



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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## Diary Dates

6th December: Y4 Advent Assembly @ 9.15am

7th December: Tech Talks @ 9am and 2:50pm

21st December: School finishes for Christmas

## Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already in the final month of this 2022 year and Christmas is very near!

We are now in the Season of ADVENT. This is the time leading up to Christmas when we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

On Monday year 3 led a beautiful Advent One assembly for children, staff and parents/carers. The first advent candle was lit representing the gift of 'Hope' and a reminder that the waiting has begun. All the children took part and we all enjoyed a selection of prayers, readings, hymns, drama and dance. Everyone was given a star shaped golden card to write down a 'hope' and to hang as a special decoration on a Christmas tree.

Thank you to the all the yr3 children, Ms. Gannon, Ms. Hollywood, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Haynes.

*Message from the Headteacher*

### Christmas Activities and Assemblies 2022

Activity/Assembly	Date	Class	Invitation for parents and carers to join us
Advent Assembly One	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am	Year 3	All parents and carers welcome (yr3)
Advent Assembly Two	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Year 4	All parents and carers welcome (yr4)
Advent Assembly Three	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Year 5	All parents and carers welcome (yr5)
Advent Assembly Four and Christmas story	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Year 6	All parents and carers welcome (yr6)
Reception Class Nativity Story Play	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Reception	All parents and carers welcome (Reception)
Infant Nativity Story Play	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and 2.15pm	Year 1 and 2	All parents and carers welcome (yr1 and yr2)
Carols in the courtyard	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm	Whole school	All welcome
School Christmas Dinner And Christmas Jumper day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school	School children only
Christmas Santa Dash!	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole school	School children only

Events highlighted in Green are happening week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December

We are all very excited that we are now able to invite parents and carers into school to join in our Christmas Assemblies and some activities. We look forward to seeing you at as many as possible. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served before each assembly and nativity to help everyone enjoy even more this festive time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alyson Rigby

Headteacher



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



**Monday:** ☺ Running Club Yr 5 & 6 KMC ☺ Maths Tuition Yr5

**Tuesday:** ☺ Choir Yr 4,5,&6 ☺ Art Club Yr2 ☺ Cheerleading Club Yr2

☺ Reading Tuition Yr2 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr3 ☺ Writing Tuition Yr4

☺ Maths Tuition Yr4 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr5

**Wednesday** ☺ Wellbeing Club KS2 with Miss Cornett

**Thursday** ☺ Dance Club Yr4 ☺ Drama Club Yr5&6

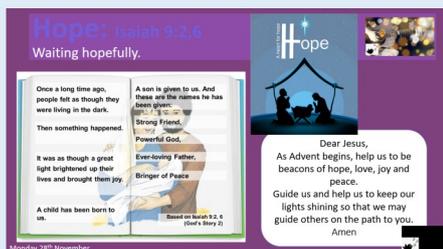
☺ Guitar Club ☺ Reading Tuition Yr2 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr3

☺ Writing Tuition Yr4 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr4 ☺ Makaton Club



✝️ **'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.'**

John 1:5 This week has been the first week of Advent and our Prayer and Liturgy Theme has been Advent-Hope. We began the week with our first Advent assembly led by Year 3 who were joined by parents in this reflection to start the season of Advent. In class throughout the remainder of the week, children were invited to reflect on scripture from Isaiah, John and 1 Thessalonians linked to our theme of Hope. How might you help others and share the light of Jesus this Advent & Christmas?'



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

Church Visits: This week Year 1 have visited St Michael's church as part of their RE curriculum after their last visit was postponed due to bad weather.'

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

<p>1 "God sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary." Luke 1:26</p> 	<p>2 "The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, because God is very pleased with you." Luke 1:30</p> 	<p>3 "Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus." Luke 1:31</p> 	<p>4 "He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God." Luke 1:32</p> 
<p>5 "Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Luke 1:38</p> 	<p>6 "Caesar sent out an order... that everyone's name must be put on a list." Luke 2:1</p> 	<p>7 "Everyone traveled to their hometowns to have their name put on the list." Luke 2:3</p> 	<p>8 "So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary." Luke 2:4-5</p> 
<p>9 "While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son." Luke 2:6-7</p> 	<p>10 "There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed." Luke 2:7</p> 	<p>11 "That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep." Luke 2:8</p> 	<p>12 "An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them." Luke 2:9</p> 
<p>13 "The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some GOOD News!" Luke 2:10</p> 	<p>14 "Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11</p> 	<p>15 "This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box." Luke 2:12</p> 	<p>16 "All the angels were praising God, saying, "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God." Luke 2:13-14</p> 

**Happy Birthday**

Mary O Daniel O  
Ali A Aryam F  
Aiman H Ella-Rose H  
Aziel I Michelle I  
Johny L Evi O  
Serah S Kaaviya S  
Catalin T Philip W

Mrs Birch  
Miss Lafferty  
Miss O'Kane

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# Nursery



@nurserystm1

## Settling and Learning Routines

Since returning to nursery, the children have settled fantastically. The children are beginning to make some lovely friendships and we have been focusing on how to play alongside each other and learning how to share equipment. We are trying really hard to become independent, taking off our own coats and putting on our own aprons and shoes.

