

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who attended our 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning Ever!' today. We are overwhelmed by your generous donations and support; we raised over £500! Lots of wonderful cakes were donated and enjoyed by parents and grandparents during the morning, while having a coffee and a chat! Afterwards children were able to choose a cake and sit and chat to their friends. The total raised will be revealed in next week's newsletter. Thank you once again for your generosity.

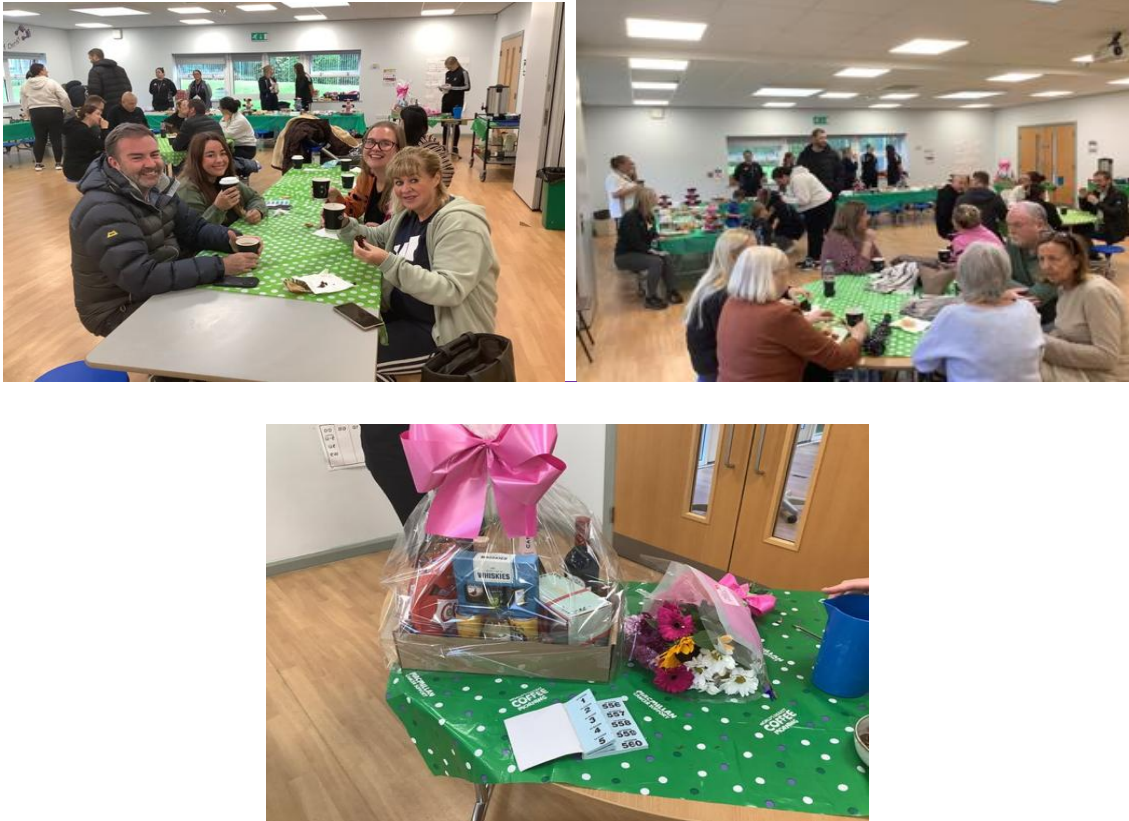
There are now 3 million people in the UK living with cancer. One in two of us will get cancer. Macmillan makes sure no one faces cancer alone and also supports friends and family too.

Please remember in your prayers, friends and family who are battling cancer.

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Here are some photos of our World's Biggest Coffee Morning event:



SPB Open Afternoons

SPB will be holding another Open Afternoon for parent/carers of children starting Reception in September 2026 on **Thursday 8th October @ 1.45pm** and **Thursday 5th November @ 1.45pm**.

Please call the school office 0151 722 0464 to book a place. We ask visitors to arrive at 1.40pm – Headteacher presentation will begin at 1.45pm.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Coats

As we are now experiencing cold/wet weather, please can ALL children bring a suitable warm/waterproof coat to school. Please ensure your child's coat is clearly labelled with their name.

Thank you

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EYFS 27/28 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – Local Authority online applications are now open. Closing date for on-line applications is Friday 15th January 2027 – **St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed** – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application, please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

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Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Choir From 14.09.25	Y3-Y6	3.10pm – 4.10pm
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 07.09.26 until 14.12.26	Y1	3.10pm – 4.10pm
Monday	Computer Club*	Y4	3.10pm – 4.10pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 08.09.26 until 20.10.26	Y3 & Y4	3.10pm – 4.10pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.09.26 until 15.12.26	Y5/Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 09.09.26 until 16.12.26	Y2	3.10pm – 4.10pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 10.09.26 until 17.12.26	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am

*Computer Club dates:

Monday 5th October

Monday 19th October

Monday 2nd November

Monday 16th November

Monday 30th November

Monday 14th December

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Diary Dates

Ski Clothing Meeting for Parents – Tuesday 29th September @ 3.10pm

Cross Country Race 2 @ Newsham Park – Wednesday 30th September 2026

Cross Country Race 3 @ Stanley Park – Monday 5th October 2026

Parents Evening for EYFS – Tuesday 6th October 2026 1pm – 6.30pm

Open Afternoon – Thursday 8th October @ 1.45pm

EYFS Reading Workshop for parents/carers – Monday 12th October @ 5pm

Cross Country Race 4 @ Clarke's Gardens – Tuesday 13th October 2026

Cross Country Championships @ Wavertree – Monday 19th October 2026

School Photograph Day – Thursday 22nd October

Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Children Return to School – Monday 2nd November 2026

