

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our SPB families.

*In the New Year may you be blessed with all
the good things God has to give.*

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Ski Trip 2026

Our skiers are having an amazing time on the slopes. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

A huge thank you to all staff involved for making the trip possible.



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Christ the King Church Y4 First Holy Communion Session 4 – Date Change

Information for Year 4 parents/carers whose children are making their First Holy Communion at Christ the King church:

Session 4 of the First Holy Communion programme has been changed as follows:

SPB School: Tuesday 20th January at 4.15 and 6.00 pm

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

Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 12th January @ 9.15am

Y5 Swimming lessons begin – Monday 12th January

School closes for Half Term break – Friday 13th February @ 3pm

Half Term – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Children return to school – Monday 23rd February 8.30am–8.45am

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 12.01.26 to 23.03.26	EYFS	7.45am – 8.30am
Monday	Choir	Y3-Y6	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 12.01.26 to 23.03.26	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 06.01.26 for 6 weeks	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club Every 2 weeks from 12.01.26	Y4	3.05pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 06.01.26 to 24.03.26	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.01.26 to 25.03.26	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.26 to 26.03.26	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	Re-Action Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm
Friday	Dance	EYFS – Y6	8am – 8.30am

General Information

Please click the links below for more information of **free courses** from Liverpool City Council Adult Learning Services,

The second link has information of skills check days – drop in and get advice of free courses.

[Adult Learning Services – Free Course Information](#)

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This information is also within the 'News & Events' tab of our school website by selecting 'News' from the dropdown menu.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely and restful break. This week, we started our new text *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The story is about a lonely penguin who goes in search of a friend. We explored world maps and learned about the continents, focusing in particular on Antarctica and what it is like there. We discussed the differences between Antarctica and where we live—and with the weather this week, it almost felt like we were there! We talked about the characters in the story, the problem they face, and how it is solved. A small world area was set up to allow the children to retell the story independently. The children were introduced to labels and learned that labels tell us what something is. Using a suitcase template, they drew and labelled items they would pack for a cold, wintery holiday. To develop scissor skills, the children cut out 2D shapes to make a penguin. In the creative area, they used watercolours to sketch and paint penguins too. Homework for this week has been set on Tapestry. We would love the children to research and share some penguin facts. In Maths, we completed assessments to measure the progress the children made during the Autumn term before starting our new unit. In RE, we learned about the Feast of the Epiphany and took part in a Celebration of the Word. The children brought a prayer home to share with their families. It has been a busy and exciting first week back. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a great first week back of 2026. In Maths, we have been learning how to add numbers up to 20, using a number line to help us. In English, we have started exploring our new text; Hermelin. We have listened to the story and thought about questions that we would like to ask Hermelin, who is a detective mouse. We learnt how to use question words and question marks correctly. We also enjoyed hot seating Hermelin to ask him about his life as a detective. It was lots of fun! Our RE lesson this week focused on The Feast of the Epiphany. We listened to the Bible story of the three kings visiting Jesus and discussed what this meant. We then created a story board to retell the story in our own words. In Science, we started our new topic 'animals'. We shared all of our existing knowledge about animals and then worked as a group to classify animals into 6 different groups. We learnt some new words including: amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will continue this learning next week!

YEAR TWO:

This week, the children have enjoyed getting back into their weekly routines and starting new topics. In English, we started our new text, '*The Bog Baby*' where we read the story and practised using our grammar features in a descriptive paragraph. In Maths, we focused on learning about length, comparing and measuring objects and solving word problems using adding, subtraction, division and multiplication. Finally, in Science, the children continued their topic on animals including humans and carried out a fun cereal investigation as part of our healthy eating focus. We finished the week learning all about the Epiphany and the visit from the wise men.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have had a great first week back. They enjoyed looking for clues about their new text in English using images from the book. They have now read the text 'The Rhythm of the Rain' and have identified and discussed the new vocabulary. In Maths, we have begun a new chapter: Mass. The children have been reading scales and identifying the weight of objects in kg and g. In History, the children were asking the question: 'Was Stone Age Man a simple hunter gatherer?'. They looked at images of a Stone Age settlement and used this to justify their responses. In Science, our new topic is about Rocks and Soils. The children began by discussing the key vocabulary for this topic and what they already knew about these words. They then discussed the question: 'Are all rocks the same?'. We had some fantastic answers describing the similarities and differences between rocks. We are continuing with our Multiplication Masters Challenges each Friday and are trying to move onto the next times table. Thank you for your support with this at home; using TTRS is a great way to develop confidence!

YEAR FOUR:

After returning to school on Tuesday following the Christmas break, Year 4 settled quickly back into learning routines and made a fantastic start to the term.

In R.E., the children learned about Epiphany and its significance in the Christian calendar. They explored the story of the Wise Men visiting Jesus, discussing the meaning of the gifts they brought and how Epiphany represents Jesus being revealed to the wider world. Alongside this, pupils created thoughtful watercolour paintings of John the Baptist, focusing on symbolism and mood in their artwork.

Meanwhile, in Maths, we revisited multiplication and explored the idea that multiplication is commutative. Pupils investigated how changing the order of numbers does not affect the product and applied this understanding when multiplying three-digit numbers.

In English, we launched our new unit based on *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. The class enjoyed reading the story together and spent time unpicking ambitious vocabulary to deepen their understanding of the text. Inspired by the themes of the book, pupils also created expressive abstract noun poems, showing imagination and thoughtful word choices.

Altogether, it has been a positive and productive return to school — a great start back for Year 4!

YEAR FIVE:

What a fantastic first week back! Half of our class have been enjoying skiing in Bormio, while those in school have had a busy and creative week. In RE, we have been learning about the Epiphany, exploring its meaning and traditions. Art has been full of colour and imagination as we created dragon eyes using watercolours and oil pastels.

In computing, the children have been using laptops to research places all over the world and turning their findings into PowerPoint presentations to share with the class. History lessons have seen some incredible fact files about the Anglo-Saxons being produced, showing great research and creativity.

To celebrate all their hard work, we enjoyed a relaxing movie afternoon as a reward. It's been a brilliant start to the term, and I am so proud of how engaged, enthusiastic, and thoughtful the children have been this week!

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YEAR SIX:

In English, Year 6 have been researching facts for and against the reintroduction of wolves to the UK, developing their skills in gathering evidence and considering different viewpoints in preparation for writing a balanced argument. In RE, we began our new Local Church topic on sources, discussing different types of books and their purposes before exploring the Bible as an important source of guidance and teaching for Christians. In mathematics, Year 6 continued to build confidence with fractions, using a range of methods to divide fractions by a whole number.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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