

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Awe & Wonder Art & Photography Competition

We have been absolutely amazed by the wonderful entries submitted for our Awe & Wonder Art and Photography Competition! Children from EYFS to Year 6 were invited to celebrate the beauty of God's creation through art and photography, inspired by Job 37:14: "Stop and consider God's wonders." From beautiful landscapes and colourful flowers to amazing wildlife and tiny details in nature, the creativity, care and thought behind the entries have been truly inspiring.

Our competition winners are:

- EYFS: Arthur (Elmer)
- Years 1 & 2: Juliet (2M)
- Years 3 & 4: Isabella/ Piper (4-G)
- Years 5 & 6: Sadie (5F)

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and shared what fills them with awe and wonder. Your wonderful creations remind us all to look closely, appreciate the beauty of our world and play our part in caring for God's creation.

Well done, everyone – *keep noticing, creating and making a difference!*

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Wear Red for Racism



Today we wore red as part of Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card.

2026 is the 12th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. Every heart and every mind that is changed can make a difference to at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference.

Change hearts, change minds, change lives

Hazel – Lollipop Lady

Today we celebrated Hazel's retirement. Hazel would like to say thank you for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts.

We wish Hazel a very long and happy retirement!



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SPB Open Afternoons

SPB will be holding another Open Afternoon for parent/carers of children starting Reception in September 2026 on Thursday 5th November @ 1.45pm. **Please call the school office on 0151 722 0464 to book a place.**

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 Supplementary Information 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	Jay Woods Football From 02.11.26 until 14.12.26	EYFS	7.45am – 8.30am
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
Thursday	ReAction group	Y4, Y5, & Y6	3.10pm – 4.10pm

***Computer Club dates:**

Monday 19th October

Monday 2nd November

Monday 16th November

Monday 30th November

Monday 14th December

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Diary Dates

LDCSA 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

Remembrance Assembly - Y6 parents/carers welcome – Tuesday 10th November @ 9am

Parents' Evening Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Thursday 12th November 1pm- 6.30pm

Parents' Evening Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Thursday 19th November 1pm – 6.30pm

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

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Beautiful New Beginnings

SEND PARENTS & CARERS COFFEE EVENING

Tuesday 27th October @ 7pm

Has your child been diagnosed with an additional need or disability? Or are you currently on a waiting list or considering the possibility that your child may have additional needs? Come along to our coffee evening, meet other parents and carers, share your experiences and listen to our guest speakers who are there to support and guide you on the journey.

It can be hard being the parent of a child with additional needs, and even harder whilst you're on that waiting list! There's a lot to manage, a lot of forms, a lot of behaviours to understand, a lot of worry, sometimes... it just feels a lot. It can help to have others around you who are going through similar, to know you are not on your own, to know that there is help and support out there.

St Mary's Millennium Centre
West Derby Village
L12

Each month we'll be getting together and meeting up for coffee, for a chat, and we'll be bringing in guest speakers to support you in supporting your child too.

This month's guest speaker is Joanne Collins who has experience working in schools and with children who have special educational needs and disabilities.

Joanne will share an overview of reflexology – how it works (microsystem of our body) and explain how this can support Nervous System Regulation.

A lucky volunteer will be treated to a mini hand reflexology as Joanne shares the hand reflexology protocol. Whilst doing so, she will explain how the short, repetitive protocol can be used and any benefits individuals who are suffering with conditions such as sleep disturbances, digestive issues, anxiety & dysregulation may feel. Joanne will also give an overview of auricular therapy and explain how ear seeds are used. Anyone attending has an opportunity to try these out (optional).

Questions will also be welcomed throughout the session.

We will also have plenty of time for tea/coffee, biscuit There is no cost to attend but places are limited so must be booked via the link below:

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/send-parents-carers-coffee-evening>

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ASD Training Team

ASD Training Team will be holding online workshops, courses and Q&A sessions during October, November and December. These will include:

- Social Communication & Social Behaviour
- Preparing your child for Christmas
- Social Interaction and Play
- ASD Course
- Virtual Q&A session

For more information, please click the link below or head to the SEND page on our school website and scroll to ASD Training Team links. Thank you.

[ASD Training Team – October, November & December](#)

Liverpool City Council Road Safety Competition

Liverpool City Council's Road Safety Team is looking for creative young minds to help name four new road safety characters that will appear in exciting educational resources for schools.

Children aged 4 to 16 years are invited to enter their 'Name a Character' competition.

The four main characters will feature in road safety resources designed to help children learn how to stay safe on and around the roads.

Please click the link below or head to our school website and select the News tab for more information and how to enter!

Thank you.

