

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. Every poppy shows you care about the lives of the Armed Forces community.

All donations have been sent to the Royal British Legion, an amazing £364 was raised.

*"Three things in Human Life are important;
the first is to be kind.
The second is to be kind.
The third is to be kind."*

Mother Teresa



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to all who ordered a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox to fill and return to school.

The last day we are able to accept shoeboxes is *Tuesday 18th November*. Thank you.

Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance



From Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November, the whole school participated in National Anti-Bullying Week 2025.

The week started off on Monday when staff and pupils came to school in odd socks. Many children brought in a £1 donation, which has been sent to the Anti-Bullying Alliance in order that they can continue to offer advice and help to schools, parents and children – over £220 was raised so thank you very much!

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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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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

Operations Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be returned to school – Tuesday 18th November

Open Afternoon for Parents/carers of children starting Reception class in September 2026 – Tuesday 18th November 2025 @ 1.45pm

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

World Children's Day – Wear one item of blue – Thursday 20th November

Open Afternoon for Parents/carers of children starting Reception class in September 2026 – Thursday 20th November 2025 @ 4pm

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 th 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	KSI	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.

Choir concert date?

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General/Important Information

YPAS Parenting Event

YPAS will be holding a Parenting Event in their South Hub - 35 Lyndene Road, L25 this Tuesday 18th November between 4pm-6pm.

On the day they can offer advice and guidance, book parents in for a more in-depth assessment and explore what groups and services might help support you with your child's mental health or behaviour.

Parents can drop in any time between 4pm -6pm - no need to book!

For those who prefer a daytime event YPAS have the same event taking place in their North Hub in Croxteth on Monday 17th November 10am -12pm.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We kicked off the week with Odd Socks Day to celebrate how we are all different but treat everyone with kindness and respect. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme '*Power for Good*', we learned about speaking up and telling a trusted adult if we or someone else is being bullied. We also talked about the difference between bullying and being unkind and took part in related activities. We also learned about Remembrance Day, exploring how and why this important day is marked. In maths, we explored the composition of 5, using blocks to make 5 in different ways and noticing that while the shapes may change, the amount stays the same. To develop our fine and gross motor skills, we made playdough poppies, used tweezers and beads to create odd socks, and practised our scissor skills. We also enjoyed using watercolours to paint poppies and poppy fields. In phonics, we used our sounds to write simple words and match pictures with their initial sounds. During Talk Through Stories, we continued reading '*Owl Babies*', focusing on new vocabulary and adding these words to our word wall. Can your child remember any of them? Finally, in RE, we took part in a hot-seating activity as Mary, thinking about what she might have said, thought, and felt when the Angel Gabriel told her she was going to be Jesus' mother. Another busy week. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have had another busy week in Year One. In English, we have been writing character descriptions of Rapunzel and have begun writing our own versions of the story. We are really trying hard with our writing. In Maths, we have completed our unit on subtraction by exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction – more practise of this for homework. Our RE lesson focused on the story of The Visitation, where Mary visited Elizabeth to share her news about Jesus. In History, we explored how the fire service has developed since 1666 after the Great Fire of London. We looked at the equipment available in the past and how the uniforms have changed over the years. This week, we have also been continuing to practise our Advent Assembly songs and all children have now been given out their special part. Please practise these over the weekend. Alongside the rest of the school, we have took part in Anti-Bullying week. We enjoyed taking part in a Live Lesson, where we explored the importance of speaking up if we see or receive any form of bullying. We also thought about what the definition of bullying is and we are now super clued up on how to spot the signs. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TWO:

What a busy week we have had! In maths we have been learning how to divide by 2 by sharing into 2 groups. In English this week we have been gathering ideas for our setting descriptions with a focus on expanded noun phrases. We have had fun in RE making lanterns to remind us that Jesus is the light in the darkness and in our Geography lesson discussing our local area. It's very exciting as we start preparing for the Christmas Nativity and practicing our songs every afternoon.

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YEAR THREE:

This week, Year 3 have been celebrating Anti-Bullying week and have focused a lot of their time on learning about what bullying behaviour could look like and the role we all have to play in stopping this from happening. The children have used this year's theme of 'Power for Good' to think of ways they can make good choices and help everyone to feel happy and safe in school. We have been celebrating the many acts of kindness we have witnessed this week! In English, the children have begun to write setting and character descriptions based on the book 'Fox'. They have really impressed us with their fantastic use of the Writer's Knowledge including expanded noun phrases, ly adverbs, prepositions and apostrophes for possession. In maths, the children have completed their chapter on basic multiplication and division, including word problems. They have been using their times tables songs when answering questions and are discovering how a secure times tables knowledge supports their understanding. Keep up the hard work on TTRS! On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, there is a TTRS competition and we would love our class to take part by logging on and earning points for our class and our school. A great week, Year 3. Well done!

YEAR FOUR:

In English, the children have been gathering rich vocabulary to help them write their outside narratives inspired by our focus text, *Leaf*. They explored expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositional phrases, building banks of descriptive ideas to use in their stories next week.

In Maths, we turned our attention to the 9 and 11 times tables. Alongside practising quick recall, pupils learned helpful strategies such as adding on an extra set, doubling facts they already know, and spotting patterns to help them reach the correct multiples with confidence. On Thursday, we launched our new Art unit on David Hockney. The class learned about Hockney's life and the ways his artistic style has evolved over the years, before exploring his iconic swimming pool paintings. Pupils will be recreating their own versions of these vibrant works in the coming weeks.

Earlier in the week, we joined in with Odd Socks Day, filling the classroom with a colourful collection of bright and brilliantly mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and difference. Throughout the week, we also took part in a range of Anti-Bullying Week activities, all centred on the theme of "Using Our Power for Good". Pupils reflected on kindness, helpful choices and the impact their actions can have on others.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had an excellent week filled with creativity and energy! In English, the children wrote fantastic setting descriptions inspired by our vehicle text, *FARTHER*, and deepened their understanding of poetry through guided reading sessions. Science lessons were full of fun and curiosity as we explored friction — especially during the jelly chopstick experiment! As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we reflected on kindness, respect, and celebrating differences. In PE, the class channelled their inner All-Blacks, creating a powerful HAKA-inspired dance routine. What a brilliant week of teamwork, imagination, and enthusiasm across all subjects!

Reminders: PE on Mondays. Homework/reading set Thursdays, due back Wednesdays.

YEAR SIX:

This week has been another busy week in Year 6! In Maths, we explored *prime numbers* and *factors*, discovering how they help us understand patterns in number relationships. In Geography, we began comparing the *USA and the UK*, looking at differences in *size*, *weather*, and *time zones*, and used a *compass* to locate key American states. In English, we finished writing our *Bravery Award speeches*, based on the main character from our class book *Rose Blanche*, describing acts of courage shown by her. In Science, we carried out an investigation using a *hosepipe* to see how *light travels in straight lines*.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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