

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Year One Knowsley Safari Park Trip

Year 1 had a wonderful day at Knowsley Safari Park on Tuesday.

The children enjoyed seeing lots of different animals on the safari, became animal detectives for the day and enjoyed the Sea Lion and Birds of Prey shows!

What a fantastic day!

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 half 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](#)

Parent/carer Transition Workshop Y6 to Y7



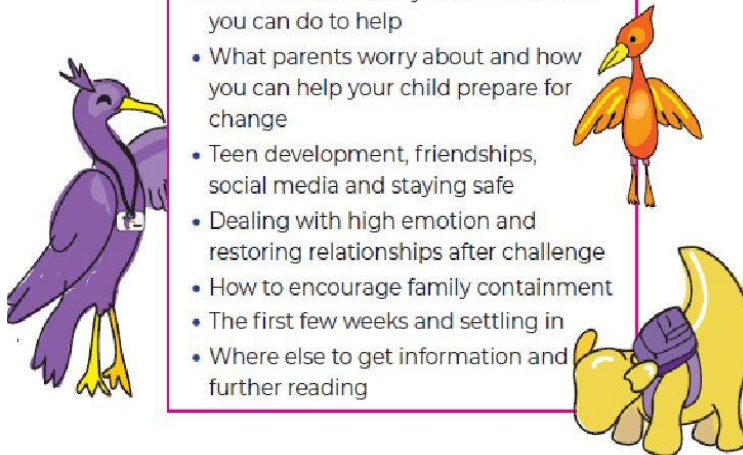
Is your child moving up from primary to secondary school this year?

This is a time of change which can feel difficult and cause anxious feelings for both children and their parents and carers.

The Liverpool Parenting Team is running a one-hour **Moving Up** workshop for all parents and carers of year 6 children who are moving to secondary school in September.

Offering guidance and advice on:

- What children worry about and what you can do to help
- What parents worry about and how you can help your child prepare for change
- Teen development, friendships, social media and staying safe
- Dealing with high emotion and restoring relationships after challenge
- How to encourage family containment
- The first few weeks and settling in
- Where else to get information and further reading



Our school is holding the Moving Up workshop on:

Wednesday 17th June at 2pm until 3pm

Please tell the school if you would like to book a place

Message to SPB families from the Whitechapel Centre

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre I would like to thank you for recently donating a large amount of food for our service users. We are very grateful to you for your support.

The Whitechapel Centre is a leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to help people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living.

Last year we supported almost 5,000 people in Liverpool who were experiencing homelessness. It's only thanks to the generosity of supporters like you that we're able to continue our life changing, lifesaving work. Thank you.

We believe prevention is the first step in the fight against homelessness. We aim to offer support in housing at every step of the journey of homelessness, from the moment a person is at risk of losing their home, right through to those who have become entrenched in a 'street lifestyle'. With this in mind, we also prevented 207+ individuals from becoming homeless thanks to interventions for those at risk including drop-in advice sessions, benefits advice and personal negotiation with landlords and agencies.

We supported a further 212+ homeless people into the right accommodation for their needs. We also ensured 111 people had access to education and employment activities to enable them to continue to live independently.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a 24-hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it.

Thank you.



St Paschal Baylon Primary School
for
A very successful food collection appeal

We are really grateful for your help and support.



Diary Dates

~~Bank Holiday – School Closed~~ – Monday 4th May

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

~~Mass~~ – Monday 11th May @ 9.15am

~~SATs week~~ – Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May

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

~~First Holy Communions @ CTK~~ – Saturday 16th May

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

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

~~Half Term~~ – Monday 25th May to Friday 30th May

~~Children return to school~~ – Monday 1st June 8.30am

~~Mass~~ – Monday 8th June @ 9.15am

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
Wednesday	Debate Academy From 13.05.26 for 8 weeks	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
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 week, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. They explored the different stages by cutting and sticking pictures into the correct order and then talking and writing about each stage. As part of this topic, they were also introduced to the concept of symmetry, learning that it means both sides are the same. The children enjoyed creating symmetrical butterfly paintings by decorating one half and folding it to print the other side, as well as colouring symmetrical patterns. They have also been carefully observing caterpillars and describing what they notice. In maths, the focus has been on teen numbers, with the children practising how to match quantities to the correct numerals. In RE, the children listened to the story of Pentecost and drew pictures to show their understanding of what happened after Jesus died. Another busy week—enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

