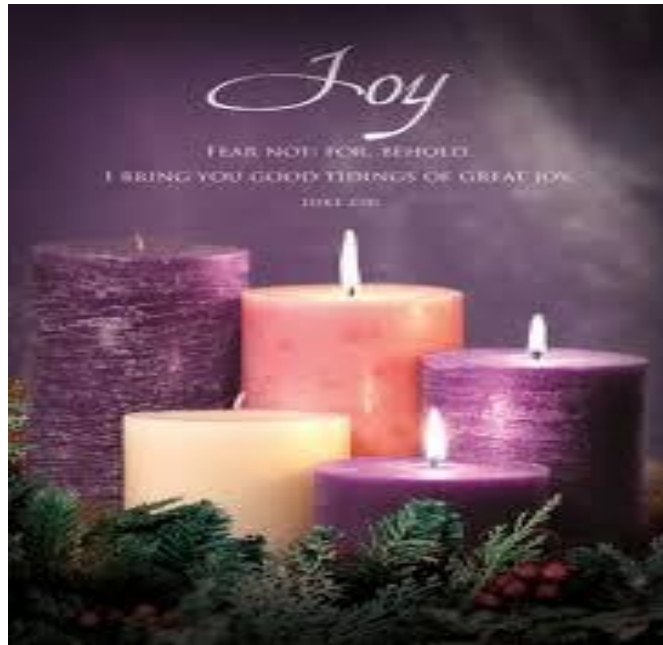


SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Advent - Joy

On Sunday we will celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

During Sundays in Advent, candles are lit on a wreath to symbolize our journey through Advent. The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us and prepares the way for the Light of the World, Jesus.

Traditionally, the four candles represent hope, faith, joy and peace. This week the pink candle will be lit to represent joy.

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth" Luke 1:14

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Water Polo Competition

A huge well done to our Y6 Water Polo team who competed at Wavertree Aquatics Centre on Monday!



EYFS & Year 1 Advent Assemblies

EYFS and Y1 have performed their Advent assemblies to their families during the last few weeks. The children performed beautifully with fantastic acting, reading, singing and dancing. What superstars! Well done Year EYFS and Year 1!

We are looking forward to Year 2's Nativity performances next week.

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday the children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. A big thank you to Chef, the kitchen team and all staff who helped make it possible!

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PTA Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. Well done to our winners Rita Year 1 and Marla Year 4!

The lucky runners up are:

Reception – Harry, Daniel and Scarlett

Year 1 – Billie, William and Penelope

Year 2 – Arthur, Harry, Sonny, Elsie and Isla

Year 3 – Sophie and Ava

Year 4 – Ellie, Liliana and Poppy

Year 5 – Thomas and Lucas

Year 6 – Daisy

Message from Public Health

Message for parents and guardians about keeping your family well this winter from the Director of Public Health Professor Matthew Ashton

Flu is spreading earlier than usual this year. More people are getting sick. There are easy ways to help stop it spreading. Please remind your child to wash their hands often – especially before eating, after using the toilet, and after coughing and sneezing.

Encourage them to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands afterwards. If they don't have a tissue, they can cough or sneeze into their elbow or sleeve, not their hands.

The flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from flu. If your child did not get their flu vaccine at school, you can bring them to a drop-in flu clinic this Saturday morning 13th December at Kensington Clinic, 9.30am – 12.30pm for school aged children. No booking is needed. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and family. It is safe and cannot give your child the flu.

Children can still come to school if they have a slight cough or a common cold, (like a runny nose, sore throat or headache), as long as they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone.

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[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](#)

[Liverpool City Council – Reducing Conflict at Christmas Advice](#)

Please click the link below for tips on reducing conflict at Christmas time and where to go for support.

[Peaceful Holidays – Reducing Parental/Family Conflict](#)

[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

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
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.

General Information

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

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ASD Training Team

Please click the links below for more information re ASD Training Courses during January 2026 or head to the SEND page on our school website. Thank you.