[Liverpool City Council Road Safety Team 'Name a Character' competition](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

What an incredible autumn-themed week we have had! The children became nature scientists, learning big new vocabulary words like deciduous, hibernation, and migration, before heading outside for an exciting autumn treasure hunt and walk in Court Hey Park. In our indoor and outdoor play, we used our collected natural treasures to craft leaf hedgehogs and magical autumn wands, created beautiful autumn artwork, and brought our story of the week, *The Gruffalo*, to life in the small world area. Our hard work continued as we practiced letter formation and wrote CVC words on post-it notes, while in maths, we explored representations of the number 5 and practiced subitising with 5-frames. We also built up our hand muscles in funky fingers by cutting autumn pictures and threading beads onto twigs and pipe cleaners. Finally, in RE, we learned about the Pope's special message, *Laudato Si'*, and the children thoughtfully made their own promises on how they can care for and look after God's wonderful world. What a busy week!

YEAR ONE:

What a busy and wonderful week we have had!

In English we have started to plan and write our non-fiction unit. We are each writing a letter from the perspective of a lost toy, hoping to be saved and brought down from the attic. In Maths, we are solidifying our knowledge of number bonds to ten using lots of practical activities. In Science, we built our own 'flowers' using fruit and vegetables. The children loved choosing cauliflower for the head and carrots for the roots. Within Art, we have created wonderful paintings showcasing the contrast between hot and cold colours. Taking inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh the children focused on different brush strokes and swirls.

YEAR TWO:

We've had another busy week of learning in Year 2! In Maths, we've been learning column subtraction with renaming and have even started to practise the addition of three numbers. In English, the children have been collecting ideas to write in our final letters next week, warning about the dangers of the river. In RE, we have focused on how to care for God's world, learning about the three 'R's - 'Recycle', 'Reuse' and 'Reduce'. In Computing, we learned how to take good photos discussing positioning and framing and in history we thought about how more people could have been saved in the Titanic. What a wonderful week of learning. Well done, Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have continued working extremely hard this week. In Maths, they have been learning how to use bar models to help them solve word problems involving addition and subtraction and have been putting their new skills to work! In English, they wrote wonderful descriptions of Orcas when writing in character as Dr Morley, a scientist on an Arctic expedition. In Geography, the children used maps of Childwall to collect data on how many schools, parks, churches and playgrounds there are. They then displayed this information in a bar graph. In RE, the children wrote a pledge detailing how they will care for our world in order to make it a better place for all. Their ideas included recycling more, turning off taps so they don't waste water, and living simply so they buy less. A great week!

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have had another busy and exciting week of learning! In English, we have been busy planning our persuasive Magic Show Reports, thinking carefully about how to use our Writer's Knowledge to engage and persuade the reader. We are really looking forward to reading the children's independent writing next week! In Maths, we have moved on from addition and have begun exploring written methods for subtraction, building our confidence and accuracy when solving calculations. In Science, the children became electrical engineers, investigating different materials to discover which were conductors and which were insulators. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action! Finally, in R.E., we have been reading some of Saint John Henry Newman's inspiring work and using his words as inspiration to write our own poems about God's love. We have also reflected on the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity (love), exploring how Saint John Henry Newman lived these out in his life and how we can follow his example in our own lives today.

Reminder: Maths homework is set on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) each week. This is to help build their confidence and fluency with times tables.

YEAR FIVE:

What a week it has been in Year 5! From designing beautiful colour schemes for stained-glass windows depicting Moses in RE, to chopping, preparing and cooking our very own vegetable curries in DT, the children have certainly been busy! In Art, we got wonderfully messy using Mod-Roc to bring our Iron Men sculptures to life, ready for painting next week. Maths challenged us to explore prime numbers, while in English, we put our formal writing skills to the test by producing detailed space reports. It has been an action-packed week filled with creativity, practical learning and plenty of enthusiasm. **What a fantastic effort from everyone!**

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had another focused and productive week, with lots of important learning taking place across the curriculum. This week, we completed our first practice SATs week to help the children become more familiar with formal assessments ahead of May. This gave them the opportunity to experience the format and expectations of the papers; practise working within time limits and develop strategies for approaching different types of questions. It was a valuable experience in building confidence and understanding what to expect when the real assessments arrive. In PSHE, we explored how to create strong and effective passwords using a combination of letters, numbers, symbols and characters. We also looked at clickbait and phishing, discussing how to recognise suspicious online activity and the importance of protecting our identities and personal information when using the internet. In R.E., we explored the different stages involved in the ordination of a priest, learning about the commitment and responsibilities that come with this vocation. We also used ICT to research different religious orders before creating informative posters to present to our peers. In English, we analysed an example of a bravery award speech, identifying the key features, language choices and persuasive techniques that we will need to include when writing our own. Finally, in Maths, we continued developing our long division skills, this time exploring how to deal with remainders. The children are working hard to master this method!

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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@SPBYear1
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