



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

Newsletter 1

Friday 16th September 2022

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## Diary Dates

**Monday 19th September**

School closed bank holiday

**Wednesday 21st September**

Welcome Meetings

**Friday 7th October**

School closed—Staff Training Day

**Friday 21st October**

School closes for half term

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome back** to a new school year! It was wonderful to see all the children return to school a week last Monday ready to join their new classes, meet their new teachers and ready for learning. The children look incredibly smart in their school uniform. We also welcomed our Reception class children last week. All children across the school have settled well and are using their many talents and skills to engage with learning and school activities.

**We have also welcomed several new members of staff:**

Mr Paul Daley – Teacher Year 4 (Hot Shots)

Ms Lauren Hollywood – Teacher Year 3 (Heroes)

Ms Olivia Sharpes – Learning Support Assistant Year 2 (World Beaters)

Mr Jordon Moorcroft – Temporary supply teacher – Year 5 (High Achievers)

We are very happy to welcome these colleagues and super impressed how quickly they have settled into their new roles in our school.

The Staff Structure including roles and responsibilities is on the school website.

**New Crossing for school.**

As you will have seen we have a new school crossing on West Derby Road. This is such great news and will make a significant improvement to the safe crossing of this very busy main road for many of our families.

As a school we have been campaigning for this safe crossing for many years. Over this period we have sought the support of councillors, local MPs and the LA. Last year we invited Paula Barker, MP to visit our school and support our campaign for a safe crossing outside our school on West Derby Road. She met year 6 pupils who shared a presentation about the problems with the subway and the head/deputy pupils led her on a walkabout to highlight the issues. Paula Barker MP, fully supported this campaign and with further support from Liverpool councillors together have greatly helped us to secure this great new facility. **A sincere thank you to all those who have supported us with our crusade!**

So far we have had positive feedback from parents. All being well it will be fully completed soon. Everyone in our school community and wider will benefit from this crossing.

*Message  
from the  
Headteacher*

## Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022



We are all still very sad at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen after 70 years as our monarch. As a school we have continued to reflect on her life as the longest serving monarch in British History through a variety of activities. Here are a few examples:

- A letter to the new monarch/member of the royal family
- Timeline activities based on the life of the queen and comparing these to other key events in history
- Exploring the royal family tree
- Postcards/cards to the future generation about this event
- Class 'Collective Worships' –opportunity to share prayers and reflect

We have also created a special commemorative prayer table.



### School Closed on Monday 19th September 2022

School will be closed on Monday (19th September).

This day will be a national Bank Holiday for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral.

May the Queen rest in peace

School will re-open on Tuesday 20th September.

### First Holy Communion – School Celebration

On Tuesday we had a special Holy Communion celebration Mass in St Michael's church. This was followed by a traditional Holy Communion celebration breakfast for the children who made this sacrament over the few months. It was a lovely occasion and all who joined us thoroughly enjoyed it. Parents and carers were along with the children our special guests and joined us after mass for some refreshments.

Thank you to all our families who have supported their children on the journey of sacramental preparation. A special thank you to Father FitzGerald and all the catechists along with Ms Lester and Ms Birch who guide and support the children.

This is the first school Holy Communion celebration we have had since the Covid pandemic –so it is extra wonderful we can now all celebrate together as a school family and community.

A special well done to our Holy Communion Children – each had a special role in the Mass which they did superbly. Also well done school choir and year 5 children who joined us in church to participate in the celebration

Best Wishes –Alyson Rigby

## After School Clubs

Year 5 and Year 6 Drama Club starts Thursday 22nd September 3:30-4:15

KS2 Wellbeing Club starts Wednesday 21st September 3:30—4:15

Mr Smith's Guitar Club will continue on Thursday's from 3:30—4:15



This weeks theme for worship has been centred around the passing of Queen Elizabeth. II The children have been learning about her life, offering up prayers and studying relevant passages from the bible.

**Joy & Happiness**  
Welcome back to our school family!

LET YOUR

How will you let your light shine in our class this year?

Do strange things with GREAT LOVE

**Joy & Happiness**  
Welcome back to our school family!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10  
Friends and Family Give Strength  
Two people are better than one. They can help each other in all their ways.

