



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

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Email: [contact@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:contact@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

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



## We are here to support you

We understand that this is a very difficult time for families. We would like to reassure you that school staff are available to support you and your children as we move forward during these most challenging times. **You can call Mrs Birch confidentially, on 07921292412**

## Family Support



Dawn Foxon, our school Family Support Worker, is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues.

**Call Dawn Foxon 07712235811 or email [dawn.foxon@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.foxon@liverpool.gov.uk)**



Are you entitled?

**Free School Meals** Vouchers have been issued by email to pupils who are not able to attend school and are eligible for benefits related free school meals. If you have not received your vouchers please call the office. More information will be provided on the website and app next week about how these will be distributed. You can apply for free school meals via this link

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>



## Home Reading Book Swap

From next week we will be changing reading books for the children who are learning from home. See the table below for the allocated time that you should bring your books to school to be swapped for new ones. If you haven't got one already come along and get one.



Year Group	Day of Book Swap	Gate
1	Monday 2:15-2:35	Infant
2	Tuesday 2:15-2:35	Infant
3	Monday 2:15-2:35	Junior
4	Tuesday 2:15-2:35	Junior
5	Thursday 2:15-2:35	Junior
6	Wednesday 2:15-2:35	Junior
Reception	Monday 12:30-1:00	Nursery



## Device Drop-In Clinic

Due to the success of this service, we will continue to provide support in school next week. Are you finding it difficult using your device at home? Are you struggling to access Google Classroom, Google Meet or Zoom? Come along and get some help.



**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 2pm-3pm**

## Coffee Morning

SUBJECT: HOME SCHOOLING

Grab a drink and join us!

Services attending

**WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 10AM - 11:30AM**

To book email: [bookings@ypas.org.uk](mailto:bookings@ypas.org.uk)

The Liverpool Family of Schools

## Parent Questionnaire

Look out for our parent questionnaire coming on Monday. It will be a chance for you to tell us how remote learning is going for you and your family and how best we can support you.

Miss Nuttall and Mrs Gordon will use this information to plan our parent zoom sessions to help you with home learning.



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



**Collective Worship** This week we have explored the theme of Equality, reflecting on words from scripture and the Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream...' speech.

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

This week our Collective Worship theme is **Equality**.  
Yesterday America celebrated Martin Luther King Day

**Equality**  
'I have a dream.....'

I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

**Listen**

A reading from John 1:35-42  
**The First Disciples of Jesus**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> when he saw Jesus walking by. "There is the Lamb of God!" he said.  
<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, "What are you looking for?"  
They answered, "Where do you live, Rabbi?" (This word means "Teacher.")  
<sup>39</sup> "Come and see," he answered. (It was then about four o'clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him.  
<sup>40</sup> One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> At once he found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah." (This word means "Christ.") <sup>42</sup> Then he took Simon to Jesus.  
Jesus looked at him and said, "Your name is Simon son of John, but you will be called Cephas." (This is the same as Peter and means "a rock.")

Today, in these challenging times, how can we accept the invitation to  
**'Come and See'**

In today's reading: *Isaiah invites everyone*  
What can we do to help make Martin Luther King's dream for equality come true?

You're invited to Come and See

Yesterday you had an opportunity to reflect on these words of Dr Martin Luther King's

I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

Before he became a civil activist, MLK was a minister at  
Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Go Forth**

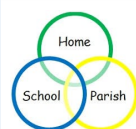
"THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

Our friend Jesus,  
We come to you with open hearts.  
Guide us and teach us,  
So that we may see each other as you do.  
Inspire us to work towards the dream of a better future for all humankind.  
Amen

When I Needed a Neighbour

Our friend Jesus,  
We come to join with open hearts.  
Guide us and teach us,  
So that we may see each other as you do.  
Inspire us to work towards the dream of a better future for all humankind  
Amen



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

The Wednesday Word <https://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/re-1/>



**NSPCC**

**Worried about a child?**

0808 800 5000  
help@nspcc.org.uk

## School Attendance During Lockdown

As you are aware school is now open for children who meet the eligible criteria. Remember if you are a keyworker your child/children are able to secure a place in school.

