



## Message From The Headteacher

### Third and Fourth week of Advent



On Monday (13th December) we celebrated a beautiful Advent 3 assembly led by Year 5. The children read a selection of prayers and readings, acted out the story of Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. They all sang superbly – it was a delightful performance. The children performed twice – once to the Juniors and then the Infants. It was a great performance and a confidence building experience for them all. The third pink Advent candle was lit to mark the beginning of the third week of Advent.

Thank you to Ms Gibney, Mr Ferry, Ms Haynes and Ms Duncan for supporting the children to create such a prayerful and engaging assembly. Every child was given a book mark with a symbol of joy on it as a beautiful keepsake.

On Friday (17th December) we celebrated the final Advent assembly led by Year 6. It was a beautiful performance – every child took part and gave 100%. The children, through prayer, storytelling, songs and acting, told the Christmas Story. It was simply stunning and every child in the audience was captivated by the very talented performance. The fourth candle was lit – a sign of love.



Thank you to Ms Sillitoe, Ms Murray, Ms Gordon, Ms Ghazali and Ms Whittaker for planning and leading the children in a very professional and beautiful performance. Every child was given a gold chocolate coin as a Christmas gift from Year 6.

### Infant Nativity

On Thursday morning Year one and Year two performed a delightful Nativity which told the Christmas story. Year two children were dressed in Nativity costumes –



including Mary, Joseph, three kings with camels, stable animals, shepherds with sheep and angels. We also had very confident narrators in Year 2 who read each word perfectly. Year one children took to the stage to sing 'Little Donkey' and 'Away in a Manager'. They sang beautifully and with real gusto! Every single child was a super star!



Thank you to Mrs Lester, Mrs Roscoe, Mr Joel, Mrs Davidson, Ms McEntee, and Ms McAleenan, Mrs Miller and Ms Nagi for supporting the children to create such a happy and Christmassy performance.

The performances will be added to our new St Michael's YouTube channel over the Christmas break. So look out for them being uploaded and enjoy! [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwgy1F6u\\_Z4ZPDOOevQJ1Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwgy1F6u_Z4ZPDOOevQJ1Q)

### Christmas Songs and Carols in the Courtyard



On Monday afternoon the whole school gathered on the Junior playground to sing and share a range of Christmas songs and carols. We all wrapped up warm, sang and danced to a wonderful range of Christmas favourite tunes. It was a good opportunity for us to gather all together safely before the end of term.



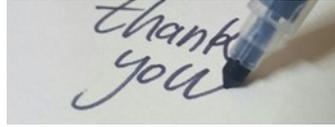
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### A fond Farewell to Mr Peter Burcher (Learning Mentor)

On Tuesday we sadly said goodbye to Mr Burcher. Peter has been a Learning Mentor here at St Michael's for over 13 years. He has been simply amazing – loved by all the children (present and past) and by all the staff. School will not quite be the same without him but we wish him every success and happiness in his new career. He has promised to pop in and see us all –so the children and staff will look forward to his visits.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Alyson Rigby



### Hamper Appeal

This year our head and deputy head pupils of St Michael's decided to give back to our wonderful community by making special hampers filled with gifts, foods and much more. Our parents and carers went above and beyond with this, we were overwhelmed with the generosity and can not thank you all enough for this.

On Monday Mr Burcher, Miss Ghazali and Miss Cornett delivered these amazing hampers, sending out some Christmas spirit. The parents were overwhelmed by the generosity and the amount of gifts they had received.

Some kind words from our thankful parents/carers:

"Thank you so much! I can not believe all of this is for us!"

"I'm so grateful, thank you so much you're too kind", "Wooooow all of this for us! God bless you all, you have made my day!"  
Merry Christmas to all our wonderful, kind, generous and caring pupils, families and carers.

**BBC**  
**RADIO**  
**Merseyside**

### What does Christmas mean to you?

This week a group of our children spoke to Helen Young, a presenter on Radio Merseyside. They told her what Christmas meant to them. Helen also gave each child a lovely present to say thank you! The children's Christmas messages will be played during Helen's show on Radio Merseyside on

Christmas Day between 6am and 7am. You can also listen to the show any time you wish on the BBC Sounds website. Click [here](#) to listen.



