

SPB NEWS

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Children's Mental Health Week 2026

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme is "*This is My Place*"

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.

The children enjoyed taking part in interactive live sessions with Liverpool Schools Partnership and Place 2 Be, along with primary schools across Liverpool to find out more. There have also been lots of fun activities to follow up from these sessions in class!

Remember there is lots of information about supporting children's mental health on the 'Mental Health and Well-being' page of our school website, including links to some fantastic support agencies so check it out!

Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse

Kung Hei Fat Choi! This week, Reception children have been learning about Chinese New Year.

2026 is the year of the Horse and children have completed a range of fun activities.

Have a wonderful time if you are celebrating next week!

PE Days w/b Monday 23rd February 2026

PE Days after half term break are as follows:

Monday – EYFS, Y5 and Y6 swimming lessons

Tuesday – Y1 and Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days. Thank you.

PTA Pancake Flip

The children all had a great time on Thursday, taking part in pancake flip relays and eating a pancake afterwards!

Thank you for all of your donations, every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you once again for all of your support!

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

Diary Dates

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

General Information

ASD Training Team

Social Communication/Social Interaction

Date: 26th & 27th February 2026

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Virtual Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour.

Session 1:

Overview to build your understanding of the areas that may cause difficulties/gaps for you child and strategies to support.

Session 2:

Question/Answer opportunity to discuss specific areas of concerns.

You need to attend session 1 to access session 2.

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Kung Hei Fat Choi!



We have had a wonderful time learning all about Chinese New Year and discovering that this year is the Year of the Horse. We listened to the story of the Chinese Zodiac and enjoyed finding out which animal represents the year we were born. In our continuous provision, we used zodiac puppet sticks to retell the story, helping to develop our storytelling and communication skills. Our Chinese-themed tuff tray, filled with rice, pom poms and tweezers, supported fine motor development as we carefully transferred the items. We got creative by making Chinese New Year cards and lanterns, and we transformed our home corner into a Chinese restaurant for role play. The children also enjoyed a scissor skills activity where they cut and ordered the zodiac animals correctly, as well as cutting and ordering numbers onto a dragon. We practised writing Chinese numerals and loved watching videos of traditional dragon dances. In Maths, we explored the concepts of "more" and "fewer" through practical activities before moving on to circling groups with more items. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we completed activities to help us understand how to support our wellbeing and look after our feelings. To finish the half term, we made Valentine's cards for our families to show them how much we love them! It has certainly been a busy and fun-filled half term! We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved week off!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have been working very hard this week. We finished our letter writing in English, giving advice to a character from our story. We also practised using the prefix 'un' to change the meaning of words in a sentence. In Maths, we explore making patterns using 2D shapes and practised our addition and subtraction skills. In Geography, we made fact files about Scotland and Northern Ireland. We listened to the Bible story about Zacchaeus this week, and thought about how following Jesus helps us change for the better. We have also been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, joining in on a live lesson and making our belonging island, showing places and people we feel like we belong with.

YEAR TWO:

What a lovely end to our first half term of the year we have had! In English, we have written our instruction texts for our 'Bog Baby' inspired creatures and have painted our clay creations of them. We had some very special visitors on Tuesday, Food for Thought Liverpool came in and helped us to make some delicious Vegetable Scouse! After this, we were able to write an instruction text for our special recipe. In History, we continued our learning on explorers, comparing what kind of equipment and food both Helen Sharman and Christopher Columbus would have eaten. Finally on Thursday, we had our yearly Pancake flip as we will be missing Shrove Tuesday due to half term. We hope you all have a lovely half term with your families.

YEAR THREE:

It has been an important week in school as we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with the theme, 'This is our Place'. On Thursday, we took part in an engaging live lesson with many other schools across Liverpool, discussing the places where we feel we belong and learning valuable strategies for looking after our mental health. In English, the children completed their unit on information leaflets. They have written some fascinating paragraphs all about rivers, explaining how they are formed, why they are essential to all life on Earth, and listing some of the most famous rivers in the world. In maths, we have continued our work with money. The children have been adding and subtracting different amounts, using concrete resources to help them calculate totals and change. In science, we wrapped up our unit on Rocks with a 'soil shake-up' investigation. The children observed how soil separates into layers and drew diagrams of their findings. To finish the topic, they created mind maps to show everything they have learned over the last few weeks. In history, we completed our journey from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children tested their chronological knowledge by ordering pictures from the Early Stone Age (Paleolithic era) right through to the Iron Age. Meanwhile, in art, we finished our string printing unit by creating wonderful prints of ammonite fossils. In RE, the children explored the 'Parable of the Yeast'. We discussed how the Kingdom of God (God's love and message) is like yeast; it may start small, but it grows to fill the whole world. Finally, the highlight of the week was undoubtedly Thursday's Pancake Race, which the children thoroughly enjoyed! Well done for all of your hard work this half-term, Year 3! We hope you enjoy your week off.

YEAR FOUR:

This week, in Maths, we have moved on from bar graphs to drawing and reading line graphs. The children have really enjoyed this chapter and have been very confident when drawing some challenging line graphs.

In English, the children have been identifying Writer's Knowledge in the Example Text, so they know what features to include in their information report about capturing a monster.

In Science, the children learnt about the different stages of The Water Cycle. They really enjoyed singing 'The Water Cycle Song' to help them remember important scientific vocabulary. Why not ask them to sing it to you at home?

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children participated in a live lesson. They now know that everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for and loved and that our school is one of those places.

Year 4 have been encouraged to participate in a 'Class V Class Battle' on Times Table Rock Stars next week.

We can't believe how fast this half term has gone, but we are all ready for a well-deserved rest. Have a wonderful half term!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had another fantastic and energetic week!

In PE, we explored the theme of *power*, learning how to fuel our bodies properly and understand the importance of keeping ourselves healthy and active. The children showed great maturity discussing nutrition and how exercise helps both body and mind. We have also seen impressive improvement in our swimming lessons, with many pupils growing in confidence and stamina.

In Art, the children completed their infamous dragon eye drawings — the finished pieces are full of detail, texture and striking colour. In Maths, we've developed a stronger understanding of multiplying fractions by whole numbers, with pupils showing increased confidence in their reasoning.

We also marked Mental Health Week by exploring the theme of "Our Place" and finished the week with a fantastic pancake relay race — perfect preparation for Pancake Day next week!

YEAR SIX:

It's been a creative and uplifting week in Year 6 with lots of opportunities to explore new ideas and skills. In Art, L.S. Lowry was our inspiration as we practised drawing buildings using his perspective style, added shading with acrylic paints and then created our final pieces. The results were fantastic and the children were very proud to see their artwork on display. As it was Mental Health Week, we spent time exploring different themes that encourage us to listen to our minds and recognise strategies that can help us manage big feelings. In Maths, our focus was measurement — converting centimetres to metres and kilometres, and even miles to kilometres and back again, which the children found particularly satisfying. In English, we unpacked Charles Darwin's voyage, which will inspire our own discovery narratives. We began by analysing a strong example and generating ideas for our own writing. To round off the week, we had some fun raising money for the school with a pancake flip race, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

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