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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Anti-Bullying Week 16th – 20th November 2026

This year's campaign - *Break the Silence* - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

In today's world, bullying can happen in new and more complex ways. It happens face to face, online, and through new technologies.
Millions of children and young people experience bullying every year. Many never tell anyone. They stay silent when they are being bullied, when they see it happening, and sometimes when they feel drawn into it themselves.
But we can change that. When people come together, speak openly, and choose kindness, bullying loses its power. Every conversation, every act of support, and every voice raised against bullying makes a difference.

This Anti-Bullying Week, we are encouraging everyone to start the conversation about bullying. We are calling on children and young people to speak up and share their experiences, and on adults to listen, support, and act. *Break the Silence!*

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Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day



The week's activities will start on **Monday**, when we ask all children and staff to come to school in **odd socks**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. If children could also bring in a **£1 donation**, that would be great, as all money raised will be sent to the **Anti Bullying Alliance** in order for them to continue to help children around the country around issues of bullying.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again, our school will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. We want to be involved in changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift. A small shoebox can have a big impact!

If you would like a box to fill with gifts so that you can put a smile on a child's face this Christmas, then please collect a shoe box from the school office and return your box to school by **Wednesday 18th November**.

Details and guidance of how to fill your shoebox can be found by clicking the link below or visiting the Samaritan's Purse website.

Operation Christmas Child – How to pack a shoe box

What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of the box is eternal.

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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 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.

EYFS Christmas Stay, Play & Pray



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Christ the King Church Christmas Fair



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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
Wednesday	Reading Club	Y5 & Y6	3.10pm – 4pm
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 16th November
Monday 30th November
Monday 14th December

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Diary Dates

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16th to Friday 20th 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

Y6 Water Polo Competition – Tuesday 8th November @ Wavertree Aquatics Centre – 9am

Mass – Monday 14th December @ 9.15am

Finish at 1.30pm for Christmas break – Friday 18th December **1.30pm**

**Please see Christmas Dates on the next page for all Christmas events.*

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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Christmas Dates



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Monday 30th November	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly's class	2.15pm
Monday 30th November	EYFS Christmas Stay, Play & Pray	Reception – Elmer Group 1	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 1st December	EYFS Breakfast with Santa	Reception	8am-8.45am
Tuesday 1st December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Williams' class	9am
Tuesday 1st December	EYFS Christmas Stay, Play & Pray	Reception – Gruffalo Group 1	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am-8.45am
Thursday 3rd December	Y2 Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am-8.45am
Friday 4th December	Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am-8.45am
Friday 4th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM
Tuesday 8h December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9am
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9am
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School	Lunchtime
Wednesday 9th December	Choir Christmas Performance	Choir	4pm
Thursday 10th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	Rocksteady students who have lessons on a Thursday	2.15pm
Thursday 10th December	PTA Christmas Bingo	KS1	5pm-7pm
Friday 11th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	Rocksteady students who have lessons on a Friday	2.15pm
Monday 14th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Martin's class	2.15pm
Monday 14th December	EYFS Christmas Stay, Play & Pray	Reception – Elmer Group 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Cardwell's class	9am
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS Christmas Stay, Play & Pray	Reception – Gruffalo Group 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 16th December	PTA Christmas Bingo	KS2	5pm-7pm
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	-

Due to the size of our hall and number of pupils in each class, each child is allowed a maximum of ***3 guests to watch a nativity/assembly/concert***. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 3 per family attend. Thank you.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, as part of our Celebrations topic, we have been learning about Remembrance Day, exploring why we remember this special day and how the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance. On Wednesday, we respectfully observed a two-minute silence. Throughout our continuous provision, the children enjoyed painting and creating poppies, developing their scissor skills to cut petals, leaves and stems and exploring our Remembrance Day tuff tray, applying new knowledge and vocabulary. Children have practiced counting, subitising, matching numerals and exploring number bonds using red and green cubes. In Maths, we have also been exploring different representations of the number seven, helping the children to recognise and understand that numbers can be shown in different ways. In RE, our focus has been on the Annunciation. Through role-play, the children explored how Mary might have felt, what she might have thought and what she might have said when Angel Gabriel told her she was going to have a baby, Jesus, the Son of God. We have also continued enjoying our Talk Through Stories book, *Room on the Broom*, exploring new vocabulary and using it in our small-world and role-play areas to retell the story. To finish the week, we linked our Celebrations topic with our story by making edible chocolate sparklers! We explored the features of a recipe before following instructions to dip breadsticks into melted chocolate and decorate them with colourful sprinkles. This was a lovely opportunity to develop our listening, sequencing, and independence skills. Once set, we enjoyed eating our delicious treats while watching the *Room on the Broom* animation. What a lovely week full of fun and learning!