### Christmas Appeal

We would like to say a special thank you to the L6 Centre, An Hour For Others, St, Michael's Church, Cash For Kids and a South Liverpool School for the food, vouchers, clothes and toys they kindly donated to our families. The support is greatly appreciated by all.





'Last week we continued into the third week of Advent and our Collective Worship theme has been **Advent Joy**. In class, children have heard the teachings of John the Baptist and have been reflecting on how we can be prepared to meet Jesus. We have enjoyed 2 class led Advent Assemblies on Tuesday, from Year 5 (Advent Joy), and on Friday, from Year 6 (Advent Love). These have been celebrated and enjoyed by children from Year 1 to Year 6. On Thursday afternoon, children in Year 1 and 2 told the story of Jesus' birth in their Nativity, raising the roof with their amazing singing.



**Joy: Luke 3:10-18**  
Get ready...Jesus is coming!

Peoples' hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah.

So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire. He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

In many different ways John preached the Good News to the people and urged them to change their lives.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Joy: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Year 5  
Advent Assembly

Dear Jesus,  
As we move through Advent, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.

WHAT DO WE REMEMBER EACH WEEK OF ADVENT?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOPE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE

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.

**Love: Luke 1:46-55**  
The Magnificat (Mary's Song)

Year 6  
Advent Assembly

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.

Amén

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests to ask John the Baptist, "Who are you, then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

Jesus shows us how to live.

He is like a light shining in the darkness for us to follow.

Today's Gospel reading tells us that John the Baptist came to tell everyone that Jesus the light of the world was coming.

How will we share the light of Jesus this week?

All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

WHAT DO WE REMEMBER EACH WEEK OF ADVENT?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOPE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE

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.

Amén

Thursday 30<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](#)

THE WORD  
Good News for Families



**Budding Boxer**  
Last week a St. Michael's pupil was awarded a boxing trophy from his Boxing Club. Well done!

NSPCC

**Worried about a child?**

0808 800 5000  
help@nspcc.org.uk

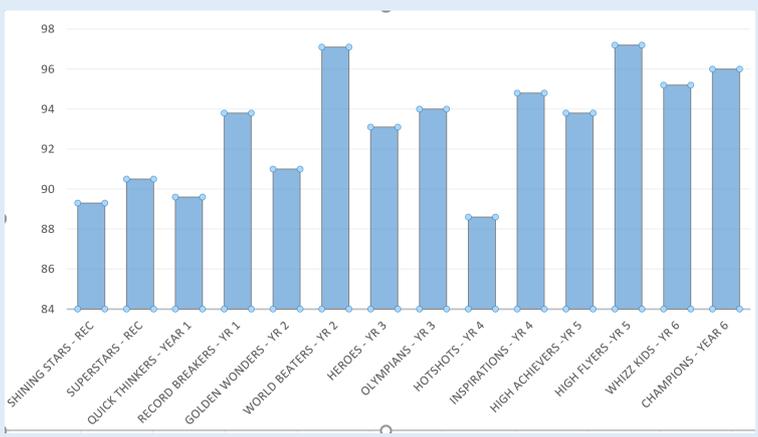
TALK TO US  
If things are getting to you

116 123 FREE  
This number is FREE to call from the UK.

jo@samaritans.org  
samaritans.org

SAMARITANS

Whole school attendance this week is **93.7%**. Our target is **97%**.



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

**Happy Birthday**

Eilf Mohamed  
Holly Midsaeter  
Deborah Ayodele  
Jeril James  
Wiktorja Zdyb  
Deborah Eke  
Katie Facunova  
Alex Jones  
Charlie Jones  
Mahafujur Ali  
Marek Milo  
Nahier Mekonen  
Charlotte Brown  
Peggy Crickson  
Poppy Mears  
Miss Potter  
Miss Sillitoe

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# Santa Dash



# Head Teacher Awards

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|--------|----------------|------------------|
| Year 1 | <i>Elona</i>   | <i>Rella</i>     |
| Year 2 | <i>Lawson</i>  | <i>Victoria</i>  |
| Year 3 | <i>Caitlín</i> | <i>Sethu</i>     |
| Year 4 | <i>Noah S</i>  | <i>Ehizar</i>    |
| Year 5 | <i>Omoze</i>   | <i>Jonjo</i>     |
| Year 6 | <i>Janine</i>  | <i>Toroabasi</i> |





# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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