

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Be Bright, Be Seen

When the clocks go back on Sunday 26th October it will start getting dark earlier on. This makes it more important than ever to make sure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Turn over for some top tips on how to stay safe!



Be Bright, Be Seen – Road Safety Tips

- Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- Of course, 'Being Bright' help drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

PE Days after Half Term

PE Days after Half Term are as follows:

Monday – EYFS, Y5 and Y6 Swimming

Tuesday – Y1 & Y4

Wednesday – Y2, Y3 & Y6

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days. Thank you.

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Year 2 Boys Football – City Champions!

Our Year 2 boys football team are now City Champions! The team had a great day out on Wednesday at Liverpool FC Academy. Well done boys!



Message to parents from Local Authority - Y7 Admissions Deadline

REMINDER - The application deadline for Year 6 children who will be starting Year 7 in Secondary school in September 2026 is **31st October 2025.**

Applying on time will maximise your child's chance of securing a school of your preference.

There has been a noted increase of fraudulent address application for secondary school places, where increasing numbers of applications have been identified as not resident at addresses applied from and ultimately, offers of places have been withdrawn in accordance with the School Admissions Code where a lack of evidence is.

To improve in this area, the School Admissions function now has access to Council Tax property records as part of its investigation powers relevant to school admissions applications. This is to ensure fairness for all, across the admissions application process.

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

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 10.10.25 until 15.12.25	EYFS	7.45am – 8.30am
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 04.11.25 until 09.12.25	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club Every 2 weeks from 03.11.25	Y4	3.05pm – 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
Friday	Dance From 07.11.25 until 19.12.25	EYFS – Y6	8am – 8.30am

Diary Dates

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

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

Children Return to School – Monday 3rd November

Mass @ SPB – Monday 3rd November @ 9.15am

Y2 Trip to Liverpool Museum – Tuesday 4th November

Own Clothes Day – Donations of new toys – Friday 7th November

Y6 Remembrance Assembly for Y6 parents/carers – Friday 7th November @ 9am

Y3& Y4 Disco – Tuesday 11th November 3.10pm – 5.10pm

Own Clothes Day – Donations of chocolate – Friday 14th November

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Disco Dates – more details to follow:

Y3 & Y4 Disco – Tuesday 11th November 3.10pm-5.10pm

Y5 & Y6 Disco – Wednesday 19th November 3.10pm – 5.10pm

Y1 & Y2 Disco – Thursday 27th November 3.10pm – 5.10pm

Own Clothes Day to support Christmas Bingo events:

Donations of new toys - Friday 7th November

Donations of chocolate – Friday 14th November

Donations of bottles – Friday 21st November

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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

ASD Training Team

Please click the link below to discover workshops/sessions run by the ASD Training Team during October to December 2025 or head to our school website and select the St Paschal Baylon tab/SEND page.

[ASD Training Team – October to December 2025](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

As we wrap up this busy and fun-filled half term, we've been celebrating Diwali - the festival of lights! We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and learned about why and how Hindus celebrate Diwali. The children used figures and masks to retell and role-play the story, bringing it to life in such a creative way. We also made Diwali cards to share with our families, painted beautiful Rangoli patterns, and designed Mehndi patterns using hand templates. In our maths area, we used beads to count and match numbers on diya lamps, supporting number recognition and counting skills. We've explored different ways to make 5 using two coloured blocks (e.g. 4 and 1, 3 and 2) and have been reinforcing pattern work by creating and repeating AB and ABC patterns with play dough. In phonics, we've recapped all the sounds we've learned so far. The children have been practising forming letters and orally blending words. We've also carried out phonics assessments this week and are incredibly proud of the progress the children have made. After half term, they will move into smaller phonics groups to support their next steps in learning. Please see the homework links on Tapestry to practise over the half term break. We also got a bit messy in the outdoor area with some hands-on autumn fun, deconstructing pumpkins and making delicious pumpkin soup! It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we're so proud of everything the children have achieved. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest over half term, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon with lots of exciting things to come in the run-up to... yes, we're going to say it... Christmas!

