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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



World Mental Health Day 2025

Today is World Mental Health Day.

World Mental Health Day is a day to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. It's also a day to let people know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what you're going through.

Be Kind to Your Mind

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Friday Treat Snack

It has been noticed that some children are bringing family sized share packets of crisps/chocolate or large snacks to school for their Friday treat snack.

Please can parents/carers ensure that children bring a **small individual** snack on a Friday.

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

Secondary School Admissions

Please be aware that the Year 6 to Year 7 annual admissions transfer application window remains open until 31st October 2025. Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the necessary information is posted and links to apply are located.

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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
Thursday	Re-Action Group From 02.10.25	Y4,Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm

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Diary Dates

Parents' Evening for Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – Tuesday 14th October 1pm – 6.20pm

Pendle Ski Trip (Y5 children attending ski trip 2026) – Wednesday 15th October

Cross Country Race 4 – Thursday 16th October @ Clarke's Garden

Cross Country City Championships – Monday 20th October @ Wavertree

Y2 Boys Football City Finals – Wednesday 22nd October @ Liverpool Academy 9.30am – 12.30pm

Parents' Evening for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 – Wednesday 22nd October 1pm – 6.20pm

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

Mass @ SPB – Monday 3rd November @ 9.15am

Own Clothes Day to support PTS Christmas Bingo events:

Donations of new toys – Friday 7th November

Donations of chocolate – Friday 14th November

Donations of bottles – Friday 21st November

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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ASD Training Team

Please click the link below for more information re ASD Training Team workshops and courses during October – December 2025 or head to our school website and select St Paschal Baylon tab/SEND tab. Thank you.

[ASD Training Team Course/Workshops October – December 2025](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we've been fully immersed in the season of Autumn. We set up an Autumn Exploration Table where the children explored the materials they collected on our Autumn walk last week. Alongside this, we introduced key vocabulary related to the season to support language development and build curiosity. We have continued to enjoy the story of The Gruffalo. The children have had opportunities to retell the story using masks, small world characters, and story sequencing pictures in the role-play and reading areas. In Maths, we have focused on ordering objects by size, height, length and sequencing events too. The children have been busy ordering pumpkins, numbers, and everyday sequences like getting ready for school or making a meal. To support fine motor skills, we have been making the Gruffalo's prickles using playdough, rolling and shaping it to strengthen hand muscles. In the creative area, the children have enjoyed making their own Gruffalos using paper plates and tissue paper. In Phonics, we are continuing to focus on initial sounds. The children have been practising letter formation and matching letters to pictures that begin with that sound. In RE, we explored baptism. The children shared photos of their own baptisms and learned that baptism is a way of being welcomed into God's family. We re-enacted a baptism together, helping the children understand this special celebration in a meaningful way. Another busy week of learning, have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

We have been working hard in Year 1 this week. In English, we got a letter from Tin Dog who is stuck in the attic, we've been writing about how he might be feeling and making lost toy posters. In Maths, we have been creating addition number sentences and matching number bond diagrams to add to two numbers together. In Computing, we made robots move by creating algorithms and in Science we explored trees and what make them a plant. In Art, we used all our previous knowledge of hot and cold colours to make some wonderful contrasting colours art.

YEAR TWO:

We've had another busy week of learning! In English, we've been analysing and planning our own writing before creating our very own paragraph 1 of our letters at the end of the week. In Maths, we've been practising column subtraction with renaming and even started adding three numbers together using our understanding of number bonds to ten. In RE, we learned about the baptism garment and candle, and how Jesus is the light of the world. During History, we explored how disasters like the Titanic could be prevented today. We also talked about how to keep our bodies healthy in PSHE and thought about the different ways we travel to school. What a busy and brilliant week of learning!

YEAR THREE:

In English this week the children have been identifying the features of a trap explanation. They have been practising using adverbs for time, place and cause; prepositions for time and place and commas in a list. They have now planned their own writing to design and explain their own trap for the Iron Man using the Writer's Knowledge they have practised. In Maths, they have continued using the column method but this time introducing column subtraction, including renaming. They have worked really hard! In our RE lessons this week, the children listened to The Canticle of the Creatures; a poem written by St Francis of Assisi giving thanks for Creation. They wrote their own versions of this poem and produced beautiful reflections on God's Creation. The children had a very exciting (and messy) Art lesson this week where they used Mod-Roc to cover their newspaper fruit sculptures. Once dried, they will be able to paint these to look like pieces of fruit. Well done, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

In English, the children stepped into the shoes of eyewitnesses this week as they imagined being present at the scene of a mysterious large marine animal spotted off the coast of Merseyside. Pupils took turns interviewing one another in the role of newspaper reporters, gathering quotes and details to use in their own reports. They then began planning their newspaper articles, ready to complete their final pieces next week.

Over in Maths, Year 4 have been building on their understanding of column addition. The focus has been on solving problems that involve regrouping, before moving on to developing efficient mental strategies for addition. Their growing confidence and precision have been wonderful to see.

On Thursday, the class launched their new Design and Technology project with great enthusiasm. Their challenge is to design an eye-catching lamp suitable for children — a task that links perfectly with their recent Science work on electrical circuits. Over the next few weeks, pupils will bring their designs to life, creating lamps with fully functioning circuits. It's been another busy and creative week of learning in Year 4!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had another creative and productive week! In English, we began planning our Mission Log, using imagination and detail to record our Moon adventures. Maths lessons focused on identifying and working with multiples, building strong number fluency. In Art, we continued our sculpture work, padding out structures with tin foil ready for the Mod-Roc stage next week. Our History lessons explored religion in the Anglo-Saxon era, while in Science we focused on the Moon and completed our post-learning assessment. A fantastic week of curiosity, creativity, and growing confidence!

YEAR SIX:

It's been another busy but productive week for Year 6, and the children have really shown their maturity and focus. This week, we completed a practice SATs week in preparation for the exams in May. This experience was invaluable in helping the children become familiar with the routines and expectations they'll face when the real tests arrive. The assessments covered spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths, and the children approached them with great effort and determination. In R.E., we explored the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew (5:3–12) and the children wrote their own thoughtful versions. As part of Other Faiths Week, we also studied the Jewish faith, learning about Rosh Hashanah. The children designed beautiful greeting cards wishing others a sweet and prosperous New Year – complete with the tradition of apples dipped in honey, which they enjoyed tasting! In English, we completed our diary entries as Rose Blanche, producing some moving and descriptive pieces set in wartime Germany. Maths saw us begin our division unit, working on dividing by two-digit numbers, while in Science we designed new species adapted to different environments. In PSHE, we discussed worries about secondary school and how we can manage them positively. Finally, in History, we used laptops to research Adolf Hitler in preparation for writing a biography in the coming weeks.

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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