Throughout our play time, we have been learning how to use different resources and how to play alongside our friends. Over the last four weeks, we have settled back into nursery life, and we are allowing our friends to play with us. We have been working hard on solving conflict with each other through discussions and talking about how some of our friends may feel in different situations.

## Maths

In maths, we have been focusing on counting to 5. We have discovered what a 5-frame is and have started to use it to help us find out how many of a certain object there is. When counting, we are learning to line items up and say one number per each object – this helps us count accurately.

## Writing

We love mark-making in nursery; we have been building up the muscles in our arms and hands to support our writing. We have built these muscles through using big brushes outside, taking part in 'dough disco' and drawing with chalk outside. We are focusing on drawing simple shapes, such as circles, lines, and squares to represent our ideas. We are even trying to give meaning to our marks.

## Reading

We are beginning to sit for story time and have enjoyed reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Little Bears' this half term. Please continue to read with your child at home to support their language development.



## RE

In Come and See we have been learning about 'Birthdays'. We have been making birthday hats, cards and decorating cakes to celebrate this topic.

Thank you for your continued support each day, it is always appreciated. A reminder to ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes in nursery every day in case they get wet. This bag must include: a top, trousers, underwear, and socks.

## Stay and Play

This half-term, our 'Stay and Play' sessions have started again; it was so lovely to see so many parents at our first event. 'Stay and Play' takes place every Friday, you just need to come in, hang your coat/bag on your child's peg and then have fun! We love getting to know more about your child and seeing you play alongside them.

These sessions are:

8:45am – 9:15am (morning nursery)

12:20pm – 12:50pm (afternoon nursery)

# School Council Playground Walk-around

Our School Council have decided that, as part of their duties, they will perform a regular walk-around of the school premises with Mr Doyle, our school caretaker. It allows the children an opportunity to give their input on health and safety issues, point out areas they feel could be improved and have a say into how the yard changes in the future. Their findings and suggestions are recorded in a book which is left in Mr Doyle's office in order for him to act on the children's ideas.



## Our Family Support Worker can help you!

There are drop in sessions every Tuesday at 9:00am

Come along for a private chat. She can discuss any issues or concerns you have.

See Mrs Birch for further details.

**Jamie Cranham**

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# Mathematician of the Week



Here is our Mathematician of the Week. He has been attending maths tutoring and impressing us with his new found maths confidence. His arithmetic score doubled this week and this just shows that his hard work is paying off. Keep up the great work, Miss Sillitoe.



The children below have gone Above and Beyond in school this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!



## TECH TALKS ON WEDNESDAY 7th December 9:00am & 2:50pm

We will be holding talks for parents on social media, online safety and online devices. We will also be talking about how to set up new devices to include parental controls, so that you can control what your children see and how long they can be used for. Please feel free to drop into one of the talks if you have any questions. This could be especially useful around Christmas time if any of your children are receiving tech related gifts. If you set them up for your children first, you are the one who is in control. We will also include some information about current trends in social media and things to look out for when your child is browsing the internet.



## Do you need support this Christmas?

We can help with food, clothes and toys. Call Mrs Birch or Miss Cornett for a confidential chat. You can ask at the office or phone school on 0151 263 8460.

# Attendance

Well done to the Superstars, Inspirations and Whizzkids! Let's keep on pushing towards 100% attendance in all classes.

INFANTS		
CLASS	% Attendance	
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	95.80%	
<b>SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION</b>	<b>97.90%</b>	<b>Best attendance winners</b>
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	94.30%	
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	88.30%	
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	90.70%	
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	84.10%	
JUNIORS		
CLASS	% Attendance	
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.00%	
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	96.00%	
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	95.80%	
<b>INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4</b>	<b>98.70%</b>	<b>Best attendance winners</b>
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	95.40%	
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	95.50%	
<b>WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6</b>	<b>98.70%</b>	<b>Best attendance winners</b>
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	92.10%	



Looking for good books as Christmas presents for children?

The Primary School Christmas Book Gift Guide have put together a list of recommended books to give to primary school aged children this year. Click on the banner image above to take you to the website.



