

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Y6 PGL Residential 2025

Y6 children have all had an amazing time at PGL this week! We look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

"We didn't realise we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun."

A.A Milne

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Tennis Superstar!

Huge congratulations to Lennie who took part in the Lancashire Tennis Championships during the summer and is now Under 10 Lancashire Champion! Well done Lennie, we are all so proud of you!



Term Dates

[Please click this link for term dates and INSET days for 2025/26.](#)

This information can also be found on our school website by clicking Parents tab and selecting Term Dates from the drop down menu.

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Afterschool Club Phone Number

Reminder – Our Afterschool Club now has a mobile phone to allow parents to contact ASC staff directly between the hours of 4.00pm – 5.40pm.

The number is 07894 215817

Please note bookings should still be made by contacting the school office on 0151 722 0464 or by emailing admin2@paschalbaylon.org.uk

Afterschool Club is very popular this year is often fully booked each day with a waiting list. If you have a booking that you no longer need, please remember to cancel as soon as possible. For cancellations please call the school office on 0151 722 0464. Failure to cancel may result in you being charged as per the Afterschool Club policy.

Thank you for your support.

EYFS 26/27 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – Local Authority online applications are now open. Closing date for on-line applications is Thursday 15th January 2026 – **St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed** – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

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SPB Open Afternoons – EYFS Class 2026

SPB is holding two open afternoons for parents/carers of children due to start Reception class in September 2026:

Thursday 25th September 2025 @ 1.45pm

Thursday 2nd October 2025 @ 1.45pm

Please call the school office to book a place.

Secondary School Open Afternoons/Evenings

SFX Open Afternoon



Inspiring life in all its fullness.

Come along to:

- Meet our dedicated staff and students.
- Experience our aspirational, value-led teaching.
- Learn about our enriched curriculum and strong pastoral support.

Open Evening
at St Francis Xavier's.

  **St Francis Xavier's**
Catholic Academy

Join us on
Thursday 25th
September,
4pm - 7pm.

St. Julie's Open Afternoon

The poster features a photograph of three female students in school uniforms (dark blue blazers over white shirts) standing in front of St. Julie's Catholic High School, a large brick building with many windows. The school's name is visible on the building. The poster has a yellow header and footer. The main text is in white on the yellow background. A yellow circle highlights the event date and time. A quote from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate is in white text on a blue background. A quote from Ofsted is in black text on a white background. The Ofsted logo is in the bottom right corner.

St. Julie's Catholic High School

18th September 3:30-6pm

"Students truly understand and embrace the charism and mission of St. Julie's. They speak with pride about how they live out the Notre Dame values in their daily lives. Students feel valued, supported, safe, happy and confident."
Catholic Schools Inspectorate, 2024

When Ofsted visited St. Julie's in 2023 they found that "Pupils, including students in the sixth form, are proud to be part of this caring and close-knit school community. A typical view that pupils shared with inspectors was that 'everyone is welcome here; you can be yourself'.

You can find out more about what it means to be a member of our welcoming Notre Dame community at our Open Evening event on Thursday 18th September from 3:30-6pm.

The evening will give you a great opportunity to find out why record numbers of parents are naming St. Julie's as their first choice school for their daughter's secondary education.

When you tour our school, meet our Headteacher and staff and talk to some of our current students, we hope to be your first choice too!

www.stjulies.org.uk

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Good Provider

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Abbot's Lea School Open Evenings (Year 6 Parents/carers)

Open Evening (for prospective families):

[ALS 2025-26 key information](#)

Next Open Evening:

Early Autumn	Thursday 25 September 2025	15:30pm
Late Autumn	Tuesday 12 November 2025	15:30pm
Spring Term	Thursday 6 March 2026	15:30pm
Summer Term	Wednesday 11 June 2026	15:30pm

All until 16:30pm

To put your name on the waiting list for the Open Evenings in 2025-26 school year, please contact:

reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

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Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Choir From 15.09.25	Y3-Y6	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 08.09.25 until 18.12.25	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 16.09.25 until 21.10.25	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 09.09.25 until 16.12.25	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 10.09.25 until 17.12.25	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 11.09.25 until 18.12.25	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am

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Diary Dates

Y6 Swimming begins – Monday 15th September 2025

School Health Y6 Height & Weight Screening – Tuesday 16th September 2025

Mass – Tuesday 16th September @ 9.15am

First Holy Communion Meeting for Y4 Parents/carers – Tuesday 16th September @ SPB

Cross Country Race 1 – Tuesday 18th September @ Croxteth Park

Ski Meeting for Parents – Tuesday 23rd September @ 3pm

INSET Day (School is closed to children) – Friday 24th October 2025

Open Afternoon – for parents of children starting Reception in September 2026 – Thursday 25th September @ 1.45pm

Cross Country Race 2 – Wednesday 1st October @ Newsham Park

Open Afternoon – for parents of children starting Reception in September 2026 – Thursday 2nd October @ 1.45pm

INSET Day – School closed to children – Friday 24th October

Half Term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Children Return to School – Monday 3rd November 2025

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

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

A massive well done to all the Reception children for settling in so well into school! We have had a busy week learning the routines and exploring our classroom. We have focussed on the text 'Elmer' this week. We have talked about the characters in the story, the problem and how it was resolved. We have also discussed the characters feelings and tried to relate these feelings to ourselves. We have set up a small world tuff tray for the children to re-tell the story and bring it to life.

