrot to enhance both flavour and nutritional value.

To end the week, we have been walking to Christ the King Church for a special preparation session ahead of our First Holy Communion. The children are full of excitement and anticipation for their special day tomorrow—an occasion we hope all families enjoy celebrating together.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, Year 5 learnt about how the friends of Jesus used their new energy to spread the Good News of God. We learnt that the change and transformation the Spirit makes is called the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. We discussed the key words and what they mean and created posters for a class display. In English, we planned and wrote our own survival narratives. We chose our own settings: Frozen Tundra, Voyage Down the Amazon River, Camp Wild or Land of the Giants. Our main characters were in dangerous settings and had to narrowly escape the threats around them. In Maths, we have begun and completed our Position and Movement chapter. We named and plotted points on x and y axes, described translations and reflections and reflected images in both horizontal and vertical mirror lines. In Geography, we learnt about how people live in the Amazon Rainforest and how this compares to life in Manaus. We produced posters to show the similarities and differences in their daily lives. In Science, we learned about the process of pollination and dissected tulips to see the parts of the flower involved in their reproduction. In Art, we experimented with different colours to create different shades of green that we would like to use in our rainforest paintings next week. Some of us created nearly 100 different shades!

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YEAR SIX:

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who showed great determination and resilience this week when completing their Key Stage 2 assessments. We are very proud of each and every one of you. We hope you have a well-deserved, restful weekend with your families. We are looking forward to enjoying the remaining time with you in the forthcoming weeks!

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