We're all in this together – one school family.

How can we help each other?

No one can help him.

our new class.

Children's choice of scripture perhaps from "God's Story" or a previous Collective Worship.

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1 Corinthians 12:14-20  
And so the body is not made up of one part but of many parts. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Th is

ay! Welcome BACK TO St Michael's

back2school prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.  
Open my ears to hear my teacher.  
Open my mind to learn new things.  
Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.  
Help me to love others like you do.  
I want to shine your light so bright in my school.  
Amen

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### Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

We aim for average school attendance to be 97%

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

190 DAYS 100%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	175 DAYS 92%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)

Read the  
**Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters**  
and  
**The Wednesday Word**

Good News for Families

Happy Birthday

Jason Mordi  
Zana Ali  
Noemi Milova  
Niloajan Paranetheran  
Summer Dickie  
Nikyle Obule  
Cecilia Vieira  
Qanit Conteh  
Roosevelt Uge  
Miss Cornett  
Miss Duncan

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 16th September 2022

## Class Welcome Meeting for all parents/carers Nursery class to Year 6

On **Wednesday 21st September** we would like to invite you into school at the end of the school day to meet your child's/children's teachers and learning support assistants and hear about your child's/children's school day.

Each class teacher will give a presentation on important information about school life and things you need to know about your child's learning. There will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions and see some of the work the children have already done since starting the new school year.

Each class teacher will do two presentations to help parents who have more than one child in school. If you cannot get to all the presentations the class teacher will give you a copy.

**Presentation one: 3.40pm**

**Presentation two 4.10 pm**

We are confident that you will find this a very valuable meeting and will give you a great chance to get know your child's Teacher and Learning Support assistant.

We will host our normal 'Parents Evening' on **Thursday 10th November**. At this meeting you will be given a personalised picture of how your child/children is/are progressing in school.

We look forward to seeing in school on Wednesday (21st September)

Many thanks

Mrs Alyson Rigby

Headteacher





## slower speeds, safer streets



Liverpool  
City Council

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is the start of a new academic year and for some pupils a new beginning at the school. The school environment is a safe secure place for your children to attend but we as parents and guardians also have a responsibility to try and improve the accessibility of pupils arriving to school. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is one of the biggest safety concerns from parents outside Primary Schools. Parked vehicles can hide children from passing drivers and stop children from being able to see approaching traffic. Almost half of the young children injured as pedestrians have had their view of the road blocked by a parked car.

### How would you feel if your parking contributed towards a child being injured?

Remember pupils need to see and be seen when crossing the roads so think seriously about the location of the school and neighbourhood and consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety. If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from School, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a **safe legal place** and walk the remainder of the journey.

Do Not Park on

- **School Keep Clear Zig Zags**
- **Double/Single Yellow Lines**
- **Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs**
- **Near School Crossing Patrol locations**
- **On Pavements**
- **In front of resident driveways**

You are the one who will be with your children at the roadside every day. When you are out with your child you will have good opportunities to reinforce the road safety messages. Please think about telling your child about the importance of finding **safer places to cross, stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening, and thinking, holding their hands** even if using a lollipop person or pedestrian facility. Making sure they have good visibility, taking their hoods down and **no distractions with phones or friends when near roads**. This will help your child to develop good road safety habits at an early age and reinforce your own road safety awareness.

**Think about the safety of all Road Users.**



### The Belvedere Academy Open Morning

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10am - 11.45am

Please note, this event is aimed at parents and carers rather than the child.  
Visitors should arrive between 10am and 11.15am, booking is not necessary.



The Belvedere  
Academy

G D S T  
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Please ask parents and carers who wish to register a child for the entrance assessment on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October to visit our website to complete an application form.



## Reception Class and Secondary School Admissions for 2023

The Reception and Year 7 admissions application window for 2023 is now open for eligible parents/carers to make their applications.

The online application portal and all of the necessary admissions information, advice and guidance can be found online at:

<http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>

It is important to apply on time to maximise all chances of securing your preferred school.

