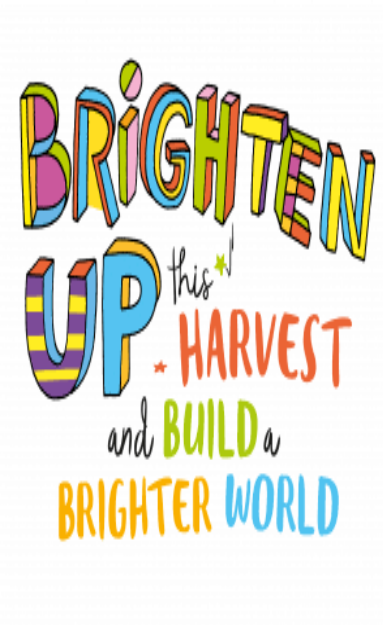
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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"





Brighten Up for Harvest

Today we brightened up to support CAFOD. Thank you for all your donations, we raised an amazing £286!

A better world needs all of us!

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PE Days after Half Term

PE Days after Half Term are as follows:

Monday – EYFS, Y2 and Y6 Swimming

Tuesday – Y3 & Y4

Wednesday – Y1, Y5 & Y6

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days. Thank you.

Reminder Y6 Parents/carers – Y7 Secondary 2027/28 Applications

Closing date for Y7 Secondary applications, starting September 2027 is **Saturday 31st October 2026.** Please ensure your Local Authority online application is submitted by this date.

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.

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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 Netball From 03.11.26 until 08.12.26	Y5 & Y6	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 2nd November
Monday 16th November
Monday 30th November
Monday 14th December

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Be Bright, Be Seen – Road Safety Tips



When the clocks go back on Sunday 25th October it will start getting dark earlier on. This makes it more important than ever to make sure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Turn over for some top tips on how to stay safe!

- Brightly coloured or flourescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.

- If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!

- Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

- If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

- Of course, 'Being Bright' help drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

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Diary Dates

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

Own Clothes Day – donations of new toys to support PTA Christmas Bingo – Friday 6th November

Y6 Girls' Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 6th November 1pm – 3pm

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

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

Own Clothes Day – donations of chocolate to support PTA Christmas Bingo – Friday 13th November

Mass – Monday 16th November @ 9.15am

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

Own Clothes Day – Wear blue for World Children's Day/donations of bottles to support PTA Christmas Bingo – Friday 20th November

Breakfast with Santa -EYFS – Tuesday 1st December

Breakfast with Santa – Year 1 – Wednesday 2nd December

Breakfast with Santa – Year 2 - Thursday 3rd December

Breakfast with Santa – Year 3 – Friday 4th December

Whole School Santa Dash – Friday 4th December AM

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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

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

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

We have had a wonderfully busy and productive final week of the half term exploring our themes of Autumn and The Gruffalo! Our continuous provision was packed with deep learning and creativity, from printing natural leaf textures inspired by eco-artist India Flint and making collage Gruffalo character masks, to building repeating AB patterns with autumn treasures like conkers and leaves. The children also worked hard on their fine motor skills by manipulating tricky paperclips for the Gruffalo's "purple prickles" and practicing their scissor grips outdoors. In RE, we reflected beautifully on our learning about creation, with the children thoughtfully sharing something special in our world to thank God for. This week, the children also completed their phonics assessments with incredible focus, and we are excited to transition them into their new focused small groups after the holiday. Finally, as a well-deserved treat for making such a fantastic, brave start to big school, we wrapped up Friday afternoon by snuggling up to watch The Gruffalo animation while enjoying a delicious cup of hot chocolate. We are so incredibly proud of the immense progress and confidence the children have shown throughout this first half term, and we hope you all have a safe, restful, and lovely half-term break!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have had a fantastic final week of half term! In English, we completed our letters written from the perspective of a lost toy in an attic. In Maths, we finished our addition topic, and the children did brilliantly using part-whole models to support their learning,
On Friday, we wore our brightest clothes and brought in £1 donations for CAFOD. Thank you for your kind contributions! The children also loved this week's Praise Party, learning the actions to "He's got the whole world in his hands".
The children have worked incredibly hard throughout this half term and have tried their very best in every subject. We are so proud of all they have achieved!
We wish you all a lovely, restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back in one week!

