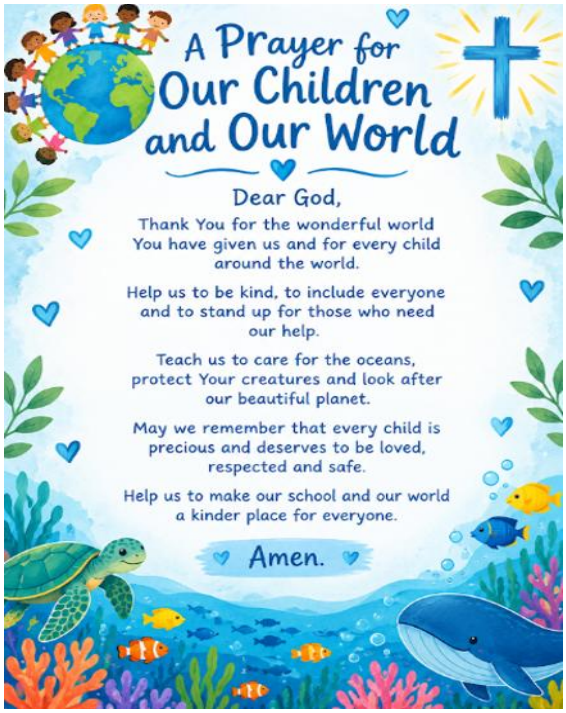
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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



World Children's Day – Friday 20th November

Today our school came together in a sea of blue to celebrate World Children's Day! Linking our Rights Respecting Schools ethos with our Christian values, the children spent the day exploring themes of kindness, inclusion, friendship, and our shared responsibility to care for God's world. This year, our activities focused on protecting our oceans and tackling plastic pollution, with our younger pupils also enjoying a special live online assembly. Through scripture, prayer, and practical classroom activities, the children reflected on their own rights while discovering how small, everyday actions can help protect the planet for everyone. Thank you to all our families for supporting the day so wonderfully!

" Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude."

Pope Francis

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Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all those who filled a shoebox for this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal, sharing love and joy through your gifts. All boxes were collected this week and are now on their way to children across the world!

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

EYFS 27/28 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. For your information, from Wednesday Ist 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.

NHS Dental Care for Children

NHS dental appointments for children at Speke Dental Practice.

Speke Dental Practice - 75 South Parade, Speke, L24 2SF

We understand that many families continue to experience difficulties accessing NHS dental care for their children. As part of our commitment to supporting the local community, we are keen to help more children access essential dental services and maintain good oral health.
Parents and guardians can book NHS dental appointments directly using the following options:

- **Online booking:** https://spekedentalcentre.patientportal.dental/login

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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 30th November
Monday 14th December

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Diary Dates

Emotional Literacy Workshop for Y1 & Y2 parents/carers (online) – Monday 30th November 1pm

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

Schools Advent Service – ReAction Group – Thursday 10th December @ Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral 10.15am

Mass – Monday 14th December @ 9.15am

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

Children return to school – Monday 4th January @ 8.30am-8.40am

**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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Santa Dash

Santa Dash - Friday 4th December 2024



On Friday 4th December **(weather permitting)** we will hold our Annual Santa Dash.
Parents are welcome to watch from the grass on the right-hand side inside the main path gate. This means that the children do not have to run through the parents. Parents can also watch from the footpath outside school. This provides excellent views of the whole playground. Please ensure that you still leave room for people to be able to pass you without having to step on the road.

We hope that the weather will allow us to have our Santa Dash as planned. If the weather is bad, we will unfortunately have to postpone the event until Friday 11th December. It would be a miserable time for the children to run around the course in the pouring rain! We are aware that many parents may have arranged time off work to watch their children, so if there is only light rain we will proceed as planned. In the event that we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send out a text early on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Time	Year Group
9.15 am	EYFS
9.25am	Year 1
9.35am	Year 2
9.45am	Year 3
9.55am	Year 4
10.05am	Year 5
10.15am	Year 6

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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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Beautiful New Beginnings

Beautiful New Beginnings would love to invite your parents to their next parents' ***Coffee & Connect Evening***. This month we are focusing on ***Preventing Parental Burnout***.

With the busy festive season just around the corner and the dark cold nights creeping in, they understand that this can be the time of year when things can feel quite overwhelming. So they thought this would be the perfect time to empower parents to fill their own cup before pouring into everyone else.

Their expert guest speaker is Natalie from the Think Happy Club. She will be supporting parents in filling their wellbeing toolbox with a range of strategies to support in feeling good and letting go of any overwhelm.

