



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

Newsletter 14 Saturday 11th December 2021

## Message From The Headteacher

### Second Week of Advent

On Monday (6<sup>th</sup> December) we celebrated a beautiful Advent 2 assembly led by Year 4. The children read a selection of prayers and readings, acted the story of John the Baptist and sang brilliantly – they were all outstanding. They performed twice – once to the juniors and then to the infants. It was a great performance and a confidence building experience for them all. The second Advent candle was lit to mark the beginning of the second week of Advent.

The performance has been recorded and will be shared with Year 4 parents/carers as soon as possible.

Thank you to Ms Forbes, Ms Duncan and Ms Fagan for supporting the children to create such a prayerful and engaging assembly. Every class was given a fluffy feather to put on their class Christmas tree as a symbol of peace.



### Early Years Nativity

On Thursday morning our Nursery and Reception class children came over to the junior hall to perform to the infant children their Nativity play. It was simply magical. Our

Nursery children were the cutest Christmas stars dressed in star outfits - they were so confident and happy to be singing and dancing in front of the infant children. The Reception children were dressed in nativity costumes –including Mary, Joseph, three kings with camels, stable animals, shepherds with sheep and angels. The singing and acting from the reception classes was delightful - they knew all of the words and actions. Every single child was a super star! The performance has been recorded and will be shared with Nursery and Reception class parents/carers as soon as possible.



workshop for staff in the junior hall. Under her creative guidance we all made ....I have to say ... pretty impressive advent wreaths for the classrooms and hall. The workshop started with a beautiful staff collective worship led by Ms Lester. We all thoroughly enjoyed it, learnt some new skills and had a beautiful wreath at the end to share with the children during Advent.

Thank you to Ms S O'Brien, Ms McMahon, Ms Turner, Ms Collins, Ms O'Kane, and Ms Davison, for supporting the children to create such a happy and Christmassy performance.

### Advent Wreaths made by our talented staff

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, after school, our chair of governors Ms Jeanette Riley led an 'Advent Wreath' making

### Christmas Hampers



A sincere thank you to all the many donations we have received for these hampers –they are literally bursting with goodies.

Our Year 6 Head and Deputy pupils who are leading this special Christmas project to support families in our school and parish community will update you next week.

Have a lovely weekend and take care– Alyson Rigby

### Christmas Events and Activities in School

Advent Assembly 3 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec led -Year 5

Infant Nativity on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Santa Dash followed by hot chocolate on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Advent Assembly 4 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December—Year 6

Christmas Carols for all school in the school yard on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas class parties on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

School closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December





**Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day  
Plus a virtual visit from Father Christmas!**



*Merry Christmas*



*Golden Wonders*



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This week is the beginning of Advent and our [Collective Worship](#) theme has been **Advent Peace**. We started the week with a reflective assembly led by children in Year



4 on Monday and, in class, the children have reflected on sharing peace and peacefully preparing for Jesus coming. On Thursday, our youngest children in EYFS performed their nativity for the rest of the school - an absolute treat, enjoyed by everyone.

**Peace: The Annunciation**

God sent a messenger named Gabriel, to a young woman called Mary. She lived in Nazareth and was going to be married to Joseph.

Your cousin Elizabeth is also having a baby. People thought she was too old, but she is already six months pregnant. God can do anything.

Gabriel said: "Rejoice, Mary. God has blessed you and God is very close to you." Mary did not understand these words. She was worried, and wondered what it all meant.

Then Mary said: "I want to please God. I am happy to do whatever God wants." And Gabriel left her.

Then Gabriel said: "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have pleased God very much. Listen! You are going to have a baby. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:26-31, 38 (Good Study 2)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Peace: Reception Nativity**

Dear Jesus, As we move through Advent, 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

Luke 1:26-28

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Peace: Luke 3:1-6 Get ready...Jesus is coming!**

As it is written in the book of the prophets: "Someone is shouting in the desert: 'Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel. Every valley must be filled up, every hill and mountain levelled off. The winding roads must be made straight and the rough paths made smooth. The whole human race will see God's salvation.'

God speaks to John while he is in the desert. So, John the Baptist goes round to the people and tells them to be prepared for the coming of Jesus. He offers to baptise them so that their sins will be forgiven.

How do you think the people felt when they heard this?

Advent is a time when we think about our actions and try to make sure that we are ready for the coming of Jesus. We think about what we could do better and try to make a change to our lives.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Peace: Luke 1:26-28 Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.**

The Birth of Jesus Is Announced

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. 27 He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary.

28 The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Let's find out about Nazareth:

KS1: Click on the image of modern day Nazareth to visit a Living Historical

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Luke 1:26-28

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Peace: Luke 1:39-45 The Visitation**

Dear Jesus, As we move through Advent, 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

Luke 1:39-45

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

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

Read the [Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters](#) and [The Wednesday Word](#)

Good News for Families



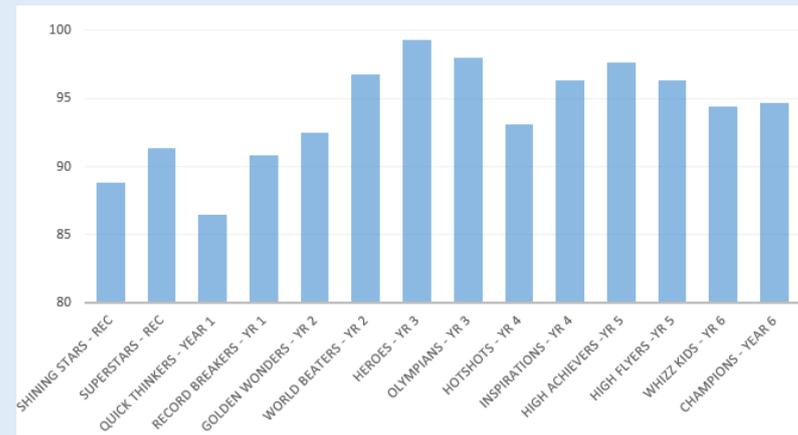
This week the choir performed in the market at the the Cotton Exchange. They sang beautifully and were a credit to St. Michael's. A big thank you to Rosie –our music teacher, Mrs Haynes and An Hour For Others for organising the event.