YEAR ONE:

We have had a great week in Year 1! In English we have continued to write our own version of part of the story 'The Secret of Black Rock' using the prefix 'un' and the conjunction 'and'. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers to 40 and competing number patterns. In Geography, we learnt about the Equator and The Poles and how the weather is different in different places around the globe. In RE, we learnt about Pentecost and thought about how the disciples felt when God sent the Holy Spirit, showing this through our artwork. And we went to the Safari Park, we showed off our amazing knowledge when we were Animal Detectives and saw lots of interesting animals. Check our X for pictures!

YEAR TWO:

This week in Year 2 we have been writing our persuasive letter in our English lessons as a response to the King to convince him to release his ban on darkness. The children have used their great questioning skills and persuasive language to support their letter. In maths we have been learning how to count in halves, thirds and quarters and working out equal parts and in Geography we have been learning more about coasts and cliffs, identifying their different features. In our RE lesson we discussed the story of Saul and how he changed after his meeting with Jesus as well as how we can be more kind to each other. What a great week, well done Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

This week Year 3 have continued working hard on Fractions in Maths. They have identified equivalent fractions and compared and ordered fractions including those with different denominators. In English, the children have been working hard at writing setting and character descriptions based on our unit 'Egyptology'. They have really enjoyed immersing themselves in the role of an archaeologist discovering ancient treasures and secrets! In History this week, the children were tasked with identifying key Roman settlements in Britain. They were extremely excited to find that Chester was one of them and are very excited for our upcoming visit! In Science, the children have learnt how water is transported within plants and created detailed diagrams to show their understanding. A highlight of the week was being introduced to the high jump with Mr Flood in preparation for our Summer Term athletics. Another busy week! Well done, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, in Year 4, we have been very busy across the curriculum. In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, with the children learning to write numbers with up to two decimal places. In English, the children produced some excellent persuasive letters to the witch from The Lost Happy Endings. They included a range of persuasive phrases, expanded noun phrases, and rhetorical questions—we have been really impressed with the quality of their writing. On Thursday morning, a visitor from Mary's Meals came in to share the fantastic work they do, and the children enjoyed asking thoughtful questions after researching this wonderful charity. In Art, we have been exploring tone and experimenting with shading techniques to make 2-D objects appear 3-D. There are certainly some fantastic artists in this year group!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning across the curriculum. In English, the children wrote their survival narratives, showcasing creativity and strong descriptive skills as they survived a dangerous setting/ (Some even survived tiger, jaguar and piranha attacks!) In Maths, they demonstrated their understanding of angle rules during our geometry review. In Art, pupils experimented with mixing a range of green shades as they work towards creating rainforest-inspired pieces. In RE, the children created thoughtful posters based on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Geography lessons explored different types of forests before focusing on the unique features of the Amazon Rainforest. A very productive week!

YEAR SIX:

It's been a productive and discussion-filled week in Year 6, with the children showing great engagement across all subjects. In guided reading, we continued our poetry unit based on *The Final Year*, leading to some excellent discussions and thoughtful comparison-style questions. In Maths, we explored pie charts in more depth, answering a range of questions, and began working with line graphs to interpret data. Science lessons saw the children writing clear explanation texts on the circulatory system, highlighting its key functions. In R.E., we answered questions based on the story of the Raising of Lazarus, focusing on the importance of belief in God. Geography lessons involved comparing the human geography of the UK and the UAE, helping the children understand similarities and differences between the two. Finally, in English, we completed our first-person narratives as a blind girl discovering a Braille book, producing some thoughtful and engaging pieces of writing.

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