Have a great weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

Year One have had a fabulous week of learning. In English, we have written descriptive sentences about Rapunzel the main character of our story. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of subtraction within 10. In PSHE, we recognised who is special and important to us. In RE, we have learned all about 'The visitation' understanding how Mary and Elizabeth felt. Within Science, we conducted an investigation looking for patterns, answering the question 'Do bigger apples have more seeds?'. Well done Year 1!

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YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have been very excited about starting our Nativity practice this week. We all now have our roles and have enthusiastically been singing the songs, which we know very well already. In RE we have learnt all about the Advent wreath, why it is circular in shape and made of evergreen leaves. We discussed the colour of the candles and their symbolism. We also created our own wreath by drawing round our hands to create leaves. In Maths, we have begun or multiplication and division chapter, namely the different ways of grouping and sharing and using our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to check our answers. In English lessons, we wrote setting descriptions based on an image from The Night Gardener and studied the structural and language features of our example text. We also worked on expanded noun phrases and coordinating conjunctions in Sentence Accuracy sessions. In Science we learnt about animals and their babies and how humans develop. In Geography, we learnt the difference between towns, cities and counties and located Liverpool and Merseyside on a map. Another busy but enjoyable week!

YEAR THREE:

We have had another wonderful and busy week of learning in Year 3! In **English**, the children continued to work through the immerse and analyse phase of our unit focusing on our vehicle text, *The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs*. Using Writer's Knowledge from the example text, the children wrote fantastic character descriptions capturing how the grumpy ghost felt when the little girl kept visiting his attic. In **maths**, we have been working hard on multiplication and division linked to the 4 and 8 times tables, as well as applying our knowledge to solve word problems based on the 3, 4, and 8 times tables, which are key Year 3 objectives. In **RE**, the children looked closely at the Nativity story, comparing St Luke's and St Matthew's versions of the birth of Jesus. In **computing**, our focus was on different methods of online communication; we created informative class posters—with 3W focusing on voice chats in gaming and 3S focusing on social media—covering who uses them, how they work and their positives and negatives. Finally, in **history**, we explored the question, 'How was living in Victorian times different from today?', studying what daily life was like for a Victorian child compared to modern life, alongside major changes in homes, work and transport. Well done for all your hard work this week, Year 3!

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YEAR FOUR:

In English, we have continued our 'Outsider Narrative' unit based on *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann, drawing on our senses to craft vivid setting descriptions linked to the book. Over in R.E., we learnt about the story of Elijah and how God chose him to be a prophet, before taking part in a Golden Box activity that helped us understand 'The Miracle of the Flour and Oil.' Meanwhile, in maths, we have focused on times tables, particularly the 7s and 9s — please encourage your child to keep practising at home on Times Tables Rock Stars. Finally, in computing, we recapped how to make branching databases before creating a paper version of our own.

YEAR FIVE:

It has been another fantastic and busy week of learning in Year 5. In RE, we explored the scripture of David and Goliath in **1** Samuel 17:1–11, 32–54 and had thoughtful discussions about how we can draw inspiration from David's courage in our own lives. In English, we have been diving deeper into our class text, *FaRTHER*, by closely analysing an example of a setting narrative to see how authors build vivid imagery. In Maths, the children have been working hard to master the expanded division method. We also kicked off our new Science topic on forces with some pre-learning activities to see what we already know, and in Computing, we explored the many different ways we can use the internet. Finally, we marked Remembrance Day by having a moment of reflection for all the servicemen and women who have dedicated so much to our country. Well done to everyone for their hard work this week!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had another busy and exciting week. On Tuesday, the children were reverent and respectful as they delivered their Remembrance Service for parents, sharing a thoughtful and moving tribute. In English, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills by creating a setting description inspired by Charles Darwin's discovery of the Galápagos Islands. In RE, we explored the scripture 1 Samuel 1:1–13 and discussed how God values our inner qualities, such as kindness, rather than our outward appearance. In Geography, we continued our topic on the USA, focusing on the Rocky Mountains and learning about how mountains are formed. Finally, in Science, we investigated how light travels in straight lines, using hosepipes, torches, and coloured cellophane to explore how light behaves.

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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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