

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Live Simply – Awe & Wonder Competition

As part of our LiveSimply journey, we are planning a whole-school Awe & Wonder Art and Photography Competition. Inspired by the words, “*Stop and think about the wonderful things God has done*” (Job 37:14), we are encouraging our children to stop, look closely and notice the beauty and wonder of God’s creation all around them. Children are invited to create a piece of artwork or take an original photograph of something that fills them with awe and wonder – perhaps a beautiful landscape, a flower, an animal, the changing sky or even one of the tiny details in nature that we often overlook. Each entry should be accompanied by a short reflection explaining their choice and a Scripture quotation that connects with their creation; children may use Job 37:14, Genesis 1:31 – “*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good*” – or choose a Bible verse of their own. We would like the children to recognise that when we learn to love and appreciate our beautiful world, we are inspired to care for our common home. We hope families will enjoy taking time together to look, wonder, create and give thanks. *All entries must be submitted by Friday 9th October.*

LiveSimply
Look.
Care.
Act.
Together.

Awe & Wonder

Art & Photography Competition

Celebrating the wonder of God's creation



A brighter, kinder,
greener world
together

Calling all
artists and
photographers
from EYFS to
Year 6!

"Stop and think about
the wonderful things
God has done."

Job 37: 14

Look closely.
Notice.
Be amazed.
Create.
Give thanks.



Amazing plants



Tiny details



Beautiful places



Wonderful wildlife



Brilliant skies

Your Challenge...

Create a piece of art OR take a photograph
that celebrates something in God's creation
that fills you with awe and wonder.



It could be...

- a flower, tree or plant
- an animal or insect
- a landscape or place
- the sea, rivers or weather
- the stars, moon or sky
- people and our world
- any part of creation that makes you say "Wow!"



Include a Scripture quotation

You can use
Genesis 1:31,
Job 37:14 or choose
a Bible verse of
your own.



Tell us...

What did you notice?
Why does this part of
God's creation fill you
with awe and wonder?

Write one or two
sentences. Younger
children can tell an adult
their ideas.



Entries will be
celebrated in age groups:

- EYFS
- Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6

Winners will be
announced in the newsletter
and their work will appear
in our Awe and Wonder
Gallery!



Photographs should be sent to
admin@paschalbaylon.org.uk

Include your child's name
and class in the email.
They will be forwarded to
your child's class teacher.



Entries must be in by

Friday 9th October



Let's notice,
be grateful
and care for
our common home.



♥ Live Simply

♥ Care Deeply

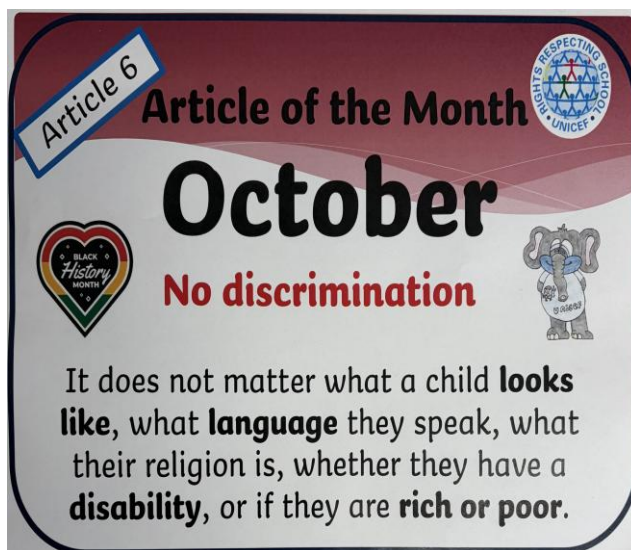
♥ Be the Change



Together for
our common home

Rights Respecting Schools

This October, our Rights Ambassadors have chosen Article 2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (the right to non-discrimination) and Sustainable Development Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) in recognition of Black History Month. These two important principles remind us that every child, regardless of race, ethnicity or background, deserves to be treated fairly, respected and given equal opportunities to thrive. Through celebrating Black history, culture and achievements, we aim to promote diversity, challenge stereotypes and raise awareness of the importance of equality and inclusion. Our Rights Ambassadors will encourage everyone to reflect on how we can create a school community where every child feels valued, represented and a true sense of belonging – not just in October, but every day of the year.



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 on 0151 722 0464 to book a place.

