

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Again, I would like to thank you all for your support and partnership and for my very warm welcome to the St John's Community. I am excited about this journey ahead and am confident that, together, we will continue to ensure that St John's remains a place where all children thrive, feel valued and are inspired to live out our shared Catholic values. I hope you all have a really lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23rd February.

Mr Davey

LFC v MAN CITY



Thanks to the **LFC YOUNG FAN TICKET INITIATIVE SCHEME** some of our lucky year 5 and 6 children were rewarded with a ticket to watch the **LFC v MAN CITY** game.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience which gave them long lasting memories of an absolute unforgettable ending.

People who help us

As part of our 'people who help us' topic our Early Years Children had a special visit from Walton Lane Police and Kirkdale Fire Station. We got to explore the fire engine and police car inside and out and also had great fun when the sirens were sounded and the lights were lit.

We also dressed up as Police officers and Firefighters!





D A D D R

LSSP visited our Year 6 children to deliver a Personal Safety Workshop as part of their 'DADDR' Program – an acronym for

Detect, **A**void, **D**efuse, **D**efend, **R**eport.

The children learned essential skills on how to protect themselves by learning practical methods to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations. The workshop helped them to understand how to read their environment and respond to risks effectively with the aim of reducing their vulnerability so they can feel more confident when they are out with their friends.



Year 3 have brought their Local History topic on The Beatles to a fantastic finish! The children created detailed fact files showcasing everything they've learned about the iconic band. They carried out independent research, using books and trusted websites to discover even more fascinating facts. Some pupils even visited famous Liverpool landmarks such as John Lennon's childhood home and Penny Lane to deepen their understanding. It's been a wonderful celebration of our city's musical heritage!



Our School Rules

- S**how respect to everyone and everything
- J**oin together in faith and with kindness
- C**are for each other and our community
- P**ride in myself and all that I do
- S**trive to do my best every day

'Christ is the Centre of our School Community where we live, love and learn together'

Design a Playground!



In DT **YEAR 1** have been exploring playground structures and even designed their own piece of playground equipment which they built using junk materials.



Year 1 Phonics Meeting

This half term held a Phonics Meeting for our Year 1 parents to give information about the phonics screening check in June. We gave details on how to support children at home when practising phonetic sounds. After Easter, there will be a phonics workshop to demonstrate and explain some phonics games and activities that you can use to further support Year 1 children in preparation for the phonics screening.

Thanks to all of you who attended!



All of our **Year 5 children** have now completed their Bikeability Level 1 or 2 Training.

Well Done!

Did you know Peloton Liverpool have a bike library where families can access bikes from 2-10 years old?

<https://peloton.coop/project/bike-library/>



Fundamental Movement Training



Our **Nursery** Children took part in a 6 week Fundamental Training Programme themed around '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'.

Coach Tom used the popular story to teach fundamental movement skills — such as jumping, balancing, climbing, and throwing — through imaginative, story-based play.

Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week: Safe Place & Belonging

This week, we have been proud to take part in Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme "Safe Place and Belonging." Throughout the week, children have been exploring what helps them feel secure, connected, and valued—both at school and at home.

We began the week with a thoughtful and engaging assembly led by our Wellbeing Ambassadors, who shared ideas about how we can support one another and make our school a place where everyone feels they belong. Children have also taken part in a variety of activities and live sessions, giving them the chance to discuss feelings, learn strategies for looking after their mental wellbeing, and reflect on the importance of kindness and community. A heartfelt thank you to all our pupils for their enthusiasm, and to you—our parents and carers—for your ongoing support. Working together helps us create a safe, nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Year 6 completed 'Place 2Be's' art activity. This included a map filled with the children's favourite things.



Year 4 drew around their hands and wrote about places, people and things that make them feel safe.

All of the children completed a live workshop on Mental Health



Superhero for Day

As part of Year 2 'Superheroes' topic in Literacy, Year 2 were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero or to create their own unique costume. The children then created their own superhero characters and wrote a story.