Check if you qualify as a keyworker follow the link below.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)

If you wish to apply for a place complete the online application form which is available on our website. You will be required to provide some form of proof of your keyworker status such as your work ID badge or a letter from your employer.

Guidance  
**Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings**

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Gordon Street  
Liverpool, L2 9DU  
Tel: 0151 261 8888 Fax: 0151 261 8220  
Headteacher: Mrs. Alison Wright  
Email: [office@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Key Worker Registration Form - St Michael's**

Please read the key worker guidelines before you apply for a place.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Once you have completed this form and provided proof of your key worker status a member of the school team will process your application and confirm if a place is available.

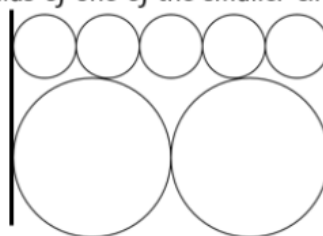
Please note: The school day begins 8.45am - 9.00am and ends 3.00pm - 3.15pm. There will be no breakfast or after-school clubs.

## Maths Challenge!

### Daily Maths Puzzle

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2 of the big circles are the same length as 5 of the small circles. One large circle has a diameter of 8cm. What is the radius of one of the smaller circles?



## Birthdays

Favor Oloyede

Possible Idumwonyi

Enrique Lucka

Michael Huang

Omoze Otabor

Dhanushiyan Jeyakumar

Eleora Mordi

Jasmine Silion

Kryspin Graf

Mr Burcher

## Home Learning

Have a look on the school website for the weekly home learning timetables (located on individual class pages):

<https://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/>

These will be posted by Monday morning, ready for the week ahead. Remember, for year 1 to year 6, work is set daily on Google Classroom, and for Reception and Nursery, learning sessions will be scheduled each day on zoom.

If you need any help, please email your year group email address

**Nursery and Reception** – [EYFS@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:EYFS@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 1** – [Year\\_1@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_1@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 2** – [Year\\_2@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_2@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 3** – [Year\\_3@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_3@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 4** – [Year\\_4@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_4@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 5** – [Year\\_5@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_5@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Year 6** – [Year\\_6@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:Year_6@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)



During this NATIONAL LOCKDOWN, as you know, school is only open for a relatively small number of children who meet certain criteria.

Most children are home based. It is very important that all children at home fully engage with the learning, set by their teacher, every day. We need your full support to ensure your child/children are attending the live Google Meet sessions (Zoom in Early Years), and then uploading work onto Google Classroom for the teacher to mark.

**Learning at home during this lockdown is not an option. All Children MUST do it.**

The government has said that primary aged children must do school work for these amounts of times.

What does the government say....

Primary school-aged pupils must work at home for these hours:

**Early Years:** 1.5 -2 hours a day

**Key Stage 1:** 3 hours a day

**Key Stage 2:** 4 hours a day

We understand home learning is not easy but we are here at school to support you.

**One of the best tips** we can give you is to have a **structured routine** in place for your child/children. Wake up in the morning as if it was a normal school day and have breakfast. Then divide the day up into work/play/snack/lunch/end of day sessions. Putting a learning timetable together will really help - it will give a routine.

If you have a bad home learning day don't over worry about it –start the next day fresh and get the timetable of learning back on track.

Next week we will be offering some Zoom sessions to parents about '**How to do Home Learning**'. Dates and times for these will be shared soon.

### **Contact between home and school**

Throughout lockdown we will keep in regular contact with your child/children through Google Meet and Zoom and staff will also do regular welfare calls to parents. If we cannot make contact our normal safeguarding procedures will be followed, a home visit, referral to our Education and Welfare Officer. If we can still not make contact through all of these measures we will refer to the police to do a welfare visit.

Be proud of all you are doing!





From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Liverpool Learning Partnership will be hosting a range of online author sessions for home learning. These sessions will have a range of support resources you can use at home.