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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

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 OctoberMonday 19th OctoberMonday 2nd NovemberMonday 16th NovemberMonday 30th NovemberMonday 14th December

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Diary Dates

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

Pendle Ski Trip – Group 1 – Wednesday 14th October 2026

Pendle Ski Trip – Group 2 – Thursday 15th October 2026

Cross Country Championships @ Wavertree – Monday 19th October 2026

Pendle Ski Trip – Group 3 – Wednesday 21st 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

Mass – Monday 2nd November @ 9.15am

Open Afternoon EYFS 2027 – Thursday 5th November @ 1.45pm

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:

This week, we have been busy learning and exploring! We have been recognising and writing our names, and in phonics we have been orally blending and using the sounds we have learned to build words. We also practised blending CVC words and matching them to the correct pictures. In maths, we explored different representations of the number 3 and recorded our findings in our maths journals. To develop our fine motor skills and independence, we have been practising how to button and unbutton shirts and cardigans, helping us become more confident when dressing and undressing ourselves. In RE, we shared our 'All About Me' bags, which the children really enjoyed, celebrating what makes each of us unique. We also shared family photographs and talked about the special people in our families. Through stories and songs, we learned that we all belong, and we enjoyed drawing pictures of our family members. Letters have also gone out regarding our upcoming autumn walk. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather!

YEAR ONE:

What a wonderful week we have had!

In English, we created our Big Write, planning and writing each section of a story all about teamwork and friendship. In Geography, we explored human and physical features and sorted them into a table in our books. In Science, we investigated the question, "Is a tree a plant?" and shared our ideas and reasoning. In RE, we learnt the Laudato Si' hymn and thought about how we can act on Pope Francis' message to care for our common home. During Prayer and Liturgy, we explored the Parable of the Two Sons and discussed its important message.

YEAR TWO:

This **week**, Year 2 have worked very hard! In RE the children have been strengthening their knowledge of the Sacrament of Baptism. They can confidently recognise the symbols used in Baptism and their significance, such as the water, the oil, the garment, and the candle. In maths, we focused on subtraction, practising different methods such as using a number line, partitioning and the column method. In Art, we worked on our Van Gogh inspired pieces by drawing outlines of our Liverpool skylines on black card ready so we can add backgrounds with pastels next week. The children have finished writing their creative paragraphs in English and have learned about subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. To end the week, we spent time in PSHE discussing activities we enjoy doing with our families and shared some of our favourite family traditions. Well done, Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

It has been a wonderful week of learning in Year 3! The children have now completed their Approaching Threat Narratives, and they blew us away with their use of similes, conjunctions and prefixes when discussing the Iron Man. They have also now begun to work on their new text: 'The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish'. They have really enjoyed listening to this story and can't wait to get started on their own ideas. In Maths, the children have been working hard on column addition with renaming. They have done so well with this tricky concept, showing understanding when renaming in both the ones column and the tens. They will be consolidating this for homework this week. In RE, our work on Creation has led us to explore when this is mentioned during hymns and prayers in Mass. The children made beautiful booklets showing the journey of grapes/wheat becoming wine/bread through the work of human hands and then how this becomes an offering in Church. In Science, the children have learnt why humans and other animals have muscles and how they work. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning! In RE, we have been exploring the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity (love), thinking carefully about what these values mean and how Mother Teresa lived them out through her life and her service to others. In English, the children have finished writing their Portal Narratives, and it has been wonderful to see them independently applying their 'Writer's Knowledge' to make their writing engaging and effective. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value by rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, helping us to make sensible estimations. However, the highlight of our week has undoubtedly been our trip to Formby! We enjoyed walking through the magnificent pine forests, exploring the sand dunes and spending time on the beach, as well as taking part in team games and fun nature-based learning activities. The weather was glorious, which made our outdoor adventure even more special. With lots of smiles, laughter and wonderful memories made together, it really was the 'Best Day Ever!'

YEAR FIVE:

Another busy and thought-provoking week in Year 5! In RE, our focus was Catholic Social Teaching and the **Common Good**, considering what it means to be a good neighbour and how we can help create communities where everyone is treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. In English, we began immersing ourselves in a formal Mission Log, exploring *Curiosity's* time on Mars. Maths saw us developing our column subtraction skills, while in History we debated whether Alfred truly deserved to be called '**the Great**' centuries after he ruled

Wessex. Finally, in Science, we explored day and night and investigated how shadows change. Another excellent week of learning!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had another really productive week, with lots of thoughtful discussion and creative learning taking place. In guided reading, we explored extracts from *Black Beauty*, unpicking the author's intentions and discussing themes such as cruelty, compassion, and anger. The children shared some thoughtful ideas about the characters and the messages within the text. In Maths, we focused on multiplying three-digit numbers by two-digit numbers using the long multiplication method. In English, we planned and completed our diary entries from the perspective of Rose Blanche, with some powerful emotional phrases used to bring their writing to life. In R.E., we compared scriptures from John and Matthew which share the theme of unconditional love. We discussed the challenging message of learning to love our enemies and considered how this can be applied to our own lives. We also explored real-life role models who have shown unconditional love and thought about what has inspired and influenced them. Finally, in Science, we explored different habitats before designing our own creatures, carefully considering how they could adapt to survive in their chosen environment. This was a particularly fun and imaginative lesson, with some fantastic creatures created!

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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@SPB_EYFS
@SPBYear1
@SPBYear2
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