We are moving to an online Parents Evening Booking System. Please look out for more information coming soon!

Inside Out Festival

Some of our year 6 children went to Archbishop Beck Tennis Centre for a fun day of sporting activities. Events were designed using rotational stations that looked to develop new skills focusing on the children's fun and enjoyment.



Safer Internet Day



Our whole school took part in different age appropriate 'Safer Internet Day' activities. Our Year 2 Children focused on identifying real and fake news that we can see online. The children embraced this activity and they were able to explain how to spot real and fake news!



Many thanks to **Merseyside Police** who came to school this half term to speak to our Year 5 & 6 children about their usage on Social Media. They gave valuable advice on how to keep safe on Social Media and the importance of remaining safe whilst online.

Stay & Play

Our Nursery Children were very excited to welcome their parents and carers into their classroom. Our parents had the opportunity to socialise with one another and were able to watch their children take part in different activities. Thank you all for coming!!



As part of our winter topic, **Reception** made coloured ice to paint pictures with. They enjoyed making winter dolls and creating warm clothes from them out of wool!

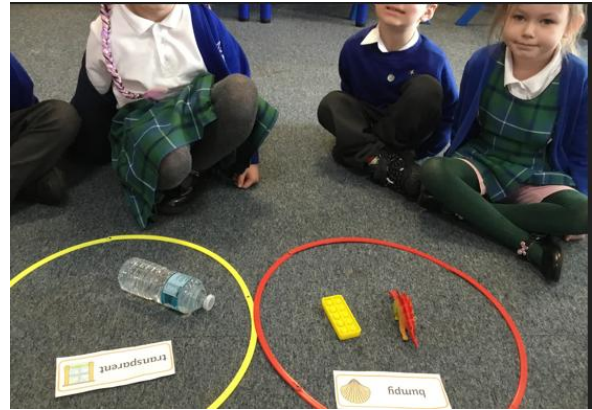
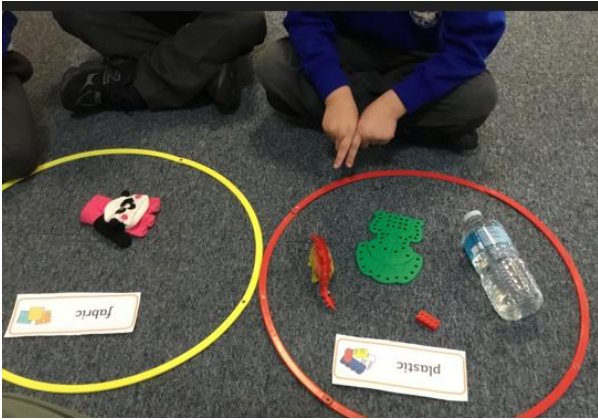


Gymnastics

This half term, children across the school have been using our specialised sporting equipment to add different levels into gymnastic routines and develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.



In science **Year 1** have been learning about the uses of everyday materials and enjoyed sorting classroom objects based on the properties of the material the object is made from.



Year 5 started our space topic this term and loved creating their own space projects at home. We were very proud to also present these to the other children in assembly.



Digital Literacy



Year 3 pupils enjoyed an exciting computing workshop led by Digital Literacy, where they learned to program BBC Microbits. Using block-based coding, they created LED animations, simple games, and interactive features triggered by button presses or shaking the device. Children loved experimenting with the Microbit's sensors and proudly tested their own mini-projects. It was a fun, hands-on way to build confidence in coding and problem-solving!

YEAR 2 MATBALL



Our Year 2 children learned a new invasion game (Matball) with LSSP coach Billy. They were placed into teams and had a competition. The focus is to teach children how to compete against others, with a focus on winning and progression. These events foster teamwork, commitment, and resilience while introducing pupils to competition.

We held a TT Rockstar Day at St John's this half term. All pupils made a fantastic effort and all looked fantastic as 'Rockstars'. We took part in fun maths activities and games across the school.

