

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Live Simply – Whitechapel Centre

As part of our commitment to the Live Simply Award, we will be supporting The Whitechapel Centre by holding a collection on Thursday 23rd April. We are politely asking for donations of non-perishable food items that will support those experiencing homelessness.

Suggested donations include tinned meals, such as curry and chilli, tinned meats and fish, tinned fruit, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, noodles and rice.

Your generosity will make a meaningful difference to people in need within our community.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sunny Weather

As we hopefully head towards warmer, sunnier weather during the summer term, please can we remind parents to take the following sun protection steps to ensure pupils enjoy the sun safely during the next term.

- Provide your child/children with hat/sunglasses to wear outside.
- Apply a minimum SPF 15 sunscreen, daily (preferably one which requires a once-a-day application at home).

Also, for pupils who suffer with hay fever, please make sure over the counter medication is managed daily at home unless symptoms are severe and require prescription medication at which point you should speak to a member of staff with regards to the management of medication in school.

Please make sure your child's name is on cardigans, jumpers, PE tracksuit tops and caps.

Thank you for your support.

Academic Calendar/INSET Days 2026-2027

INSET days for 2026-27 have been set as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

To view the full academic calendar for 2026-27 please click the link below or visit our school website and select Parents tab/Term dates. Thank you.

[Academic Calendar 2026-2027](#)

Diary Dates

Collection for Whitechapel Centre – Thursday 23rd April @ 8.30am

Parents' Evening Year 3 and Year 4 – Thursday 23rd April 1pm – 6.10pm

Y1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park – Tuesday 28th April

Ski Trip 2027 – Meeting for Parents/carers – Tuesday 28th April @ 3.15pm in school

Bank Holiday – School Closed – Monday 4th May

School Health Reception Screening – Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th April

Mass – Monday 11th May @ 9.15am

Reception Trip to Farmer Ted's – Thursday 14th May

First Holy Communion @ CTK – Saturday 16th May

Year 3 Trip to Roman Dewa Experience – Thursday 21st May

INSET Day – School closed for children – Friday 22nd May

Knowsley Council – Knowsley Parenting Newsletter April- July 2026

Please see the link below to Knowsley Council's newest edition of Knowsley Parenting Newsletter, detailing the parenting programmes and support available for families in Knowsley April- July 2026. Programmes range from antenatal right up to 19 and 25 for young people with SEND. All programmes are FREE to access. Included is information on how to refer to each programme.

Knowsley Parenting Support Newsletter April- July 2026

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network – What's on Guide Summer 2026

Please see leaflet below for more information re ADDvanced Solutions What's on Guide for summer term.

What's on in Liverpool

Summer Term 2026



ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. **No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.**

BELLE VALE Community Network Group

Tuesday mornings during term time



Join us from **9:30am – 11:30am**

Venue: Belle Vale Children's Centre, Hedgefield Road, Liverpool L25 2RW

No booking needed, just come along

Come along and meet our team, to learn more about neurodiversity from those who can share lived experiences and practical strategies. Our groups create a welcoming, accepting and relaxed environment for parents and carers, you are not on your own.



[Get directions](#)



The centre is located opposite Belle Vale Shopping Centre and on the left of Gateacre School. The centre is accessible by bus via Belle Vale Bus Station.

Topics this term:

Tuesday 14th April	Helping Neurodivergent Children to Understand their Emotions
Tuesday 21st April	Understanding and Supporting Autism in Girls
Tuesday 28th April	Preparing neurodivergent young people for the future
Tuesday 5th May	We are joined by the Speech and Language Therapy Team
Tuesday 12th May	Neurodiversity and Anxiety
Tuesday 19th May	Understanding Puberty for Neurodivergent Young People
Half Term Break	
Tuesday 2nd June	Managing Emotions with Zones of Regulation
Tuesday 9th June	We are joined by SENDIASS/BARNARDOS
Tuesday 16th June	Supporting Transition and managing changes
Tuesday 23rd June	Encouraging Friendships for Neurodivergent Children
Tuesday 30th June	Preparing for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 7th July	Open Session seek advice around any problems

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 13.04.26 to 13.07.26	EYFS	7.45am – 8.30am
Monday	Choir	Y3-Y6	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 13.04.26 to 13.07.26	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 13.04.26 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 14.04.26 to 14.07.26	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 15.04.26 to 15.07.26	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 16.04.26 to 16.07.26	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 half term our focuses are Traditional Tales and Growth and New Life. We started by reading Jack and the Beanstalk, discussing the characters, their feelings, the problem in the story, and how it was resolved. During busy time, the children have enjoyed a range of activities including a Jack and the Beanstalk game, sequencing pictures to retell the story, and a small-world area with figures to act out the story, among many others. As we are now in spring, the children have been spotting signs of the season in our outdoor area. Using cotton buds and pink paint, they created beautiful blossom trees. In maths, we have been practising the skill of counting on, and homework continues to reinforce this learning. In RE, we shared some good news we have received recently and talked about how it made us feel. The children then drew and wrote about their good news using a newspaper template. Letters have been sent home about our trip to Farmer Ted's, where we will see lots of signs of spring and new life. We are very excited about this! Have a great weekend, everyone.