**Support This Christmas**

Do you need help with toys, clothes and food? Please call the office (0151 263 8460) and leave your name. Mrs Birch will contact you for a confidential chat to see how we can support you this Christmas.



Whole school attendance this week is **94.8%**. Our target is **97%**.



**Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Be in!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy Birthday

Jaswin Ainkaran  
Victoria Burjanska  
Treasure Oloyede  
Jessica Birsan  
Highest Idumwonyi  
Arthur De Faria  
Inioluwa Aderpatan  
Mohamad Rasoul  
Promise Okoro  
Hassen Al Shammari  
Raei Beyene  
Mrs Lafferty

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# Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	<i>Miradine</i>	<i>Jana</i>
Year 2	<i>Andre</i>	<i>Milo</i>
Year 3	<i>Alina</i>	<i>Moyin</i>
Year 4	<i>Scarlett</i>	<i>Ezekiel</i>
Year 5	<i>Inioluwa</i>	<i>Charlie</i>
Year 6	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Amelia</i>



To Parents and Carers,



We are really excited to announce that Kooth plc now provides support for both children and young people AND their parents/carers across Liverpool. Kooth is now available for children and young people aged 10-25 and Qwell is available for anyone aged 26+.

Kooth is a mental health and wellbeing platform that offers online counselling support. Not only does Kooth offer access to counselling, it features self help tools including online journaling, goal setting and mindfulness techniques. We also have a community space on our Kooth magazine and discussion boards where young people can give and receive advice and support from others their age.

Kooth and Qwell have been commissioned in Liverpool to provide a safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing service. There are no costs, no waiting lists, no referrals and no criteria required to access the service, which is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and delivered by Kooth plc, the UK's largest digital mental health provider.

The service encourages peer to peer support via moderated discussion forums and self-help through engaging with our online magazine and activities. Our services also give adults and young people the opportunity to access online text-based counselling and support from qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners who are available from 12 noon to 10pm on a weekday and from 6pm to 10pm on a Saturday and Sunday.

You can access Kooth via Kooth.com and you can access Qwell via Qwell.io. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch at [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com) or take a look at our overview video on Kooth.com.

Kind regards Holly Cook (Kooth Engagement Lead - North West)

Manchester London Citibase, 2nd Floor The Epworth The Junction, Merchants Quay 25 City Road

You can still access support over the holiday period



We're online every day including **Christmas Day**  
Sign up for free at [Qwell.io](http://Qwell.io)

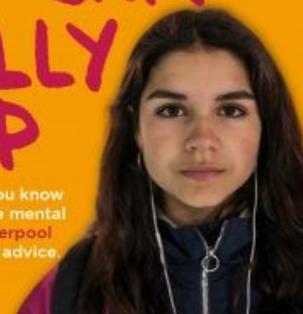
**Our team is still here to provide mental health and emotional wellbeing support over the holiday period.**



Chat Availability Dates and Times		
<b>Thursday 23/12/21</b> 12pm - 10:00pm	<b>Monday 27/12/21</b> 4pm - 8:00pm	<b>Friday 31/12/21</b> 12pm - 6:00pm
<b>Friday 24/12/21</b> 12pm - 8:00pm	<b>Tuesday 28/12/21</b> 4pm - 8:00pm	<b>Saturday 1/01/22</b> 4pm - 8:00pm
<b>Saturday 25/12/21</b> 4pm - 8:00pm	<b>Wednesday 29/12/21</b> 12pm - 10:00pm	<b>Sunday 2/01/22</b> 6pm - 10:00pm
<b>Sunday 26/12/21</b> 6pm - 10:00pm	<b>Thursday 30/12/21</b> 12pm - 10:00pm	<b>Monday 3/01/22</b> 4pm - 8:00pm

Find support today by visiting [qwell.io](http://qwell.io)

**REACHING OUT CAN REALLY HELP**



If you or someone you know is looking to improve mental wellbeing search Liverpool CAMHS for help and advice.



**The Alder Centre**  
FOR ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE DEATH OF A CHILD

Dear Parent or Guardian



Liverpool  
City Council

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays.

Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the winter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost to you**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, Christmas parties, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, trips out, yoga, circus skills** and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please click on this link -<http://www.merseyplay.com/find-your-nearest-haf-holiday-activities-food-provider/> or visit [www.Merseyplay.com](http://www.Merseyplay.com) and click on the Winter HAF link.



When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Early Help Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [Early Help Directory](#)

Regards *Sally Dobbing*

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager



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## Term Dates 2021-2022



### Autumn Term 2021

**Term:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Half term:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (school closed)

**Terms ends:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021



### Spring Term 2022

**Term:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Half term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (school closed)

**Term ends:** Friday 8th April 2022



### Summer Term 2022

**Term:** Monday 25th April to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Half term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6th June 2022 (school closed)

**Term Ends:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (school closed)

#### Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Two extended twilight sessions

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