In our busy time areas we have linked the provision to the Elmer story. This half term we will be focusing on developing the children's fine motor and dexterity skills. This will get the children ready to hold a pencil and form letters. In the playdough we have been creating an elephant and then using the jewels to turn it into Elmer. In the funky fingers we have been using the tweezers to pick up Elmer coloured Pom Poms and put them onto the poppers we have also practiced our cutting skills cutting and sticking pictures of Elmer. In the creative area we have made our own Elmer recycling milk cartons and have practiced our colouring too.

We have started phonics this week but have just been learning the picture phrase, ready to start our speed sound lessons on Monday! We have been practising these letters on large paper in the writing area, as well as trying to write our names. If we are not ready for this yet, we have been encouraging anti-clockwise movements. In RE we have been learning about prayer and who is God. We have also looked at the items on our classroom focus table and discussed what they symbolise. We had lots of fun learning the words and actions to 'If I were a butterfly.'

We have had a lovely week getting to know the children better and can't wait for another busy fun filled week! We hope you have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have been working hard this week. In English, we have started exploring the story of 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. We have explored the characters feelings through role play and wrote about how the characters feelings changed throughout the story. We also wrote Adjective Noun Poems! In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 10, writing the digit, showing the numbers on a tens frame and writing the numbers as words. In Geography, we looked at maps of Liverpool and Childwall. We identified different places and things on the map and found our school. In RE we discussed how important praying is and listened to scripture from the Bible telling the Creation Story. We also had computing this week, we learnt about how robots follow instructions and use algorithms to move.

YEAR TWO:

This week in Year 2 we have been so busy! In English, we explored our story and had a go at writing some settings and descriptions. In Maths, we worked hard on number patterns and place value using tens and ones. We enjoyed learning about Van Gogh in Art and created some fantastic mood boards. In History, we travelled back to the time of the Titanic and found out about the different classes on board. In PSHE, we talked about different families and what makes each one special. Finally, in R.E, we learned about God's special promise he made with us. We talked about how we can turn a new leaf whenever we make a mistake and start over fresh. The children have worked really hard this week, well done Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have had a busy week of learning and are continuing to settle into their new routines. In English, they have written some fantastic setting descriptions using our vehicle text 'The Iron Man'. They have worked hard on some new 'Writer's Knowledge' including prefixes and apostrophes for both possession and contractions. In Maths, they have continued to work on place value and have been able to add/subtract 1, 10 and 100, recognising which digit changes. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed our 'Celebration of the Word' Assembly, thinking about what small differences we can make to help our world to become a better place for all. In RE, the children listened to the Creation story. They created their own artwork to represent each day of Creation. In Science, the children have begun a new topic: 'Animals including Humans'. They were set the task of trying to create a human skeleton using a set of bone shapes. It was trickier than it looked! They then thought about the function of different bones; protection, support and movement. A super week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

In Maths, Year 4 have been delving into *place value*, working confidently with numbers up to four digits. They have practised ordering numbers and comparing their values, making excellent use of the greater than and less than symbols to justify their thinking.

In Reading, the children have begun exploring extracts from *When Life Gives You Mangoes*. Using their inference skills, they have been piecing together clues to build a clearer picture of Clara and Gaynor's personalities, discussing how the author reveals details about the characters.

Our new Science topic is all about *electricity*. To begin, we learned what an appliance is and thought carefully about which ones rely on electricity and which do not. The class then used Venn diagrams to sort appliances into those powered by mains electricity, batteries, or both – a fun way to combine scientific knowledge with logical thinking.

In Geography, we have embarked on our unit on *settlements*. The children considered which features would be *essential* for early settlers, such as water and shelter, and which would be merely *desirable*. They then put their ideas into action by designing and illustrating their own settlements, each including at least three key features to support a community.

YEAR FIVE:

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 5! The children have continued to settle in beautifully and have shown great enthusiasm across all subjects.

In Maths, we have explored place value within numbers up to 1000000. Pupils have been working hard to read, write, compare and order large numbers, as well as understanding the value of each digit.

In English, we journeyed to outer space! We looked closely at setting descriptions and used the moon as our inspiration. The children produced some beautifully descriptive writing, using powerful adjectives, similes and expanded noun phrases to bring the lunar landscape to life.

Well done Year 5, what an amazing week!

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YEAR SIX:

Y6 have had an amazing week at PGL....we can't wait to hear all about their adventures next week!

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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