



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

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Friday 9th December 2022

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Diary Dates

12th December 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church—Children who are preparing for their first Holy Communion.

21st December: School finishes for Christmas



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The Parents App



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

Newsletter Friday 12th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is getting closer! We have our school Christmas trees up, Advent wreaths in classes and around school.

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.

Advent 2

On Tuesday year 4 led a beautiful Advent One assembly for children, staff and parents/carers. The Second Advent candle was lit representing the gift of 'Peace' 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 small wooden shaped dove to represent peace. I have already hung mine of my Christmas tree!

Thank you to the all the yr4 children, Ms Forbes, Mr Daley, Ms Fagan and Ms Heartless

Early Years Nativity (Nursery Children and Reception Class)

This morning our nursery children and reception class children came over to the junior hall to perform to an audience of parents and carers. It was simply magical. Our nursery children were the cutest of Christmas stars dressed in star outfits - they were so confident and happy to be singing and dancing in front of the visitors. 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 the words and actions. Every single child was a super star!

Thank you to Ms S O'Brien, Ms Browne, Ms Cotton, Ms Potter, Ms Collins and Ms Davison, for supporting the children to create such a happy and Christmassy performance.

*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 th November at 9.15am	Year 3	All parents and carers welcome (yr3)
Advent Assembly Two	Tuesday 6 th December at 9.15am	Year 4	All parents and carers welcome (yr4)
Advent Assembly Three	Tuesday 13 th December at 9.15am	Year 5	All parents and carers welcome (yr5)
Advent Assembly Four and Christmas story	Tuesday 20 th December at 9.15am	Year 6	All parents and carers welcome (yr6)
Reception Class Nativity Story Play	Friday 9 th December at 9.15am	Reception	All parents and carers welcome (Reception)
Infant Nativity Story Play	Friday 16 th 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 th December at 2.15pm	Whole school	All welcome
School Christmas Dinner And Christmas Jumper day	Thursday 15 th December	Whole school	School children only
Christmas Santa Dash!	Wednesday 21 st December	Whole school	School children only

Events highlighted in Green are happening week beginning 12th 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

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

Following the success of last year we are once again hoping to put together a selection of hampers filled with food 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.

Here are some ideas:

- biscuits and boxed cakes
- Tins and jars of food (eg: beans/peas/pasta sauce)
- Packets and cans of food (eg: soups/pasta)
- chocolates and festive treats
- Christmas decorations (no glass)

Things not to bring:

- dairy products

Best wishes and thank you.

Yr6 Head and Deputy Pupils, prefects and Ms Ghazali

Liverpool Public Health Information for Parents and Carers about Scarlet Fever and Group A Strep

Please use the link to access this letter from Public Health.

<https://stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Letter-for-parents-7th-December-22.pdf>

Please remember that good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of any germs. Please teach your child/children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.

In school we will also support children with these techniques. We will increase our cleaning routines too.

Can I please reassure parents and carers if your child or another child becomes unwell in school, they are assessed by one of our trained first aiders and the parent/carer will be called to collect them to go home. All staff are fully aware of the symptoms related to Scarlet Fever and will be vigilant at all times.

As a school we take the welfare of all our children exceptionally seriously.

Thank you for your support with this. I understand how worrying all this can be. If you have any further questions please call the school office.

Have a delightful weekend and take care –Alyson Rigby



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



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

Tuesday: ☺ Choir Yr 4,5,&6 ☺ Art 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 angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Luke 1:28 During this second week of Advent, our Prayer and Liturgy Theme has been Advent-Peace. Year 4 led this week's Advent Assembly and EYFS have celebrated with their Nativity, both events were

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



Monday 5th December

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.

enjoyed by parents. In class throughout the remainder of the week, children were invited to reflect on scripture from Isaiah and also the beginning of Luke's gospel - following the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and linked to our theme of Peace. How might you

help others and share the light of Jesus this Advent & Christmas?'