General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

What a busy and wonderful week we have had in school! In our learning around growing and changing, the children loved sharing their baby photos, using playdough to create facial features, and developing their scissor skills by sorting images into baby, child, and adult timelines. In Phonics, we continued learning our sounds, while in Maths, we moved on to exploring the representations of number 2. Our Talk Through Stories focus was the book 'Owl Babies', where the children discussed the characters, problem, and solution, before using our new small world area to creatively retell the story in their own words. In RE, we learned that God created us all unique and loves us all; after listening to the scripture from Isaiah 43:1 ("I have called you by your name; you are Mine"), the children practiced writing their names, drew self-portraits, and thanked God for their individual talents and interests. Finally, please check book bags for letters regarding Parents' Evening and our upcoming Reading Workshop, and don't forget to send in completed 'All About Me' bags on Monday while continuing to practice independent coat and shoe dressing at home. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

YEAR ONE:

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 1! In English, we have been planning and beginning to write our very first story. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers to 10 and exploring the mathematical language of one more and one less. In Geography, we created our own maps and keys and then followed them around school. In Science, we have been learning to recognise and name common garden plants. In RE, we explored the meaning of the Our Father prayer and discussed when Catholics say it during Mass. Well done, Year 1, for another brilliant week of learning!

YEAR TWO:

This week, Year 2 have had an exciting week! We have continued our new History topic of the Titanic and explored what life would have looked like on board, looking at lots of pictures. They compared how the passengers' lives would have been different, such as comparing an upper-class bedroom with a lower class one. The children discussed the differences in their clothes and the activities that the passengers would have done while on board. In RE we looked at the Sacrament of Baptism, role playing a Baptism scene, understanding the order and the promises made. The children discussed the symbolism of water and the links to the story of Noah. In English the children have been building their writing skills, creating paragraphs inspired by our text, 'A River', including lots of adjectives and have begun to include questions in their writing. In maths, the children have been learning how to add using the column method and have now begun to add with renaming, using their knowledge of place value. What a fantastic week, well done Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

We have had a great week in Year 3 filled with lots of learning and a fantastic adventure outdoors! In English, the children began writing their 'Approaching Threat' narratives based on our vehicle text, *The Iron Man*; it was excellent to see them putting their 'Writer's Knowledge' into practise by using similes, contractions, and expanded noun phrases to build tension. In Maths, we have been working on adding tens and hundreds to 3-digit numbers and introduced addition with renaming using the column method. In RE, the children listened to Psalm 19 and created wonderful watercolour paintings of sunsets, sunrises, and skies to celebrate God's amazing creation. In Geography, we turned our attention to our local history by studying how Liverpool City Centre has changed from the 1800s to the present day, discovering how the docks were once bustling with ships transporting goods and surrounded by housing for factory workers and sailors. In Science, we investigated the human skeleton through a pattern-seeking investigation, exploring questions such as whether older children have longer arms by making predictions, recording measurements, and evaluating our findings. Finally, the highlight of our week was our visit to 'The Dream' in St Helens! The children had a brilliant time exploring the winding paths and surrounding forest, immersing themselves in nature, and creating detailed leaf tracings with wax crayons. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout, and a huge thank you goes to Dave from 'Best Day Ever' for giving the children such an enjoyable and memorable day out. Well done for another fantastic week, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been another great week in Year 4! In English, we have been writing our own version of *Leon and the Place Between*, packed with expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech to bring our stories to life. In maths, we have continued our work on rounding and can now confidently round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In geography, we learnt about different types of land use and created our own booklets explaining what we had found out. In R.E., we used the scripture passage Genesis 12:2–3 to create watercolour artwork inspired by the work of Hannah Dunnett.

A fantastic week of learning, Year 4 — well done and enjoy the weekend!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in English, inspired by the Mars rover *Curiosity*, the children worked on writing their final space journey narratives using a variety of sentence types for effect including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and dashes for parenthesis. Whilst in Guided Reading they continued Lisa Thompson's *The Goldfish Boy* interpreting the main character's thoughts and actions by inferring key vocabulary. In Maths, we tackled numbers up to 1,000,000 by practicing place value, reading, writing, comparing, and rounding to the nearest 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. Our space exploration extended into our Science lesson as we investigated the order, positions, relative distances, and orbits of the planets in relation to the Sun. In History, we explored Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, prominent leaders, and the concept of the Bretwalda claim to overall dominance. During RE, we reflected on how the Ten Commandments and the Greatest Commandments connect to scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and acting for the Common Good. Finally, in Spanish, the children expanded their vocabulary by learning *las partes del cuerpo* (body parts).

YEAR SIX:

It's been another busy and successful week in Year 6, with plenty of progress across the curriculum. The children have now started swimming every Monday and have already shown great improvement since they last swam in Year 5. It has been fantastic to see their confidence developing in the water. In English, we finished reading *Rose Blanche*, and the children are now ready to plan their own diary entries next week, stepping into the shoes of Rose. In Maths, we unpicked the rules of operations and explored BODMAS, discovering why calculations need to be completed in a particular order. In R.E., the children designed their own stained-glass windows and annotated the symbolism linked to the parable of the Prodigal Son. We also continued our work on St Paul's letter, reflecting on how we can live our lives according to his messages. PSHE focused on the importance of sleep and how avoiding negative bedtime habits can improve our wellbeing. We also welcomed a visitor who taught us some important self-defence techniques and discussed ways to keep ourselves safe. In History, we explored some of the influential techniques Adolf Hitler used to persuade a nation to follow him. Finally, in Science, we learned about fossilisation and how fossils are formed over long periods of time. Another fantastic week of learning for Year 6!

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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