

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



World Children's Day

Yesterday, our children proudly wore blue to celebrate **World Children's Day** — a special occasion that highlights the importance of children's rights and wellbeing around the world. It's a day to remind everyone that every child deserves to grow up happy, healthy, and safe, with their voices heard and their potential celebrated.

As part of the day, the children took part in a live lesson exploring why World Children's Day is celebrated and what it means to be a child in today's world. They also wrote heartfelt messages to their future selves, sharing their hopes, dreams, and wishes for a better world. These messages were placed into a time capsule, to be opened in years to come — a reminder of the bright future our children envision and inspire. Check out each year group's X page for photos!

"Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden."



Thank you to all those who filled a shoebox for this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal, sharing love and joy through your gifts. All boxes were collected this week and are now on their way to children across the world!

What goes into the shoebox is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal.



THANK YOU

**Samaritan's Purse sends special thanks
to**

St PASCAR BAYLOW Liverpool

**for packing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and
sending Good News and great joy to precious children
around the world!**

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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

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

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

Mass – Monday 1st December @ 9.15am

Y6 Final Swimming Lesson – Monday 1st December

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 12th December

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

INSET Day (School closed to children) – Monday 5th January

Children return to school – Tuesday 6th January @ 8.30am

Christ the King Church Christmas Fair

Christ the King Church will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November 1pm-4pm at Christ the King Club – Score Lane entrance.

There will be bottle, toy and gift tombolas, face painting, a raffle and refreshments!

Entrance £1 per person.

Merseyside Police Bike Marking Event – Belle Vale

PCSO Neil will be coming to Belle Vale Childrens Centre on Friday 12th December 12pm -2pm to mark bikes (free of charge) for safety reasons in the event the bikes ever get lost they can be attempted to be traced and found. This is a drop in session.

This event is ideal for children or adults to bring their current bikes or new bikes that will be given to children for Christmas.

Christmas Performance Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Monday 1 st December	EYFS Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am-9am
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-9am
Tuesday 2 nd December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly’s class	9am
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am-9am
Thursday 4 th December	Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am-9am
Friday 5 th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9am
Tuesday 9 th December	SPB Choir Christmas Concert	SPB Choir	4pm
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**. For Choir/Rocksteady concerts we can only allow 2 family members per child to attend. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day. Thank you.

Santa Dash

Santa Dash - Friday 5th December 2024

On Friday 5th December (**weather permitting**) we will hold our Annual Santa Dash.

Parents are welcome to watch from the grass on the right-hand side inside the main path gate. This means that the children do not have to run through the parents. Parents can also watch from the footpath outside school. This provides excellent views of the whole playground. Please ensure that you still leave room for people to be able to pass you without having to step on the road.



We hope that the weather will allow us to have our Santa Dash as planned. If the weather is bad, we will unfortunately have to postpone the event until Friday 12th December. It would be a miserable time for the children to run around the course in the pouring rain! We are aware that many parents may have arranged time off work to watch their children, so if there is only light rain we will proceed as planned. In the event that we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send out a text early on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Time	Year Group
9.15 am	EYFS
9.25am	Year 1
9.35am	Year 2
9.45am	Year 3
9.55am	Year 4
10.05am	Year 5
10.15am	Year 6

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We continued our Celebrations topic this week by learning about Hanukkah. The children made Happy Hanukkah cards, carefully cut out candles to create their own menorahs, and even tried some delicious fried potato cakes called latkes. A big thank you to Chef Jack for making them for us! In Maths, we explored different representations of numbers 1 to 5, including numerals, number words, Numicon, five frames, and using our fingers to show each number. Our Talk Through Stories focus text was Ruby's Worry. We discussed the main character, the problem she faces, and how it is solved—helping the children think about their own worries and how to share them. In RE, the children sequenced images of the Christmas Story and used them to retell the story in their own words. They showed great recall and understanding. On Thursday, we wore blue for World Children's Day. The children took part in activities and shared their hopes for a brighter and better future for all children. We also joined Key Stage One for a Celebration of the Word, reflecting on the impact of the Jubilee Year and thinking about ways we can show kindness and gratitude. And, of course, amongst all of this, we have also been busy practising our songs for the Christmas performance. The children are very excited to share it with you soon! What a wonderful and busy week of learning!