Sacramental Preparation: A reminder for parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion with Fr Fitz and the parish team - Monday 12th December 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church - service of First Reconciliation.

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



Read the

Parish of St Michael

& Sacred Heart Newsletters and

The Wednesday Word



The World Beaters have won a national competition!

After reading the lovely story My Beautiful Voice they were inspired to create their own concertina books about themselves. They entered them into a competition held by the British Library and have won a £50 book token from National Book Tokens. Well done World Beaters!



Happy Birthday

Inioluwa A Jaswin A
Jessica B Victoria B
Niko C Arthur D
Highest I Treasure O
Bernice O Omid R
Mohamad R

Jerry Z

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CHAMPIONS



@championsSTM

So far in year 6, the Champions have settled in amazingly well, have learned a lot of new skills and have taken part in exciting activities and events in school, such as our 150 year celebration, swimming and church visits. We are improving, progressing and challenging ourselves every day. Here are some of the things we have been up to this week ...

Maths

We have begun a new topic, fractions. We have had a lot of 'lightbulb' moments so far, especially when we realised that fractions are very closely linked to multiplication and division knowledge and that the division symbol looks like a fraction! We have worked hard on retaining vocabulary linking to fractions and we have been able to talk like mathematicians when answering questions.

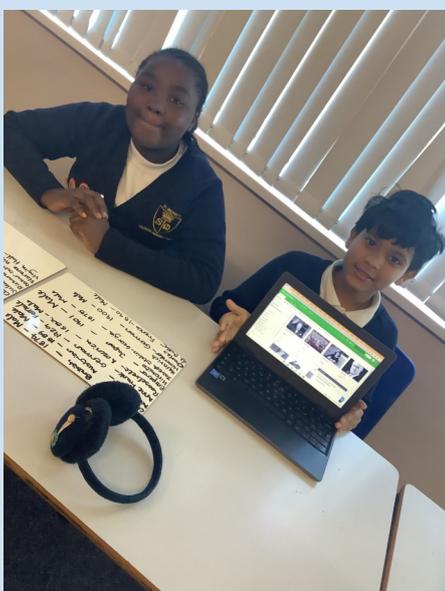


English & History

This week, we have been writing up our final draft of our newspapers, all about The Blitz in Liverpool. We have loved researching facts and information about the Blitz and how it impacted our city and the people in it. We have also done a lot of research on significant figures from World War 2; we have found out a lot about country leaders, the Royal Air Force and the role of the royal family during the war.

Art

Our Art lessons have been centred around street art; we have focused on Paul Curtis and Banksy. Paul Curtis has created a lot of street art around Liverpool, such as the wings and paintings of famous people such as Michael Jackson and the Beatles. We have started to create our own street art, either making a statement, being creative or making art interactive. Stay tuned for our final pieces ...



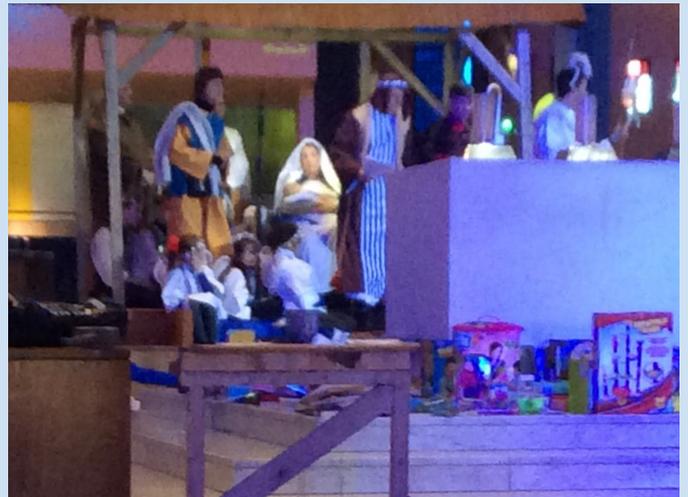
Assembly

Year 6 are putting together a performance for our final week of Advent. This week, we have started practising our songs and parts to put together an amazing Christmas assembly.