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





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## ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket to post in our school attendance post box every Friday. This initiative will run from:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November ~ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

At the end of the term, pupils can win some fantastic prizes including:



- Family Cinema ticket
- Christmas Hamper
- Asda Shopping Vouchers
- Christmas Stocking

**WE HAVE 6 WEEKS OF THIS TERM REMAINING. THE MORE WEEKS YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, THE MORE TICKETS YOU GET. THIS INCREASES YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ONE OF THESE AMAZING PRIZES.**

**COME ON ST MICHAEL'S! LET'S SEE HOW MANY WEEKS WE CAN ACHIEVE 100 % ATTENDANCE...** Ms Hayes & Mr Smith



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

*"With Jesus, we can  
achieve what we*



Dear parents and carers,

### **St Michael's Christmas Hampers** **A project led by our yr6 Head and Deputy Pupils**

Starting from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we are going to be collecting various gift items for families and children in need for Christmas. We would love for you to be a part of making a family happy at this joyful time of year.

Each class will have a box and the children can bring in items of their choice to help build up a special hamper to present and make someone's Christmas special. We have included a list of ideas if you're stuck thinking what to get, we have also included a list of things that may not be appropriate. We hope to have these hampers ready for the 10<sup>th</sup> December so they can be delivered in time for Christmas!

#### Ideas of what to bring in:

- ✓ small toys
- ✓ canned and packet food
- ✓ biscuits and boxed cakes
- ✓ chocolates and festive treats
- ✓ Christmas decorations (no glass)



#### Things not to bring:

- dairy products
- anything with a short shelf life
- crisps
- anything used/opened
- nothing too valuable or sentimental



Best wishes and thank you.  
Yr6 Head and Deputy Pupils, prefects and MsGhazali



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# STOP LOAN SHARKS

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A new social media campaign, **#SleighNoToLoanSharks**, is being launched to alert people about the dangers of using loan sharks and help prevent them from falling into their traps in the run up to Christmas. Tony Quigley, Head of the England Illegal Money Lending Team, said: “Loan sharks are doing untold damage in local communities, and we must do all we can to stop them. With their ruthless tactics, these predators are threatening vulnerable families, driving them deeper into debt, and pulling entire communities into an endless cycle of despair. “At a time when families are under extreme cost pressures with mounting living costs, we are deeply concerned that those who are already struggling to make ends meet could be targeted by these predatory lenders. “Our campaign aims to break this cycle by helping people understand the risks of loan sharks, what they can do if they feel threatened and where they can turn for help and support. The **Stop Loan Sharks** 24/7 Helpline offers confidential advice and support to anyone affected by illegal money lending. We know how stressful and frightening this experience can be. We can give you support on how to deal with this problem and help find a way forward.”

Follow these safety tips to protect yourself and loved ones from loan sharks:

1. If you're struggling to make ends meet and need cash fast, the thought of a loan shark might seem tempting, but remember these lenders are not your friends. Debt can quickly spiral out of control – it's important to think carefully before taking out a loan and consider other options.
2. Never send money or give credit card, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it from criminals who can use it to find and stalk you, harass you or threaten those you love.
3. If you're thinking about borrowing money, it's important to check that your lender is genuine. Loan sharks operate illegally without the correct permission from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Do your research first and check the firm or person you're dealing with is listed on the Financial Services Register.
4. When exploitative loan sharks are preying on hardship, it's vital for people to know there is an ethical, local, not-for-profit alternative available. Credit unions are a lifeline for many people, with their services helping members to save regularly, borrow responsibly and keep track of their finances. There are other community lenders who are mostly not for profit, and who reinvest any surpluses into serving vulnerable customers, which can be found on <https://www.findingfinance.org.uk/>
5. Getting trapped in a never-ending spiral of debt after borrowing from a loan shark can have devastating consequences, not only on your finances but also on most other aspects of your life, including your mental health, work and relationships with your family and friends. If you're worried about a friend or family member, or if you need help yourself, Stop Loan Sharks can offer confidential advice and support.

Are you worried about a friend or family member who is being taken advantage of by a loan shark?

Contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on **0300 555 2222** for support or visit [www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk)

Live Chat is available on the website between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

## The ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of **Virtual Group Q & A advisory sessions** via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to pre and post Autism diagnosis. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be 2 hours long, you can choose to join anytime with **in those two hours or stay for the duration.**

You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Dates: December

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Time: 9.30am - 11.30am Time: 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Time 9.30am – 11.30am Time 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Time 9.30am – 11.30am Time 1pm – 3pm

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

# St Michael's Catholic Primary School



## 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



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