

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November

Today Year 6 held a Remembrance Service. They conducted themselves with dignity and appropriate reverence. Thank you children for reminding us of the great sacrifice made by so many. Lest we forget.

***They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them***

Anti Bullying Week – Monday 10th to Friday 14th November



Monday 10th – Friday 14th November is National Anti-Bullying Week 2025. As we have done for many years, our school will participate, along with many other schools around the country, in assemblies and class-based activities, throughout the week, to promote this year's theme: *Power for Good*.

Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

There will be activities each day so we hope that your children come home and tell you all about it. After all, as in the words of our long-standing slogan, *'We are a telling school!'*.

The week's activities will start on **Monday**, when we ask all children to come to school in **odd socks**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. If children could also bring in a **£1 donation**, that would be great, as all money raised will be sent to the **Anti Bullying Alliance** in order for them to continue to help children around the country around issues of bullying.

Message for parents and guardians of children about the flu vaccine from the Director of Public Health Professor Matthew Ashton

Flu is spreading early this year. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and family. It is safe and cannot give your child flu. Please send the consent form back to school so your child can get the vaccine. The link is here. [eConsent External Form](#)

Or phone the vaccine nurse team on 0151 295 3833. They can help you complete the consent form and answer any questions. They can also help you book an evening or weekend clinic appointment if your child has missed the school clinic.

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

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Diary Dates

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

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

Y6 Boys Cup @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 14th November

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

World Children's Day – wear 1 item of blue – Thursday 20th November

Own Clothes Day – Donations of bottles – Friday 21st November

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

Mass – Monday 1st December @ 9.15am

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 12th December

School closes for Christmas break – Friday 19th December @ 1.30pm



Christmas Performance Dates



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Monday 1 st December	EYFS Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am-8.45am
Monday 1 st December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Mrs Mutch’s class	2.15pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y2 Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am-8.45am
Tuesday 2 nd December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly’s class	9am
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am-8.45am
Thursday 4 th December	Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am-8.45am
Friday 5 th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM
Tuesday 9 ^h December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9am
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9am
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School	Lunchtime
Thursday 11 th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	Rocksteady students who have lessons on a Thursday	2.15pm
Thursday 11 th December	PTA Christmas Bingo	KS1	5pm-7pm
Friday 12 th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	Rocksteady students who have lessons on a Friday	2.15pm
Monday 15 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Wilson’s class	2pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Cardwell class	9am
Wednesday 17 th December	PTA Christmas Bingo	KS2	5pm-7pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	-

Due to the size of our hall and number of pupils in each class, each child is allowed a **maximum of 3 guests to watch a nativity/assembly/concert.** Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 3 per family attend. Thank you.

General/Important Information

'Too much Blue – Get a Review Campaign'

"**Too Much Blue – Get a Review**" is a public health campaign in Cheshire and Merseyside, UK, for children and young people (aged 0-19) to better manage their asthma. The campaign aims to educate children and their families that frequent use of a blue reliever inhaler is a sign their asthma isn't controlled, and a review with a healthcare professional can help them manage their condition effectively, often with preventative treatments.

Please click the link below for more details:

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/posts/too-much-blue-get-a-review-campaign-aimed-at-helping-children-and-young-people-manage-asthma/>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We're Back with a Bang! We've had an exciting start to this half term learning all about Bonfire Night! The children listened to the story of Guy Fawkes and discovered why we celebrate this special event each year. We also talked about firework safety and how we can keep safe during this time of year. In our creative area, we used kitchen roll tubes to print with paint and create beautiful firework pictures. Our fine motor activities included drawing fireworks in glitter trays and making playdough fireworks – lots of sparkle and fun! In phonics, we are now working in our smaller groups and continuing to blend words. We even used our *Fred Fingers* to segment and write words! Please see Tapestry for some useful links to phonics videos. In maths, we have been exploring numbers 1 to 5. We looked at more and fewer, counted out amounts to match numerals, and were introduced to a five frame. The children used counters to show the different ways we can make 5. In RE, we learned that Jesus' mother was called Mary, and that she loved and cared for him. We then shared all the lovely things we love about our own mothers. Finally, we have started to practise our Christmas songs for our upcoming Christmas concert next month – please check the newsletter for dates. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

YEAR ONE:

