



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

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Telephone: 0151 263 8460 (Press 1 to report a pupil absence)

The parent app provides up to date important information. If you would like an invite to download the app, please call the office on 0151 263 8460



You can apply for free school meals via this link <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>



## Contact Details

In the interest of your child's safety and well being we need:

- \* a named adult that can be contacted at all times
- \* at least 3 up to date telephone numbers
- \* a call if your child is absent from school



If there is no contact a home visit will be carried out. If there is still no contact we may need to call the police for a welfare check.

**Do you need support this Christmas?** Call Mrs Birch for a confidential chat on 07921292412





## Chris Kirkland and Mental Health

Chris Kirkland, former Liverpool player and England goalie, came into school to talk about mental health. He told us about how he had suffered with his own mental health during his footballing career and how he overcame his

problems by talking to a trusted friend. His colleague, also named Chris, from Liverpool FC charity showed us a couple of experiments which supported our understanding of how worries can weigh us down... Thanks to Moyo, Olivia and Sena for volunteering for the activity! We chatted lots about mental health and the different types of problems we can face such as: stress, anxiety, worry, anger, OCD and phobias. We thought about strategies that we could use to overcome these problems. Regular exercise, a good night's sleep, talking and socialising and getting into nature were just some of the great ideas that we came up with. Before leaving he signed our class football and gave lots of us a signed autograph in our doodle books. What a brilliant afternoon we had!




**Christmas Activities**

Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash  
Friday 11th December

Food donations instead of money please

Class Christmas Parties  
Thursday 17th December

Fund Raising For Alder Hey

Christmas newspaper, create your own poem and decorate your own bauble—20p each

As parents/carers are unable to attend school to watch performances, classes are compiling videos for you to view.

## Hot Chocolate Winners!



*'With Jesus we can achieve what we dream and believe'*

## Collective Worship This Week

Advent begins this Sunday! It is the beginning of a new church year. Our theme this week is HOPE.

**Gather**  
Let's prepare for ourselves for Collective Worship with a with some music

This week our Collective Worship theme is 'Hope'

**Hope**  
Always keep your heart ready

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a new church year!

We begin lighting the Advent Wreath with Hope




**Listen**



A reading from Mark 13:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup> It will be like a man who goes away from home on a trip and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch.

<sup>35</sup> Watch, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming—it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep.

<sup>37</sup> What I say to you, then, I say to all: Watch!"

*'This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble; make yourself a servant to others and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.'*

*Pope Francis*

**Respond**

Jesus asks us to look out and keep our eyes open for what is happening around us, so that we are ready when he comes.

What are you hoping for your families?

What are we hoping for our school?

KEEP GOD IN YOUR HEART  
choose HOPE


What are you hoping for your class?





**Go Forth**

Dear Jesus,  
As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.  
Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.  
Amen




### Watch out for dangerous toys this Christmas

The number of dangerous toys sold online to unsuspecting families is on the increase - so it's important to be extra cautious when buying Christmas presents this year.

Worryingly, if you buy from a third party seller via one of the well-known online marketplaces, toys might not meet UK safety standards.

Online marketplaces are simply offering a shop window to sellers around the world and aren't legally required to check if a toy is safe before allowing it to be sold.

Dangers can include:

- \* Magnets so strong they can burn through a child's gut if swallowed
- \* Long cords that can strangle a child
- \* Dangerous levels of chemicals
- \* Small parts that can choke or suffocate
- \* Easy access to button batteries that can get stuck in a child's food pipe, cause internal bleeding and even death.

You may be looking for bargains online this year due to shop closures and financial pressures caused by Covid-19, so we're sharing tips to help you buy toys safely.

If you are able to, then **buy direct** via the websites of well-known brand names.

If you are buying from an online marketplace, **enter a reputable brand name** when you search for the toy you want, to be sure it's safe.



**Happy Birthday**

Mary Okoro

Chuwei Sheng

Moayed Ibrahim

Nardia Mirga

Nigel Gundawakuru

Mr Nice

Mrs Birch

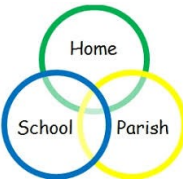

Miss Lafferty

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**The Parish of St Michael and Sacred Heart Newsletters** <https://st-michaels-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/our-parish/>


**The Wednesday Word** <https://st-michaels-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/re-1/>

**THE WORD** Good News for Families

**COMING SOON**

**Our New Website!**



**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 16th December— Flu Vaccine

Friday 18th December— School closes at 2pm

Tuesday 5th January 2021—School Re-opens

## Update on the Lateral Flow Testing Pilot which is taking place in Liverpool.

You will have seen in the media that some secondary schools will be testing staff and pupils and that community testing sites are now available for children who are under 11, however there are no plans for any testing to take place in primary schools. Further information can be found below.



<https://liverpoolexpress.co.uk/all-ages-now-able-to-get-covid-19-test/>



HM Government

NHS

### Coronavirus

**Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds**



Use a tissue to turn off the tap. Dry hands thoroughly.



NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community.

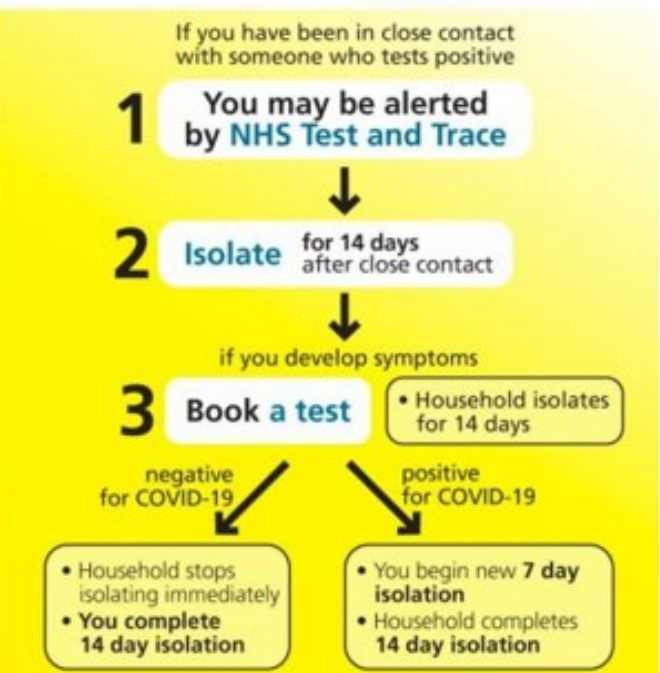


The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy. If your postcode district becomes high risk, the app will let you know – and give you advice on what action to take.

- If you come into close contact with another user who reports a positive test result the app will send you an anonymous alert
- A built-in QR scanner lets you check in to venues quickly and easily
- You can check your symptoms in the app and if they suggest you may have coronavirus, the app is an easy way to get tested
- Any data shared with the app is held on your phone
- Nobody will know who or where you are. You can delete the app and all data at any time
- The NHS COVID-19 app is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from the virus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones.

HM Government

NHS Test and Trace





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## Term Dates 2020-2021



### Autumn Term 2020

**Term:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 18th December 2020

**Half term:** Friday 23rd October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Terms ends:** Friday 18th December 2020



### Spring Term 2021

**Term:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Half term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Term ends:** Friday 26th March 2021



### Summer Term 2021

**Term:** Monday 12th April to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Half term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4th June 2021

**Term Ends:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### Staff Development /Training Days—School Closed for Pupils

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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