YEAR ONE:

We have continued to work very hard this week. In English, we have written a reply letter, using conjunctions to extend our sentences, In Maths, we have been learning how to subtract by crossing out. We were Science investigators this week! We used our pattern seeking skills to and answer the question 'Do larger apples have more seeds?' And we performed a song in Music that we have been learning this half term, all about Pitch, Rhythm and Melody.

YEAR TWO:

What a busy final week of our Autumn half term. We continued our learning for our English topic using conjunctions and apostrophes for possession. Whilst in Maths, we have continued to learn the 2,5 and 10 times tables. In Music, we continue learning to play the glockenspiel following the beat of our topic song. In PSHE, we talked about how to stay healthy by washing our hands and preventing the spread of germs. On Wednesday, we finished our topic on digital photography by practicing taking photos and learning strategies to improve the picture quality. We ended our week's learning with an autumn craft session making beautiful leaf wreaths. Finally, we offer our congratulations to the Y2 Boys football team who became City Champions at Liverpool Academy on Wednesday! The Year 2 teaching team wish you all a happy and safe half term break, thank you for your continued support.

YEAR THREE:

In Maths this week the children have been focusing on multiplication. They have learnt songs for the 3x and 4x tables, along with actions! Ask them to show you! Over half term it would be really helpful if children can continue practising their 3 and 4 times tables (including their associated division facts). In English, the children have consolidated the learning covered this half term including conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases. In Art, the children enjoyed painting their fruit sculptures. What a busy half term!

YEAR FOUR:

In R.E., the children have been exploring the story of *Abraham*. They worked carefully to sequence key events from his life, adding thought and speech bubbles to show what Abraham and Sarah might have been thinking or saying at different moments. This activity helped pupils reflect on the challenges and faith shown throughout the story.

In English, we have begun our new unit based on the beautifully illustrated picture book *Leaf* — the story of a bear who finds himself lost in a woodland far from home. Inspired by the book's imagery, pupils created preposition poems and vivid setting descriptions, using descriptive language to capture the mood and atmosphere of the forest scenes.

Meanwhile, in Maths, Year 4 have been wrapping up their unit on addition and subtraction. The week concluded with some challenging word problems that required careful thinking. By using bar models to represent the information, pupils were able to break each problem into manageable steps and work systematically towards the correct solution.

The Year 4 Team wish all families an enjoyable and restful half term break!

YEAR FIVE:

What a fantastic first half term it has been in Year 5! We are so proud of the children for all their hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity over the past few weeks. They have settled into the year brilliantly and approached every challenge with a positive attitude. This week, we have been busy painting our sculptures, adding the finishing touches to our amazing Mod Roc creations. In English, we completed our Mission Logs, showcasing wonderful imagination, technical vocabulary, and attention to detail. In Maths, we have continued developing our multiplication skills, building confidence and accuracy with each lesson. It has been a truly rewarding half term, full of learning, laughter, and teamwork. A huge well done to all of Year 5 — you should be very proud of yourselves! Have a fun, safe, and restful half term break — you've earned it!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard this week, showing real maturity and thoughtfulness in their lessons. In History, we completed our end-of-unit assessment by answering the question *“How did Hitler convince a nation to follow him?”* The children used all of their prior knowledge from the past few weeks to form balanced and well-reasoned responses. In R.E., we began our new topic on *Vocation and Commitment*, discussing examples from everyday life and comparing different levels of commitment in various roles. We also continued practising for our upcoming Remembrance Day assembly, which will take place for parents on **Friday 7th November** — the children are putting in great effort to make it a respectful and memorable event. Science lessons were hands-on this week as we explored Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution. Using a range of tools to represent different birds’ beaks, the children tested how each “beak” could pick up various types of food, discovering how animals adapt to survive in their environments.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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