What a busy first week back we have had! On Monday, we found some strange objects left in Year One, including: a spell book, a witch's hat, some blonde hair and a leaf. We soon realised it all linked to our English focus text, Rapunzel. We have made predictions about the story, explored some tricky vocabulary and we have even written a short noun and verb poem. In Maths, we have continued with subtraction. We have been mastering using a number line to help us calculate answers and we have also explored number families, making connections between addition and subtraction. Our RE lesson this week focused on the story of Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. We drew our own pictures of what we imagined this scene to look like and then wrote simple sentences to explain the story. In History, we started our new topic of The Great Fire of London by exploring what London looked like in 1666 compared to now. We compared the houses, jobs, clothes and transportation. Finally, we have also started learning the songs for our Advent Assembly this week- very exciting!

YEAR TWO:

We've had a busy and exciting week in class! On Tuesday, we enjoyed our school trip to the Museum of Liverpool, where everyone represented our school superbly. We enjoyed taking part in a Titanic story telling session and acted out the story using props. After this we enjoyed exploring the exhibitions and looked at the history surrounding the Liverpool docks. In English, we started our new text, 'The Night Gardener'. We looked at the illustrations and vocabulary used before writing our own setting descriptions. In Maths, we worked through our 2, 5 and 10 times tables lessons before we move onto division next week. Our afternoons were filled with a range of learning including Geography, where we looked at our local area and R.E., where we began our new topic, Prophecy and Promise, where we listened to the readings from the Prophet Isaiah. Well done to everyone for your hard work and enthusiasm this week!

YEAR THREE:

It has been lovely to see Year 3 return to school refreshed and ready for a week full of learning! We began our week by attending Mass led by Father Colin. This linked perfectly to our RE lesson, in which we learned about the four parts of the Mass: *Gather, Listen, Respond* and *Go Forth*. The children explored the different ways we use signs, actions, prayers and hymns to celebrate during each part, and practised some of the responses and prayers together. In English, we began by making predictions about our new Vehicle text and discovered on Wednesday that it is 'Fox' by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. The children have also explored an example text and found out that they will be writing their own *fable narrative* at the end of the unit — an exciting opportunity to show off their creativity! In history, we started our new topic, *Victorian Liverpool*, by looking at the differences between the city today and what it was like 100 years ago. The children were fascinated by how much Liverpool has changed over time. In music, Year 3 learned how to play the notes **D** and **E** on the glockenspiel, and in DT they began planning their own *healthy wraps*. In Computing, the children compared the advantages and disadvantages of using text and images to communicate information effectively. It's been a busy and productive week — Year 3 have certainly earned a good rest this weekend!

YEAR FOUR:

It has been a rather busy first week back in Year 4!

In Maths, we have moved on to multiplication, focusing on the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. In order to consolidate their learning, we have set homework on Times Table Rock Stars and encouraged the children to keep using this to improve their recall speed.

On Thursday, we began our new science unit on states of matter. We kicked off with a fun

investigation, observing what happens when raisins are placed in fizzy drinks. The children

were fascinated to see the raisins float to the top and sink again, and we discussed why this

happens. Later, we discussed the different properties of solids, liquids, and gases.

Finally, on Friday, the children put their scientific knowledge of circuits to good use as they made a decorative light for their bedroom in Design and Technology. It was inspiring to see so many unique designs, and we are very proud of their finished products. Well done, Year 4!

YEAR FIVE:

Welcome back, Year 5! We hope you had a lovely half-term break and are ready for a fun and busy few weeks ahead. In maths, we've been learning to multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, practising different methods to build confidence and accuracy. In English, we've started exploring our new vehicle text, *Farther* by Grahame Baker-Smith, making predictions and discussing how the stunning illustrations help tell the story. Our new Design and Technology topic is all about breakfast burritos — we'll be learning about healthy ingredients, practising food preparation skills, and designing our own tasty creations. A fantastic start, Year 5!

YEAR SIX:

This week, Year 6 delivered a special Remembrance Service to commemorate those who have dedicated (and continue to dedicate) their lives in the fight for peace and justice. Year 6 delivered this important message respectfully and with the reverence it deserved; well done Year 6. In English, we have continued to gather information in preparation for writing a Bravery Award speech in honour of the character from our recent story, Rose Blanche. In maths, we have been exploring common multiples and will begin to look at factors next week.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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