

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



SPB Santa Dash 2025

Our annual Santa Dash was a huge success today, thank you all so much for sponsoring your children and for your generous donations.

Photos of the Santa Dash will be uploaded to the year group Twitter pages and Tapestry.

We will reveal the total amount raised next week.

Every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you again for your support.

*May you be blessed by the Lord
with the same warmth and joy, you have given.*

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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

Merseyside Police Bike Marking Event – Belle Vale

PCSO Neil will be coming to Belle Vale Children's 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.

Liverpool City Council – Free food and activities programme

Please click the link below to discover free food and activities programme for eligible families this Christmas:

[Liverpool City Council – Free food and activities Christmas programme](#)

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

Y5/6 Water Polo Comp – Monday 8th December 9am-12pm @ Wavertree Aquatics Centre

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



Christmas Performance Dates



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
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.

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General Information

Christ the King Parish – Crib Exhibition



Kitted Out Uniform

From Monday 1st December Kitted Out will be introducing new winter opening hours at the Bleasdale Road site. The new hours will be as follows:

Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm
Saturday 9am – 3pm

These hours will be in operation until 1st April 2026 when summer opening hours of Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm will resume.

Please note that our uniform can also be purchased via the website www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Christmas excitement has officially begun in our classroom! We started the week with a magical visit from Bud the Elf, who left us a special letter and reminded us that he'll be reporting back to Santa. We also enjoyed a very festive breakfast with Santa! Our classroom is now beautifully decorated for Christmas. The children have loved dressing up as different Christmas characters, re-enacting their own festive experiences, and exploring what they have learned about Advent in our home corner. Our reading area is filled with Christmas-themed books, which the children have been eagerly enjoying. Our book focus this week is 'Stick Man'. Children have been retelling the story using characters and making their own stick men from sticks found outside. Children have been counting stick men, labelling characters from the story and cutting out the stick family to order them by height. In RE, children shared photos of new babies in their families and learned about the shepherds who visited baby Jesus. And to finish off a fantastic week, the children took part in their first Santa Dash. Have a festive weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a lovely festive week to begin the countdown to Christmas. We started the week sharing our Advent assembly with our families; we shared how Advent is a time to prepare for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas time. We were all absolute superstars and did a fantastic job at sharing this very important message. On Tuesday, as a treat for being amazing, we enjoyed hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows with our friends. It was delicious! In English, we received a letter from Rapunzel asking for some help in writing instructions for how to catch a witch. We have been thinking about all the different things witches enjoy that we could put into a potion to help catch her. We wrote some excellent descriptive phrases! In Maths, we have been using left and right to describe positions, we will continue practising this. Our RE lesson this week focused on the night when Jesus was born. We listened to the story of how Jesus was born in a stable and how the angels came to visit him. On Friday, we had a day of festive fun! We enjoyed taking part in the annual Santa Dash and then back in class we made Christmas tree decorations, did some Christmas colouring and enjoyed a festive movie! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR TWO:

This week the children have really got into the Christmas spirit. On Monday, we started our new topic in Maths looking at measuring in Metres and Centimetres. In Geography, we finished our unit looking at the Liverpool Port and Docks as well as talking about the physical and human features which can be found across Merseyside. In Computing, we used coding to programme our characters to move in our pictures. Tuesday began with our special Breakfast with Santa. We enjoyed a lovely breakfast and some Christmas songs before Santa arrived on Chelwood Avenue! In English, we worked on vocabulary and describing the illustrations in the Night Gardener. Throughout the week we have continued to practice our Nativity. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we look forward to inviting all parents and carers in to watch in the coming weeks. On Friday, we finished the week with our annual Santa Dash Day. We enjoyed a day of Christmas crafts and treats before finishing for the week.

YEAR THREE:

This week in Year 3 has been full of fantastic learning! In maths, we finished our unit on *Further Multiplication and Division*, and the children completed their end-of-unit review to show what they have understood — we were really impressed with their hard work. In English, we began an exciting new unit where the children will be writing an information report all about foxes. We watched videos and gathered lots of interesting facts to help us with our writing. In RE, the children enjoyed creating clay angels linked to *The Annunciation* (Matthew 1:18–25), showing great creativity and care. Our history lesson explored the impact of the railway on Victorian Liverpool and how it changed everyday life for local people. In PSHCE, we discussed resilience and ways we can keep going when things feel tricky. The highlight of the week was definitely Friday's annual Santa Dash — the children had so much fun!

YEAR FOUR:

What a busy week we have had in Year 4!

In English, the children have been identifying Writer's Knowledge in the Example Text, which is all about Arctic foxes. Next week, they will begin to plan an information report about polar bears.

In Maths, we have been attempting some challenging word problems linked to multiplication and division. The children have realised how bar models can really help them to visualise the problem.

In Science, we explored how solids can change into liquids and discovered the melting points of a variety of solids. The children held chocolate in their hands to watch this process happen, and they were delighted to eat some afterwards!

In R.E., we explored the CAFOD website and discovered the work which they do help our brothers and sisters around the world. Then, the children created presentations to share their research with the rest of the class. We were very impressed with their presentation skills!

On Friday, along with the rest of the school, we took part in our annual Santa Dash. The children looked wonderful in their festive outfits and had so much fun dashing around our school grounds with their friends.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had a wonderful week. As a special treat for winning Class of the Week the most last term, we enjoyed hot chocolates and a Christmas film on Friday, which everyone loved. We are also very proud of how many donations the children collected for our annual Santa Dash — their generosity was fantastic to see. In maths, we focused on Roman numerals and practised reading and writing numbers in this ancient number system. In RE, we explored the meaning of Advent and took part in a beautiful Mass on Monday to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with Father Colin.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had an exciting and productive week. In Design and Technology, the children made their own healthy, meat-free burgers using seasonal produce. They chose their ingredients carefully, tested their ideas, and then evaluated their dishes, thinking about what they liked and what they would change next time. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and building confidence through regular practice. In English, we have started writing a documentary-style narrative based on our class book *The Ways of the Wolf*, focusing on how to present information in an engaging way. The children also wrote diary extracts from Mary's perspective during the Annunciation, considering how she might have felt at this important moment.

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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