[ASD Training Team Virtual Drop-In Advisory Session - January 2026](#)

[ASD Training Team Course Targeted age 4-7 years old - January 2026](#)

[ASD Training Team Course Targeted age 8-11 years old - January 2026](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We were so proud of the children in their Christmas performances on Tuesday and Wednesday; they sang beautifully, narrated confidently, and remembered all the actions—they were shining stars! On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their very first Christmas dinner at SPB, yum yum! In our Busy Time areas, they have been completing a range of Christmassy activities, including writing lists of things they can see in Christmas scenes, colouring and cutting out Christmas cone party hats for our party next week, using tweezers to move pom-poms onto Christmas lights, matching amounts to Christmas cookies, and making gingerbread biscuits in the playdough. In Maths, the children have been working on naming and identifying 2D shapes, and we have also completed our phonics and writing assessments; we are incredibly proud of the progress they have made this half term. Have a fun-filled festive weekend, everyone!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have had another busy week. In English, we have been spotting features of a good set of instructions beginning to plan and write our own set of instructions on How To Catch a Witch. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 20 and showing them on a tens frame. We had a brilliant time at Christmas Dinner wearing our reindeer hats, and we made some fantastic Christmas cards in DT. We also learnt about what changed after The Great Fire of London as they rebuilt London.

YEAR TWO:

This week we have continued perfecting our Nativity. The children have been working so hard remembering their lines, songs, and actions. In English, we looked closely at the features of a diary entry and highlighted them in the example text, and in Maths we compared lengths using metres and centimetres as well as the greater than and less than symbols. In RE, we learned about the meaning behind the Advent wreath and the Annunciation from Angel Gabriel. We continued to learn about the special story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth in Judea. We also enjoyed our Christmas dinner day KSI Bingo afterschool on Thursday. We look forward to our final Nativity performances for 2W parents on Monday 15th @ 2pm and 2C parents on Tuesday 16th @ 9am.

YEAR THREE:

This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed lots of learning with a little festive fun! In English, we learnt about the present perfect tense, gathered more information about foxes and planned our paragraphs ready for next week. In Maths, we began a new chapter on Length and practised measuring in metres and centimetres, remembering that 100cm is the same as 1m. In RE, the children carefully painted the clay angels they made last week. During Computing, they created colourful posters for 'Breakfast with Santa', using different fonts, colours and sizes to highlight important details. The children also had a wonderful time on Wednesday celebrating Christmas Dinner with their friends. On Thursday, they enjoyed a special treat watching Year 2's fantastic Nativity performance. It was lovely to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas during this exciting time of year.

YEAR FOUR:

In Maths, the children spent the week recapping their learning on multiplication and division. This revision helped to strengthen their recall, accuracy and confidence when tackling related problems.

Over in English, pupils began planning their full information report on polar bears, drawing on the facts they have gathered over the past couple of weeks. They have now started writing their reports, focusing on key areas such as habitat, diet and appearance, and will continue developing these sections next week.

It has also been a festive week in school. We were delighted to watch the wonderful nativity performances by Reception and Year 2, and the children thoroughly enjoyed cheering on the younger pupils.

On Wednesday, the class experienced a highlight of the week—a special Christmas lunch in the dining hall. Chef Jack and his team prepared a fantastic Christmas dinner, which was enjoyed by all and added to the growing excitement of the season.

YEAR FIVE:

This week in Year 5 we have been exploring lots of exciting learning. In Maths, we have been understanding graphs and how to interpret different types of data. In English, we explored an example text, a letter from a father to his son, to help us with our writing and understanding of tone and purpose. In Geography, we focused on longitude and latitude lines, using them to learn about different climate zones around the world. In RE, we reflected on waiting with hope, considering Mary's commitment to God during Advent and what it teaches us about faith and patience. The children have worked hard and shown great curiosity and thoughtfulness across all subjects.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had another busy week. In maths, we worked on adding and subtracting mixed fractions, using different strategies to build our confidence and accuracy. Our SPaG focus has been on prepositions and conjunctions and how we can use them more effectively in our writing. In geography, we explored how New York has changed over time, comparing old and modern maps and images to see how the city has developed. In Science, we took part in three investigations into refraction: the arrow that appears to flip behind a glass, the disappearing penny and the bending straw experiment. The children were fascinated by how light can behave in such surprising ways. To end the week on a high, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Chef Jack—a perfect festive treat!

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