The session takes place in St Mary's Millennium Centre, West Derby L12 at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November. It is free to attend and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited so must be booked.

https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/coffee-connect-parents-and-carers-coffee-evening

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Early Years! Our learning has centred around Diwali, Anti-Bullying Week, World Children's Day and our wonderful new story, *Stick Man*! The children have loved joining in with the repetitive phrases in our new story and using rich storytelling language to retell it. We explored the story of Rama and Sita, learning how Hindu families celebrate Diwali, before acting out the story using masks and props. We also got creative making colourful Diwali lamps, designing Rangoli patterns and writing our own Diwali cards. In Maths, we introduced our new focus number, 8, exploring different representations, finding different ways to make 8 and recording our learning through drawings and number formation in our maths journals. We also enjoyed matching quantities of Diwali lamps to the correct numerals. During RE, we listened to the Nativity story, learning about Mary's journey to Bethlehem, the birth of baby Jesus in the stable and the shepherds who came to visit. We used pictures to sequence the key events and retold the story in our own words. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we celebrated our differences, talked about kindness and friendship, and enjoyed Odd Socks Day, developing our fine motor skills by using tweezers to decorate colourful odd socks. On Friday, we celebrated World Children's Day, wearing something blue and thinking about what makes every child special and how we can ensure everyone feels they belong. We joined the live *Assembly of Kindness*, featuring Leon's Reef, and explored the Bible passages Genesis 2:15 and Matthew 22:39, thinking about caring for God's wonderful creation and loving our neighbours. The children then created our very own Kindness Reef, decorating fish with kind acts and ideas for looking after our planet. We finished by sharing our thoughts and prayers, celebrating the importance of children's rights and remembering that every child has a voice, every child deserves to be heard and every child matters!

YEAR ONE:

This week in Year One, we have been exploring autumn, identifying different leaves and learning about how the seasons change. In English, we have been planning our own version of Rapunzel's story, thinking carefully about how she might escape the wicked witch! In maths, we have been exploring number families and how numbers are connected. In RE, we have been learning all about the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story. Another lovely week of learning in Year One!

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YEAR TWO:

This week, Year 2 have been working incredibly hard. In maths we have been learning to divide by 2, 5 and 10, using our times tables knowledge to help us. In English we have started to gather ideas for our writing next week, thinking about what our character can see, hear and smell. We have also had a focus on the use of exclamation and question marks in our writing. In RE, we learnt about the Annunciation of Zechariah and discussed how he could have been feeling when Angel Gabriel spoke to him. In science we had an exciting investigation, exploring the correlation between height and age. We lined up in age order, discovering that being older doesn't mean that you'll always be taller. Our Geography lesson this week focused on the differences of the human and physical features of Merseyside. We have been preparing for our Nativity throughout this week, and practicing has been going extremely well! What a fantastic week, well done Year 2!

YEAR THREE:

What a busy week we have had in Year 3! In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using our known times tables facts and place value, while in English, the children have planned their ghost narratives ready to write next week. For Anti-Bullying Week, we enjoyed wearing our odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique, took part in a live lesson on 'breaking the silence' to help others, and mapped out our trusted adults so we always know who to turn to when we are worried. In RE, after exploring the meaning of 'descendant' and Jesus's family tree, the children proudly shared the wonderful family trees they created at home. Thursday brought a messy (but very fun) Art session, where we sculpted fruit shapes using newspaper and masking tape before covering them in Modroc. Finally, we celebrated World Children's Day on Friday by learning how children can make a positive difference in the world, designing campaign posters that connect children's rights and Bible teachings to show how caring for one another and caring for our planet go hand in hand. Well done on a fantastic week, Year 3!

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YEAR FOUR:

On Monday, we welcomed Fr. Colin and Mrs Kelly into our classrooms as they spent time with the children in preparation for making their First Confession. We also marked the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week by designing our own colourful odd socks to celebrate our differences and individuality. On Tuesday, we explored the social and emotional aspect of 'A Journey in Love' and described how we should all be accepted and respected. The children thought carefully about the importance of relationships and how we can show kindness and care towards others. They then put their ideas into practice by designing some thoughtful posters. On Wednesday, we began an exciting Design and Technology project, creating our very own Christmas cards! These will include an electrical circuit, giving the children a fantastic opportunity to apply their knowledge and understanding of circuits from our Science lessons. On Thursday, we took part in a live lesson linked to Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'. The children discussed the importance of speaking out, seeking help and supporting others if they experience or witness bullying. In Maths, we have continued with our chapter on multiplication, focusing particularly on multiplying by 11 and 12. The children have been exploring a range of methods and strategies to help them solve calculations accurately and confidently. Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning!

YEAR FIVE:

Another busy and rewarding week in Year 5! In RE, the children explored the meaning of peace, reflecting thoughtfully on why peaceful actions are so important and how we can bring peace to those around us. In English, we put our creative writing skills to work, producing atmospheric setting narratives inspired by FArTHER. Maths certainly kept us on our toes as we tackled long division before beginning to apply our mathematical understanding to word problems. In Geography, we investigated different climates around the world, identifying how they vary from place to place. Finally, in Science, we discovered the fascinating force of gravity and its importance in our everyday lives. Another fantastic week of learning and hard work.

YEAR SIX:

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 6! In English, the children have been developing their narrative skills by writing dialogue paragraphs for our Charles Darwin discovery narrative. In Maths, we have been working hard to compare and order fractions and mixed numbers. During RE lessons, we explored the story of David and Goliath, reflecting thoughtfully on how David showed true faith and trust in God when facing an impossible challenge. To round off the week, we also enjoyed celebrating World Children's Day, taking time to recognise and honour the rights of children around the globe

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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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