



Message from the headteacher

Friday 3rd February

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dear Parents and Carers,



Enterprise Week

On **Thursday 9th February** we will hold for the children an, '**Enterprise Fair**' in the **junior hall** where each class will have a stall to sell their 'enterprise' items. Children are invited to bring into school **50p-£1** to buy a couple of items.

CAKE sale too! It would also be great to have a cake stall for the children to buy a cake for 10p (max of one each). So please can we have cake donations (homemade or shop bought) on Thursday morning. All funds raised will go towards school trips and visits.



Parent Governor

As you aware we are now recruiting for two new parent governors to support and contribute to the further development of our school. Here is a link to the information about this role and how to nominate yourself.

If you want to find out a little more about the role in person, please contact school and arrange a chat with me. The closing date for nominations is Thursday 9th February at 12 noon.

Friends of St Michaels (PTA) meeting on Thursday morning.

Thank you to the group of parents/carers who joined us for this meeting in the junior hall. We shared a number of ideas for events and activities for children and families over the next half term. These include an Easter craft workshop for parents and children and some after school discos for children in infants and juniors. More information about these and other activities will be shared after half term.

It was a real privilege to spend time sharing and exploring some new ideas about forthcoming events and planning to repeat events that have been very successful in the past – especially our 'Picnic around the World!' We also chatted about areas of school parents/carers feel are going well and areas that we could do better. Really helpful feedback. Thank you.

Thank you also to Mrs Birch and Mrs Roscoe who work closely with our 'Friends of St Michael's group'.

End of Half Term

School closes normal time (3.20pm) on **Thursday 9th February**. Staff have a training day on Friday 10th February.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Alyson Rigby



After School Clubs



Mon	Talking it Through	Y6	Mrs. Whittaker
	Running Club	Y5/6	Mrs Gordon
	Athletics Club	KS2	Sam KMC
	Spanish Club	Y3	Mrs Hollywood
	Phonics Club	Y1	Mrs West
	Reading Club	Y5	Ms. Briggs
Tue	Choir	KS2	Rosie
	Drama Club	KS1	Miss O'Kane
	Clarinet Club	Y5/6	Resonate

Wed	Lego Club	Y3/4	Miss Cornett & Mr Smith
	Games Club	Y1	Mrs West & Mrs Miller
	Lego Club	KS1	Ms. Collins
Thu	LFC Football	Y5/6	LFC Coaches
	Drama Club	Y5/6	Miss Cornet
	Guitar Club	Y6	Mr Smith
	Science Club	Y5	Ms. Gibney

PE DAYS:

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Y1: Monday & Friday

Y2: Thursday

Y3: Wednesday & Thursday

Y4: Tuesday & Friday

Y5: Friday

Y6: Wednesday

All clubs finish at 4:15. Collection for Infant clubs is Infant gate. Junior clubs is Junior gate.

Courage & Aspiration: John 14:26

Children's Mental Health Week

²⁶ The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

The Bible teaches us about the Holy Spirit which can help us in our daily lives.

What would you like help to be able to do? Or try? Or achieve? Or change?



Dear Lord,
When I am sad, calm my heart.
When I am worried, calm my mind.
Calm me so I
may be filled with your peace
and feel your love for me.
Amen

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

Class prayer time



Jamie Cranham
Our Family
Support
Worker

Jamie is available to talk privately about any questions, concerns or issues you may have. Come along for a private chat.

Drop in sessions every Tuesday at 9:00am

Jamie Cranham 07712235803

jamie.cranham@liverpool.gov.uk

or see Mrs Birch



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Taramisore A Arta G

Noah F Sumaia M

Christian M Jana H

Janel J Fabian M

Joel O Natalia P

Miss Cotton



Celebration

Mathematician of the Week



This week's Mathematician of the Week is from Year 4 Hot Shots! She has simply excelled at dividing up to 3 digits including remainders this week and has completed all tasks and challenges with extreme confidence – keep up the good work!



A factor is a number that, when multiplied by another number, gives us a product.

Above and Beyond

Please have a look at your child's class Twitter page for our Above and Beyond winners. Well done to those children! Click [HERE](#) to go to the website and find the class page you need.