<http://www.liverpoollearningpartnership.com/author-events-online/>

Date and Time	Approximate Length	Author/Illustrator/Poet	Age Range
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30	45 mins	Matt Goodfellow	Y4+
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 1.30	1 hr	Susannah Lloyd	KS1
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30	1 hr	Catherine Johnson	Y4-7
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 1.30	1 hr	Susannah Lloyd	KS1
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30	40 mins	Smriti Halls	KS1
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 9.30	1 hr	Dom Conlon	KS2
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 1.30	40 mins	Marie Basting	LKS2
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 9.30	1 hr	Karl Nova	Y4-7
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 1.30	1 hr	Dom Conlon	KS2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 9.30	50 mins	Kathryn Evans	Y8+
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30	1 hr	Karl Nova	Y4-7
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30	1 hr	Patrice Lawrence	UKS2
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30	1 hr	Patrice Lawrence	Y8+

The videos will be available for a short period of time (TBC) and then will be deleted from the platforms.

## PICTURE NEWS AT HOME

**WEEKLY NEWS RESOURCES**

Picture News is a weekly news resource to provide opportunities for children to learn about what's happening in the world

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Every week, we choose one current story and pose a 'big question' for you to discuss at home with further activity ideas to take part in.

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

**VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES**

Made by our teaching team, each Friday we share a fun and interactive recording for you to watch together to support this week's topic. Use the link above to view!

**INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION BOARD**

Your children can share their responses to our big questions and read the thoughts of other children! To access, use the link above.



The QR codes and links give access to story readings on Youtube and all of the books chosen are read aloud by their fabulous authors and illustrators.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>

Books for Topics Storytime Online!

Page 1 Recommended for ages 3-5

**Look Up**  
Read by Sarah Jones

**Octopussy**  
Read by Sarah Jones

**Shark in the Park**  
Read by Nick Sharratt

**Superato**  
Read by Sam Mendes

Books for Topics Storytime Online!

Page 2 Recommended for ages 5-7

**Benny**  
Read by Alan Davies

**The Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom**  
Read by Steve Gossington

**Grandpa's Island**  
Read by Benji Davies

**Barry the Fish with Fingers**  
Read by Sam Mendes

Books for Topics Storytime Online!

Page 2 Recommended for ages 7-9

**The Boy who Cried Dragons**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**Gangsta Granny**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**Amelia Fung and the Memory Thief**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**The Apprentice Witch**  
Read by Sam Mendes

Books for Topics Storytime Online!

Page 2 Recommended for ages 9-11

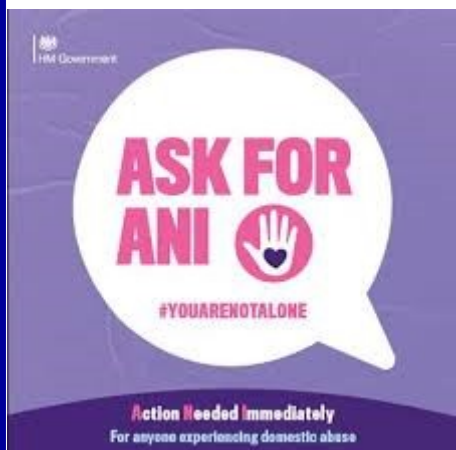
**Charlie Chargin Into a Chicken**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**Orphans of the Tide**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**The Girl of Ink and Stars**  
Read by Sam Mendes

**Four Children and It**  
Read by Sam Mendes

## Three letter word domestic abuse victims can say to get emergency help



Victims of domestic abuse can secretly let a pharmacy worker know they are in trouble by giving them a code word.

The new code word scheme was launched yesterday by [Merseyside Police Commissioner Jane Kennedy](#).

There are 64 participating pharmacies on [Merseyside](#) that will display posters in the window to let customers know that they can approach a member of staff to seek help.

To ask for help and get emergency support from a staff member at a participating chemist, domestic abuse victims are encouraged to 'Ask for ANI'.

The discreet code word 'ANI' stands for **A**ssistance **N**eeded **I**mmediately.

Saying the code word will alert staff that the victim needs an [emergency police response](#) or help to contact a [domestic abuse](#) specialist support service.

When a victim uses the code word or asks for help, the member of staff will ask them to accompany them to a consultation room.

They will then be asked if they're in danger and want the police to be called. If so, they will be given a phone to dial 999 or they will make the call on the victim's behalf.