CATHEDRAL ADVENT SERVICE

A group of our Year 2 and 3 children went on a trip to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Wednesday. They had a lovely time watching the Nativity story and joining in with the beautiful singing. After the service had finished, the children had the opportunity to walk around the inside of the Cathedral and look at some of the beautiful Christmas and Nativity displays.



Attendance and Punctuality Policy

December 2022 (Updated)

 [View](#)



We have updated our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. St Michael's Catholic Primary School recognises the clear link between the attendance and attainment of pupils. The aim of this policy is to encourage the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality for pupils within St Michael's School to support learning and achievement.

The importance of attendance and punctuality is underpinned by an awareness of safeguarding issues. It is important to see our children every day and provide an educationally safe and secure environment. Please read the updated policy so you are aware of our procedures. If you have any questions about the policy or attendance, you can speak to Mr Smith on the gate, or come into the office and ask to make an appointment.

STAFF WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

This week, the staff of St Michael's engaged in a beautiful Christmas wreath making workshop led by our chair of governors Jeanette. As part of our staff well being we enjoyed Hot chocolate, Christmas treats and a beautiful advent reflection . You may see some of the wreaths around school if you come in for any of our celebration events over the Christmas period.



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



This is the Reception Superstars Mathematician of the Week. Well done! He has been creating his own number sentences using addition and subtraction. He can identify numbers and is starting to form numbers when using drawing and writing tools. What a superstar!

Attendance

Well done to the Record Breakers and High Achievers! Let's keep on pushing towards 100% attendance in all classes.

Class	% Attendance
AM	75.6
PM	60.0
SHINING STARS – RECEPTION	92.8
SUPERSTARS – RECEPTION	83.2
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	84.0
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	95.9
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	90.8
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	84.1
HEROES - YEAR 3	93.0
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	92.7
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	94.8
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	94.7
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	97.1
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	86.9
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	92.7
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	93.1
Totals	91.7%



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 



Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	<i>Archie</i>	<i>Caterina</i>
Year 2	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Racheal</i>
Year 3	<i>Senora</i>	<i>Harry</i>
Year 4	<i>Bernice</i>	<i>Sienna</i>
Year 5	<i>Maggie</i>	<i>Kenzie</i>
Year 6	<i>Ivin</i>	<i>Hannah</i>





Healthy Start Vouchers

Healthy start vouchers allow parents and carers to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, bread and cereal, infant formula and access free vitamins, **if they are eligible for the benefit.**

The process for applying for Healthy Start Vouchers is now an online application process. The paper vouchers have now been replaced with a chip and pin card for families to use to purchase their goods.

Families could benefit from savings on their shopping bills which would be a big help given the current cost of living increases and the time of year.

Below is a link to the NHS website which explains eligibility and the application process.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

Details of what you will get

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/what-youll-get-and-how-to-shop/>

Please contact school if you need help to apply.



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.

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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 14th November ~ Wednesday 21st 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 28th November 2022

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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 29th November to Wednesday 14th 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 10th 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

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 th	Time: 9.30am - 11.30am Time: 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 14 th	Time 9.30am – 11.30am Time 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 20 th	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

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Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term: Thursday 1st September to Wednesday 21st December 2022

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October

Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 31st October to Wednesday 21st December

Terms ends: Wednesday 21st December 2022



Spring Term 2023

Term: Wednesday 4th January - Wednesday 5th April 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Wednesday 4th January to Thursday 9th February

Half term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Monday 20th February to Wednesday 5th April

Term ends: Wednesday 5th April 2023



Summer Term 2023

Term: Monday 17th April to Thursday 20th July 2023

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 9th June 2023

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 12th June to Thursday 20th July

Term Ends: Thursday 20th July 2023

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023



Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Two extended twilight sessions



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