

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Rights Respecting Ambassadors

This week some of our Rights Ambassadors spent time at lunchtime picking up litter so that we all have access to a clean environment, supporting Article 24 of the Convention!

Article 24

'Every child has the right to the best possible health, including clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and health education'.

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Next week SPB will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week.

This year's theme explores the vital role of belonging in our mental health and wellbeing.

A sense of belonging – whether in our families, schools, peer groups, or wider communities – is a fundamental human need. It helps us feel secure, supported, and ready to learn and grow. When children feel they truly belong, they are more likely to have positive mental health, build healthy relationships, and believe in their ability to make a difference.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2026, Place2Be is encouraging schools, families, and communities to come together to create inclusive and nurturing spaces where every child feels they belong.

Diary Dates

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 9th to Friday 13th February

PTA Whole School Pancake Flip – Thursday 12th February

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

Cross Country @ Sefton Park – Thursday 26th February 3-5pm

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 3rd March

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
Tuesday	Dot Art	Y5	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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, learning was based around the book *Aliens Love Underpants* which the children loved listening to! The children have explored the characters, setting, problem and solution. In the creative area, they explored different media and materials to design their own underpants and developed fine motor skills by using tweezers and pom-poms to decorate them. In the maths area, the children used aliens to fill tens frames to match corresponding numbers, practised counting and subitising, and explored tens frames that look different but show the same amount (with homework reinforcing this learning). Children have also been introduced to number equations, using add and equals signs to read and solve number equations. They also enjoyed drawing and colouring aliens and playing alien snap! In RE, the children listened to more Gospel stories, learning about the miracles Jesus performed during his life, and were introduced to a special prayer, the *Glory Be*, with copies sent home to share with their families. Another busy week, have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have been working really hard this week. In English, we wrote postcards and began to write letters to characters from our focus story. In Maths, we have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes and sorted them into groups, by identifying their features. In Geography, we have made fact files about England and Wales, identifying their famous landmarks and traditional foods. And in RE, we learnt about Jesus' disciples and made beautiful fish to help us remember to follow in the footsteps of Christ, just as they did.

YEAR TWO:

This week we have continued to work incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. In English, we have used stress techniques to emphasise how the reader can change their voice to suit the text type. We looked at an example of an instruction text and used our voices to perform to the rest of the class. After this, we designed our own terrariums for a 'Bog Baby' inspired creature. In R.E, we have continued to learn all about John the Baptist from Luke's Gospel. We can retell the story of the baptism of Jesus and know the signs and symbols from the scripture. In Geography, we have learned all about the physical features of the Mexican village, Tocuaro. We finished our lesson with a very competitive quiz where nearly everyone scored top marks! Finally in History, we have continued to learn all about famous explorers. This week we found out about Helen Sharman the first British astronaut and first woman to visit the MIR space station in 1991.

YEAR THREE:

This week, Year 3 have been working hard in English on identifying the features in an information text. They have then used these to write a short paragraph about rivers which included: questions, commas in a list, present perfect tense and technical vocabulary related to rivers. They have now begun to plan their own information leaflet. In Maths, the children have been using their knowledge of column addition and place value to add together different sums of money in pounds and pence. We have been very impressed with their application of these basic skills into the context of money! In RE, the children listened to 'The Parable of the Sower'. They heard how some of the grain scattered by the sower landed in different places. This meant some was eaten by birds, some began to grow but didn't thrive and some grew strong. We discussed what Jesus meant when he said that people are like the grain. It was an exciting lesson in Science this week when the children carried out an investigation to find out which rock was the most durable for our school path. They carried out a scratch test to decide whether a rock was durable or not and made their own conclusions about which material they would recommend. Well done, everyone!

YEAR FOUR:

In Maths, the children have moved on to learning about graphs. They have been using tables of information to construct bar graphs and practising how to interpret them by answering a range of questions using the data shown.

Meanwhile, in English, we have begun our new non-fiction unit with an exciting task. Pupils are creating a guide for a monster hunter, explaining how to summon and capture a mythical Norse creature such as Fenrir or Jörmungandr. Their work will be presented in the style of an information text, making use of features such as subheadings, captions, facts and figures.

During Science, the class explored the process of condensation. By observing water forming on the outside of a glass filled with icy water, pupils learned that this happens when water vapour in the air cools and condenses back into a liquid on the surface of the glass.

On Wednesday, we also began planning our new Design and Technology project. The children will be designing and making a purse or wallet, with a particular focus on creating an eye-catching and appealing design.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had a fantastic and productive week, with pupils showing real enthusiasm and commitment across the curriculum. All swimming groups have made excellent progress, with children growing in confidence and technique each session. Both classes have also demonstrated great workmanship in the allotment, working carefully and responsibly while developing practical skills and teamwork.

In Maths, pupils have been multiplying fractions by whole numbers and applying their understanding with increasing accuracy and confidence. Our history lessons focused on the importance of Baghdad and its central role in the Islamic Golden Age, helping children appreciate its influence on learning, culture, and innovation. In RE, pupils created their own charities, thoughtfully considering how they could support others and make a positive difference in the world.

YEAR SIX:

It has been a focused and productive week in Year 6, with the children showing great resilience and determination. Throughout the week, they completed a range of practice SATs papers covering spelling, punctuation, grammar, reading and maths. This experience continues to build their confidence and familiarity with the expectations of the tests. In R.E., the children wrote thoughtful letters to our Year 2 pupils in the style of St Paul, sharing messages about how we can live our lives as good Christians within our school community. P.E. was a highlight this week as we used the apparatus, practising balancing, climbing and moving safely, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In PSHE, we explored phishing emails and discussed how to stay safe when sharing personal information online. Finally, in English, we began our new topic all about Charles Darwin and will be exploring his life and discoveries in more detail over the coming weeks.

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