YEAR ONE:

We have had a great first week back in Year 1. In English we have been exploring a new story; 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We made predictions, learnt new vocabulary, and wrote settings poems. In Maths, we have been learning numbers to 40, using tens and ones to represent these greater numbers. We listened to the story of The Road to Emmaus in RE and in Geography we learnt the 5 continents of the world and labelled them on a world map.

YEAR TWO:

This week, Year 2 we have been immersing ourselves in our new text, 'The King Who Banned the Dark' and have started to think about how darkness can be important to us. We have enjoyed some role play activities taking on the character of the king and discussing what would happen if darkness was really banned. In maths we have come to the end of the topic of 3D shapes and begun our next one looking at fractions, learning about equal parts. Our RE topic, To the Ends of The Earth focused around discussing the Holy Spirit and the Pentecost, and we have also started a new topic in Geography, labelling the four seas around the United Kingdom. Well done, Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

It has been a wonderful first week back for Year 3! The children have been engaged and ready to learn and we have been able to take advantage of some nice weather to enjoy some outdoor learning. In Maths, the children have really enjoyed a new chapter on Pictograms and Bar Graphs. They have drawn their own pictograms using different scales and have interpreted bar graphs to gather data. In English, the children have been preparing to write a complaint letter based on the text 'It Fell from the Sky'. They have gathered ideas about the thoughts and feelings of Dung Beetle to write a letter as him. On Monday, the children listened to the story of 'The Road to Emmaus' in RE. They then worked in groups and used stick puppets to retell the story. In History, the children have begun their eagerly anticipated unit about The Romans! They have begun by learning about what life was like before the Romans invaded and settled. In Science, the topic for this half term is Plants and the children have learnt about the function of roots. On Friday, the children have continued to develop their emotional regulation toolkit. They have been identifying how different emotions make them feel and identifying what 'zone' these feelings are. This understanding is useful in helping the children to manage their feelings and emotions, allowing them to 'self-regulate'. A super first week back, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been a very busy first week back in Year 4!

As part of our English lessons, pupils have been preparing to write a persuasive letter to the witch from 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy, urging her to return the stolen happy endings to children's books. To help develop their persuasive techniques, the children took part in a 'conscience alley' activity, where they whispered persuasive thoughts to the witch as she walked through.

In Maths, we have moved on from fractions and have started our new chapter on time. The children were confident when converting various times from the 12 to 24-hour clock. We also used timelines to help solve time problems, and the children can now use this method independently.

In Science, we have been exploring how humans digest food. The children found some of the scientific vocabulary quite difficult at first; however, by the end of the lesson, they were confident enough to label the different parts of the digestive system and briefly explain what happens at each stage of the digestive process.

Year 4 are really excited for their first swimming lesson on Monday, and we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy this new experience with their friends.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had an engaging first week of learning. In English, we explored and identified effective language features to support our own survival narratives. Maths lessons centred on learning and applying angle rules, with the children showing growing confidence. In PE, we began our athletics training, developing key skills and teamwork. Art lessons were inspired by Henri Rousseau, as we studied his detailed rainforest paintings. In RE, we wrote thoughtful diary entries based on the Road to Emmaus, reflecting on thoughts and feelings within the story. A fantastic week of effort and enthusiasm across all subjects!

Reminders: PE on Mondays. Homework/reading set Thursdays, due back Wednesdays.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have enjoyed another varied and engaging week of learning across the curriculum. In guided reading, we explored a range of influential females who have helped to shape the world, leading to some great discussions and thoughtful responses. In Maths, we focused on geometry, using protractors to accurately draw 2D shapes including triangles and quadrilaterals, before moving on to constructing 3D shapes using nets. In R.E., we approached the sensitive topic of loss and death with maturity and respect, sharing ideas and reflections in a supportive environment. Geography lessons revisited continents and oceans before introducing lines of longitude and latitude, helping the children to better understand how our world is mapped. In Science, we learned about the circulatory system and labelled the key parts of the heart and lungs. Finally, in English, we began our new unit on Braille, exploring how people who are blind or visually impaired can read and access information.

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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