**The application closing date for Year 7 Secondary places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**The application closing date for Reception places is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Further information on applying for a Secondary place:

How does this work?

You can only apply online for **Primary Reception** place or a **Secondary Year 7** place for schools if you live in Liverpool. If you live outside Liverpool and want to apply for a school here, you must apply through the education authority where you live. For all other places please see our [Other applications page](#).

- **Once you have created an online applications account**, you can apply for up to three schools for up to five schools for Secondary Year 7.

Some schools (mainly faith schools) also ask you to complete additional paper forms that must be sent directly to them.

Step 1

- a. Find the schools you are interested in.
- b. Read the relevant policies for each school.

If the school has supplementary forms download them, if available. Some schools (mainly faith schools and some academies) require you to send additional forms directly to them.

Register and apply online

Need help?

Help with applying

**Before you apply you must register for an account first.** If you have used the system before to apply for a school, you will already be registered. If you have forgotten your password, just select 'forgotten password' to reset it.

[Step by step guide: How to register for a school admissions account](#)

[Step by step guide: How to apply online for Reception or Year 7](#)

You can also visit our [Get help](#) page for further information about choosing and applying for schools.

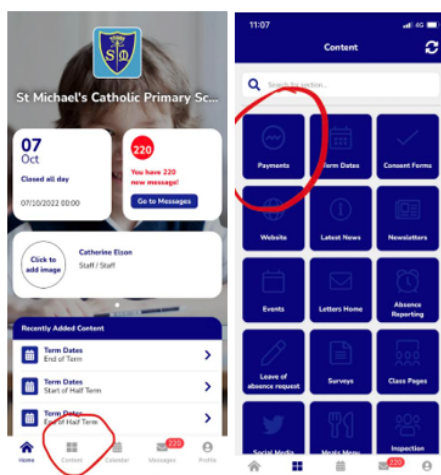
This page also has additional documents you may want to read, including the primary and secondary co-ordinated policies which explain how school places are allocated.

**We invite Year 6 parents/ carers to a Welcome & Year 7 Application Meeting on Thursday 22nd September after school. At this meeting, class teachers will explain the process of applying for a place in a Secondary school.**

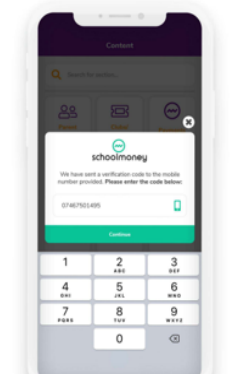
**Have you registered for our new Online Payment System?**

**Access it through the Parent App**

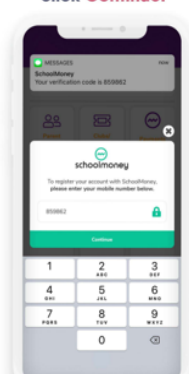
**Call into the school office if you need help with how to use it**



Enter your **Mobile Number** in the field provided and click **Continue**.

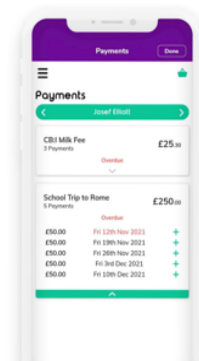


Enter the SMS verification code from **SchoolMoney** in the field provided and click **Continue**.



Enter email address

**That's it! You can now easily complete payments within the PA Connect App.**



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## Term Dates 2022-2023

### Autumn Term 2022

**Term:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Pupils:** Autumn Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Half term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Pupils:** Autumn Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Terms ends:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022



### Spring Term 2023

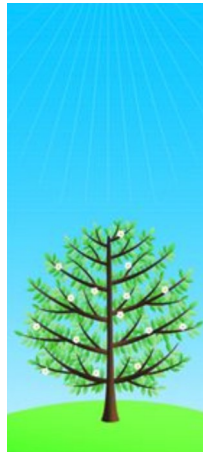
**Term:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Pupils:** Spring Term 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Pupils:** Spring Term 2 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Term ends:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023



### Summer Term 2023

**Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Pupils:** Summer Term 1 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Pupils:** Summer Term 2 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Term Ends:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023



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

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Two extended twilight sessions



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