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YEAR TWO:

This week in RE, Year 2 created artwork in the style of Eva Crawford. We chose verses from Psalm 139 which spoke to us and included these in our pieces. We also rewrote King David's Psalm in our own words, and thank you prayers to God for creating us in his own image and likeness. In English, we studied our example letter, 'A Reply to Tom', and generated sentence indicators to help us plan our own letters. We used these to help us write a four-part letter, warning our characters about the dangers they would face on their journey down the river. In Maths, we have been exploring groups of 2, 5 and 10 to help us learn our times tables. Why not check out the BBC Super Movers videos online during the holidays to help you learn the multiplication facts? In History we looked at how we can stop a disaster like the Titanic from happening again and in PSHE we looked at how different religions and cultures celebrate love and promises such as marriage, focusing on clothing, food, ceremony and important documents. In Computing, we learned about how the appearance of digital photographs can be changed using different effects and how to spot which have been edited and are not real. We were disappointed to finish our Hands, Feet and Heart music topic. We have really enjoyed learning about South African music and are looking forward to our next unit. It has been a very busy but enjoyable first half term. We wish all of our children and families a well-earned rest!

YEAR THREE:

We have had a fantastic final week of Autumn 1 in Year 3! In **English**, the children completed their Ship Captain's Daily Logs, taking on the role of Dr Morley from our vehicle text; across four detailed paragraphs, they described the elusive creature they were searching for, detailed their journey and the fascinating marine life discovered along the way—such as narwhals and orcas—before finally capturing the exciting moment they found the giant Arctic jellyfish. In **Maths**, the children completed a review of Chapter 2 on Addition and Subtraction, consolidating their ability to perform simple addition and subtraction, master addition and subtraction requiring renaming, and applied these skills to complex word problems using bar models. In **RE**, we explored how we can be good stewards of God's wonderful creation; the children were given their own Norwegian spruce trees, giving each a special name to mark its unique place in creation and writing pledges detailing how they promise to care for them. In **Geography**, the children completed their unit assessment, showcasing their knowledge by writing about how land use has changed over time in both Childwall and Liverpool City Centre. Finally, on Thursday, we celebrated **Black History Month** by learning about its significance and creating posters about Olaudah Equiano, an influential historic figure whose autobiography played a pivotal role in the abolition of slavery. Well done for all your hard work this half-term, Year 3—we hope everyone has a lovely, relaxing week off and we look forward to seeing the children when they return!

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YEAR FOUR:

This week in maths, we have focused on column subtraction, practising regrouping for those occasions when there isn't enough in a column to complete the subtraction step. Meanwhile, in English, the children have produced fantastic writing, crafting persuasive reports to convince someone to visit Abdul Kazam's magic show. Over in R.E., we learnt about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German man who bravely resisted Hitler's regime and gave his life for his convictions. On Friday, we launched our new computing unit on data, using a website to build our very own database.
Looking ahead, a class-versus-class battle has been set for half term — we hope everyone logs on and contributes to their class's total!

YEAR FIVE:

What a fantastic final week of our first half term in Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard across the curriculum and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In English, we have completed our formal mission logs inspired by *Curiosity*, carefully incorporating technical vocabulary to create detailed and informative writing. In Maths, we have been tackling the challenge of multiplying four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers, using our knowledge of factors to support our calculations. Our creativity has been shining through in Art as we painted our fantastic Anthony Gormley inspired sculptures, bringing our designs to life! In Design and Technology, we reflected on our vegetable curry creations and completed our planning and evaluations, considering the skills we developed along the way. In RE, we explored St Thérèse's 'Little Way' and created our own beautiful prayer beads to remind us how small acts of kindness and love can make a big difference. It has been a busy and rewarding half term, and I am incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm, resilience, and hard work. Wishing all our Year 5 families a wonderful, restful half term break. Enjoy some well-deserved time together, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

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YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have enjoyed another fantastic week of learning, with plenty of creativity, thoughtful discussion and practical activities taking place. In guided reading, we explored extracts from Anne Frank's diary, looking closely at the events she described and analysing her style of writing. This linked nicely with our ongoing World War II learning. In Art, we continued our work on chiaroscuro, using black card and chalk to draw a sphere, carefully considering how light and shadow can create a 3D effect. In R.E., we explored what we consider to be our greatest treasures, looking beyond material possessions to qualities such as patience, compassion, and kindness. We also discussed our vocation in life and how we can show selflessness at home, at school and within our wider community. In English, we began writing our bravery award speeches for Rose Blanche, using the impressive example of Irena Sendler to help us include powerful language and persuasive features. Science was particularly hands-on as we carried out an activity imitating different birds' beaks, using a variety of tools to collect food and demonstrate Darwin's theory of 'survival of the fittest'. In Maths, we explored common multiples and common factors, developing our understanding of how numbers are connected. Finally, we have begun practising for our upcoming Remembrance Day service, and the children are working hard to prepare what promises to be a very special occasion.

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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