YEAR ONE:

Another busy week has flown by in Year One. In Maths, we have been revisiting all of the things that we have learnt since September. We have done lots of counting, adding and subtracting! We have done such a super job! In English, we have finished our Rapunzel stories. We have been trying so hard to work on our letter formation, making sure our letters are sitting on the lines and are formed the correct way. Some beautiful writing has been seen! Our History lesson this week was all about the events of the Great Fire of London. We listened to what happened and watched some videos and then we had to sequence the events in order. We found the story very fascinating! On Thursday, we took part in World Children's Day alongside the rest of the school. We joined a live lesson focusing on the importance of international aid in helping children who aren't given access to their rights and then we thought about our hopes and dreams for a better world and added this to the time capsule. Alongside our learning, we have also continued practising for our Advent Assembly. We can't wait to share this with you.

YEAR TWO:

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2. In English, we have been planning and beginning to write our setting narratives based on the topiary designs we selected. In Maths, we have been learning to divide by 2, 5 and 10, using our times tables knowledge to help us. In RE, we explored why we sing Christmas carols and the origins behind them. On Thursday, we celebrated World Children's Day by wearing an item of blue to show our support for children's rights around the world. We also took part in a live lesson; we discussed how rights are there at birth and adults must protect our rights. This week, we also began our Nativity practices. Our first rehearsal was a great success, and the children are already excited to bring the performance to life over the next few weeks. We kindly ask that children continue to practise their songs and learn their lines at home to help build their confidence. Finally, today we joined a special assembly reflecting on the impact of the Jubilee Year, before creating postcards for our families filled with messages of hope, joy and love.

We look forward to another fun-filled week next week, including our school disco on Thursday. Enjoy the weekend!

YEAR THREE:

This week, Year 3 continued their fantastic work in English by finishing the planning of their fable narratives based on our Vehicle Text, Fox. The children have now begun writing their own paragraphs and cannot wait to read their completed stories! In maths, we have started our new unit, Further Multiplication and Division, which involves multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Some of the children have found this challenging so far, but have shown great resilience to keep going! In RE, we explored how Christians celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas Day. The children made thoughtful pledges about how they can help others and share the light of Jesus during this special time of year. In history, we learned about why so many people came to Liverpool during the Victorian period, discussing important reasons such as the Irish Potato Famine, improved transport links and the increase in job opportunities. We also celebrated UNICEF's World Children's Day by taking part in an inspiring live lesson all about international aid. Following this, the children wrote about their hopes and dreams for the future. To end the week, Friday's Jubilee Celebration Day gave us the chance to write messages of hope, joy and love on postcards to mark the impact of the Jubilee Year. Another brilliant week, Year 3—well done!

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YEAR FOUR:

It's been another busy week in Year 4!

In English, the children have worked hard to complete their outsider narratives. We have been extremely impressed with the variety of 'Writer's Knowledge' the children included in their independent writing.

In Maths, the children have explored the difference between grouping and sharing when dividing by 6, 7 and 9. The children are beginning to see the relationship between multiplication and division.

In Science, we looked at lots of different thermometers and confidently used them to measure temperature accurately.

On Friday, as part of Jubilee Celebration Day, we gathered to reflect on how we have been pilgrims of hope this year. We wrote postcards to take home and share messages of hope with our families.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have enjoyed another busy week! In English, we gathered ideas to write our own setting narratives, following the father's dream journey to the skies in the style of our vehicle text, *FAR-THERR*. In Maths, we completed our multiplication and division unit, showing increased confidence and understanding. Geography lessons took us around the globe as we identified countries by their flags and matched them to their capital cities. We also created our pledges for International Children's Day. 5F worked brilliantly on the allotment despite tough weather on Tuesday — 5W will continue their efforts next Tuesday, come rain or shine!

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

YEAR SIX:

In English, we proudly completed our bravery award speeches, focusing on powerful language and a range of sentence structures. In RE, we began our new topic on Advent, exploring what this special season means and why preparation is so important. We also reflected on the value of having high expectations for ourselves, both in our learning and in how we treat others. In Design and Technology, we planned the process for making our meat-free burgers, which we are looking forward to cooking in two weeks' time. On Thursday, we celebrated World Children's Day, with activities that reminded us of children's rights around the world. Earlier in the week, we put our maths skills to the test by taking part in the Times Table Rock Stars tournament on Tuesday!

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