

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Happy
ST. GEORGE'S DAY
APRIL 23

This week, our school community came together for a special Celebration of the Word to honour St. George's Day. The children learned about the life of St. George, reflecting on his incredible bravery, courage, and charitable deeds, and how he stood up for what was right. Through stories and prayer, we learned how St. George's virtues of kindness and integrity are still relevant today. The pupils reflected deeply on how they can emulate his strength of character in their own lives—by being brave enough to stand up for friends, being generous to others, and helping those in need within our school family and local community.

*"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid... for the Lord your God
goes with you."*

Joshua 1:9

The Whitechapel Centre

A huge thank you for all your donations to support the Whitechapel Centre.

The Whitechapel Centre is a local, independent charity who work to prevent and resolve homelessness, social exclusion and housing poverty by providing practical, realistic, tailored support so that each person can find a route out of homelessness, maintain a home and achieve their individual potential.

Thank you so much for supporting this very worthy charity.



Family Hubs



Did you know that Family Hubs offer advice and signposting to services for all children aged 0-19 (or 25 with SEND) and their families?

Family Hub Navigators work with schools, charities, community groups and neighbourhood organisations to identify and support all families with children in our local community.

Your local hub is **Belle Vale & Hunts Cross**

Family Hub Navigator- Val Aspinall

We are hosting a monthly coffee afternoon for parents & carers.
Why not drop by and see if we can help you in any way?



**Belle Vale Family Hub: monthly every 2nd Monday-
starting 11th May 2-3pm**

**Hunts Cross Family Hub: monthly every 3rd Monday-
starting 18th May 2-3pm**

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

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

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:

It has been another busy week in Reception as we continued our growing topic! After reading a non-fiction book about planting, we learned new vocabulary like 'germinate' and headed into the spring sunshine to plant our own bean seeds using soil, pots, and water. We have discussed what beans need to grow and will be observing them over the coming weeks, having already written instructions about our planting process. In our continuous provision, we have been very creative, cutting and placing the different parts of a bean, as well as using collected leaves and cotton wool to create our own beanstalks. In maths, we have been practising counting back from a given number, both practically and in our workbooks. On Thursday, we joined Key Stage One for a special Celebration of the Word, learning about the courage and bravery of St George and reflecting on how we can be courageous in our own lives. Finally, in RE, we listened to the Pentecost story, learning how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit after ascending to heaven. Another busy week. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

It has been another busy week in Year 1. In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of numbers to 40 to compare numbers, looking at the tens and ones to find out which number is greater or smaller. In English, we wrote brilliant setting descriptions and started writing our own version of the story. We learnt all about the Oceans of the world in Geography and in RE we listened and remembered the story of The Ascension and learnt about Jesus promise to send his followers the gift of the Holy Spirit.

YEAR TWO:

What a busy week we have had! In English, we have been exploring a persuasive letter from the King, finding the key features before we plan and write our own in response. In Maths, we have been making and writing halves, thirds, quarters, and wholes and have used different shapes to show the fraction of the whole. In R.E, we have continued to learn all about the Pentecost, making our own watercolour-stained glass window paintings of Jesus' ascension. In Science, we got to enjoy outdoor learning when looking for different animal habitats. Finally, we have continued to learn all about our Zones of Regulation and have discovered strategies we can use to help when we need to regulate ourselves.

YEAR THREE:

In English, we finished our unit based on the Vehicle Text 'It Fell from the Sky'. The children wrote letters of complaint to 'Spider' regarding the theft of the mysterious object, which the insects all loved! We have now moved on to a brand-new unit based on the book 'Egyptology'. To begin, the children became historians, looking at pictures of archaeological tools and various settings to make predictions about what secrets this text might hold. Our Maths lessons have seen us start a new unit on Fractions. We have been busy counting in tenths and learning how to find parts of a set. The children have done a brilliant job of using their division skills to calculate these amounts accurately. In History, we have been traveling back in time to explore the Roman Empire. We discussed the various reasons why the Romans decided to invade Britain and what they hoped to find here. In our Computing lesson, we looked at how digital devices work. We explored the concept of "input, process, and output" to understand how our everyday technology functions. During our RE lesson, the children made thoughtful links between the scripture 'The Road to Emmaus' and the different parts of the Mass. Finally, in PSHCE, we focused on our physical well-being. We discussed the importance of regular exercise, and the children did a fantastic job of explaining their favourite ways to stay active to the rest of the class. Well done for another week of hard work and enthusiasm, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 have continued to build on their learning across the curriculum with great enthusiasm. In Maths, we began our new topic on decimals, making clear links to fractions by exploring how one tenth can be written as 0.1 and then moving on to numbers that combine whole numbers with decimal parts. In Geography, we launched our new unit on rivers by revisiting the key stages of the water cycle before learning about the main features of a river, from its source all the way to its mouth. In English, we have continued developing our persuasive writing skills through our work on The Lost Happy Endings. Pupils took part in an engaging role play activity, stepping into the roles of Jub and the Witch, where Jub delivered a speech imploring the Witch to return the stolen happy endings. We then used these ideas to write high-quality persuasive sentences, and by Friday, the children had planned their own persuasive letters, ready to write in full next week.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had another engaging and hands-on week of learning. In Maths, we began developing our understanding of how protractors work, learning to measure and draw angles accurately. In English, we continued to build setting and character as part of planning our own survival narratives. As part of our Art topic, we visited the Peace Garden to collect leaf samples, which will support our rainforest-inspired work. In Geography, we 'travelled' to Brazil, where we explored both physical and human features of this diverse country. A fantastic week of curiosity and creativity across the curriculum!

YEAR SIX:

It's been another thoughtful and engaging week in Year 6, with the children showing great enthusiasm across their learning. In Maths, we explored translating and reflecting shapes before beginning to look at pie charts, building on our understanding of geometry and data. In PSHE, the class took part in respectful discussions around a range of controversial issues, sharing their opinions and backing them up with clear reasoning while listening to the views of others. Geography saw us begin our new topic "*What's in the news?*", where we explored the Strait of Hormuz, locating it on a map and discussing the impact that blockades can have both locally and globally. In R.E., we reflected on the theme "*from death comes new life*" by studying the parable of the grain of wheat, unpicking how positive outcomes can emerge from difficult situations. In English, we continued our work on Braille, thinking carefully about how the main character felt when she finally discovered a Braille book in the library, leading to some thoughtful and empathetic responses.

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