Alternatively, if the victim does not need emergency help at that time, the staff member will assist them to contact a national domestic abuse helpline or local support service. They may also contact the police on the non-emergency 101 number.

The scheme is voluntary and all participating pharmacies, including all Boots stores, will display posters to show victims they can assist.

### Domestic violence or abuse can happen to anyone.

[NHS](#) advice says if you are at risk of domestic abuse or violence you can:

- In an emergency, call 999
  - Talk to your doctor, health visitor or midwife
- Women can call 0808 2000 247, the free 24-hour [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#) run in partnership between [Women's Aid](#) and [Refuge](#)
- Men can call the [Men's Advice Line](#) free on 0808 801 0327 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or [ManKind](#) on 01823 334 244

[The Survivor's Handbook](#) from Women's Aid is free and gives information on issues such as housing, money, helping children and legal rights.

Men can email [info@mensadviceline.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadviceline.org.uk), which can refer you to places that can help, such as health services and voluntary organisations.

For forced marriage and "honour" crimes, contact Karma Nirvana (0800 5999 247) or The Forced Marriage Unit (020 7008 0151).

[Galop](#) provides support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic violence.

Anyone who needs confidential help with their own abusive behaviour can contact [Respect](#) on their free helpline on 0808 802 4040



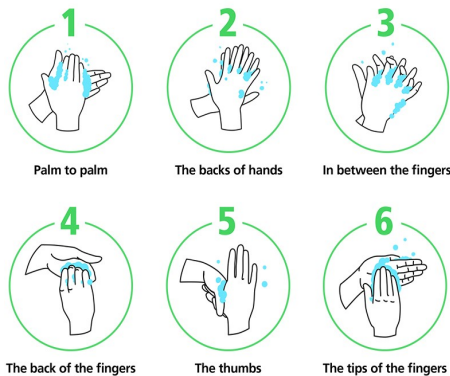


With many of us staying indoors it's important we're getting enough Vitamin D to help keep our bones and muscles healthy. Vitamin D is found in foods including eggs, red meat and oily fish but mainly comes from the sun. PHE advise that people not getting enough Vitamin D take a supplement of 10 micrograms (400IU) per day from October to March. For more information go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vitamins-and-minerals/vitamin-d/>



### Coronavirus

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



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

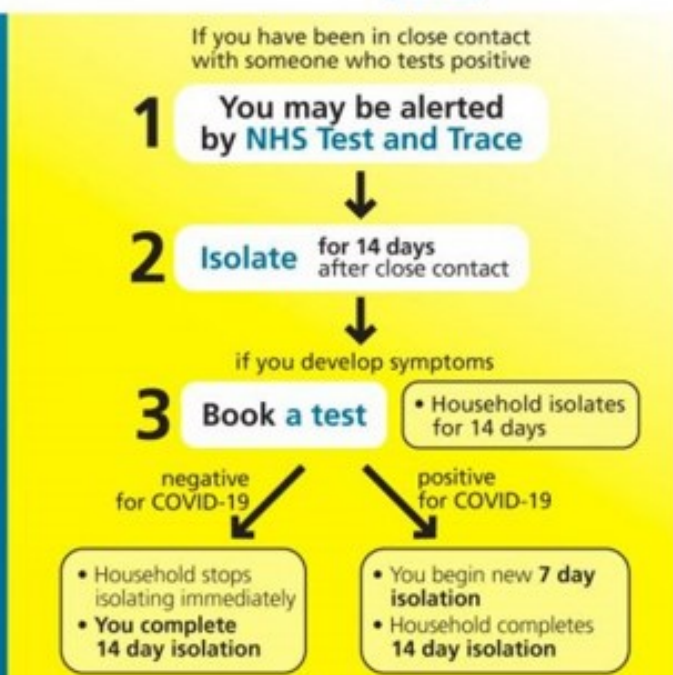


**Self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened from 14 to 10 days across the UK from Monday 14th December.** The change will also apply to people instructed to quarantine after returning from high-risk countries. It means anyone who has been self-isolating for 10 days or more will be able to end their quarantine on Monday. The announcement comes as data shows Covid cases falling in most of England and Northern Ireland.



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.







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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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