

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Happy 100th Birthday, David Attenborough!

In celebration of Sir David Attenborough's landmark 100th birthday, our children have been immersed in the wonders of the natural world, inspired by his lifelong dedication to conservation. Through nature documentaries and activities, children have learned the importance of protecting our planet's fragile ecosystems. We concluded our celebrations with a special prayer of thanks for Sir David's work, asking for the strength to be faithful guardians of creation.

Dear God,

Thank you for Sir David's century of wonder; help us to cherish and protect the beautiful world he has shown us, ensuring it flourishes for generations to come. Amen.

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.

It is that time of year again, when the sun is shining and the children are getting warm at break time and lunchtime and so our lost property is suddenly full again! Please can we ask you to make sure that all jumpers, cardigans, PE jackets and uniform are named so that if they are left outside, they can be returned the right owner.

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](#)

Beautiful New Beginnings

Please click the link below to read the most recent newsletter and event links from Beautiful New Beginnings for a variety of fully funded and donation-based events that families can access during May 2026.

This information can also be found on our school website. Please head to 'News' section and scroll down to the 'Beautiful New Beginnings' post.

[Beautiful New Beginnings Newsletter and Event links – May 2026](#)

Diary Dates

~~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 continued exploring caterpillars and butterflies through *The Hungry Caterpillar*, engaging in a variety of creative and hands-on activities. They made their own caterpillars using card and playdough, learned about the life cycle through sequencing and discussion, and practised early writing skills by identifying and recording sounds in fruit names from the story. The children also enjoyed role play in the reading corner, bringing the story to life. In maths, we focused on sequencing the days of the week and were introduced to doubling, using practical resources such as dominoes to support understanding. On Friday, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday by learning about his life, watching clips, narrating in his voice, and drawing favourite animals. Another busy week! We are now looking forward to our trip to Farmer Ted's next week! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

We have been working hard in Year 1 this week. In Maths, we have been using our addition and subtraction knowledge to answer word problems. In English, we read the next part of 'The Secret of Black Rock' and we explored how the main character feels, through role play and made a poster explaining why she needs to save Black Rock. In RE, we learnt about how we celebrate Pentecost in the UK and then compared it to celebrations in other countries, such as Italy and Russia. And in Geography, we learnt about how the weather changes depending on how close a country is to The North/South Pole or The Equator.

YEAR TWO:

We have had another brilliant week in Year 2. The children are really starting to show they are ready for the challenge of Year 3! In Geography, we have learned all about the physical features of the coastline, using Formby beach as an example of a local coast. In Science, we used our school grounds to go on a microhabitat hunt, where we looked around the grounds to see where different species live. In Maths, we have been finding fractions of a set or number. Finally, on Friday we celebrated David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We talked about some of the amazing things which he has discovered over the years and the impact he has had on our understanding of the world around us. We look forward to our final few weeks of our first summer term and all of the exciting learning to come.

YEAR THREE:

What a week of discovery we have had! From the mysteries of Ancient Egypt to the secrets of plant life, the children have been fully immersed in their learning.

In English, we have been diving deep into our 'Egyptology' unit. The children analysed our example text, 'Into the Pyramid', to unpick the 'writer's knowledge' used to create suspense. They then got incredibly creative, designing their own ingenious traps to stop tomb burglars in their tracks! The children wrote thrilling descriptions of these threats, narrating an explorer's heart-pounding narrow escape.

In Maths, we have officially completed our unit on Fractions. The children worked hard on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We are looking forward to starting our new unit on Angles next week.

Our History lessons took us back to Roman Britain, where we discovered how the Romans connected their vast settlements by building a sophisticated network of roads. This led nicely into Computing, where we used laptops to create Roman-style artwork. We had a great debate comparing digital art to traditional methods, discussing whether we preferred using a screen or the feel of real paint and brushes!

In Science, we have been exploring the process of photosynthesis. To see it in action, the children set up an investigation using three different plants: a 'control' plant, one with all its leaves removed, and one kept in total darkness. We are eagerly waiting to see how each plant responds over the coming weeks.

Finally, on Friday, we celebrated a very special milestone—the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough! The children learned about his incredible life and legacy, drawing their favourite animals and habitats to create wonderful tributes to the world's most famous naturalist.

Well done on another brilliant week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been a busy and productive week in Year 4! In English, we launched our new unit on "Our Tower," where pupils used story clues to write insightful predictions before diving into the text's rich vocabulary. Our mathematicians have mastered rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, while in science we have investigated dental health by soaking eggs (to represent teeth) in various liquids; we discovered that Coke stains shells significantly, while Red Bull causes visible structural damage. Finally, in Art, students practiced using tone to give 2D drawings of fruit a realistic 3D effect, building essential skills for our upcoming Paul Cézanne-inspired still life masterpieces.

YEAR FIVE:

This week, we gathered ideas and research for our own survival guides in English. In Maths, we explored coordinates, translation, and reflection, developing our understanding of shape and position. Art lessons focused on carefully sketching different tropical leaves in preparation for our rainforest artwork. In Geography, we compared the lives of children living in busy cities with those of children growing up in Amazonian tribes, leading to some thoughtful discussions about lifestyle and environment. Another fantastic week of curiosity, creativity, and hard work across the curriculum!

Please note: Year 5 will have PE on Monday and Tuesday next week.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week as we continued preparing for next week's SATs, showing great determination and maturity throughout. In guided reading, we explored a range of nature-themed poetry, unpicking poetic features and answering a variety of inference-style questions which led to some thoughtful discussions. In Maths, the children completed lots of revision across a range of topics including algebra, ratio and percentages, helping to strengthen their confidence and recall ahead of the tests. English lessons focused on comprehension preparation, where the children practised carefully reading texts, retrieving information and justifying their answers using evidence from the text. We also worked on strategies to help them manage their time effectively and approach questions calmly and confidently. In PSHE, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday by learning more about his remarkable career and the huge impact he has had on our understanding of the natural world and conservation.

As we head into SATs week, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes they have shown throughout the year. The children have prepared brilliantly, and next week is simply an opportunity for them to show all that they have learned. We know they will all try their very best, and that is all we could ever ask for.

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