Head Teacher Awards



Year 1	Fawwaz	Kajuz
Year 2	Gabriella	Zana
Year 3	Cecilia	Kamsi
Year 4	Alarah	Reval
Year 5	Alhasan	Ashwini
Year 6	Evie	Alexa

NSPCC

Worried about a child?

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk



Worried about a Child or Young Person?

If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

CARELINE
Call 0151 233 3700

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





Attendance

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	91.6
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	89.5
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	97.3
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	99.3
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	94.3
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	94.8
HEROES - YEAR 3	94.2
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	89.7
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	95.2
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98.7
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	98.6
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	98.3
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	97.3
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	97.3
Totals	96.3

Well done to the **Record Breakers**, of the Infants, and the **Inspirations**, of the Juniors, for achieving the highest attendance this week. Let's keep on pushing for 100% attendance, 100% of the time!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



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.

It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.





Class Focus: Golden Wonders

The Golden Wonders have been kicking off 2023 with a bang! The children have been working so hard recently and we are so

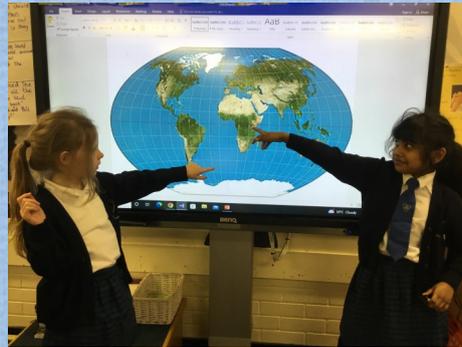
English

For the past few weeks in English we have been looking at the story 'Owl Babies'. So far we have written the original story following our story map, and we have even innovated the story! This week we wrote a plan for our own version and we are so excited to write it next week. life as a writer.



Maths

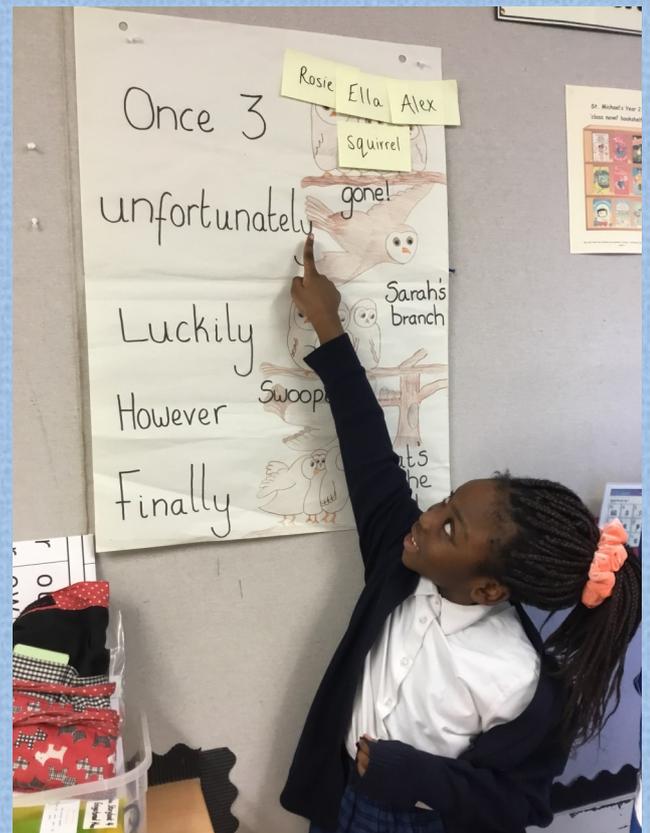
In Maths we have been focussing on adding and subtracting double digit numbers. We have started using the column method to lay out our work. We have also been adding and subtracting across 10s. We draw grids so we can clearly see the numbers we are exchanging. This technique was hard at first but we are really getting the hang of it!

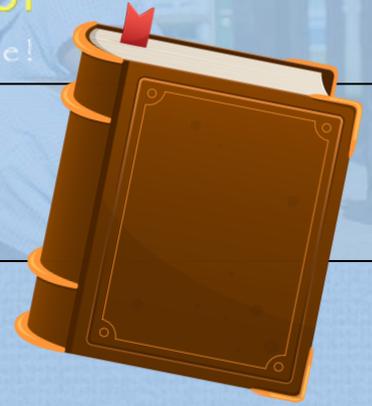


Geography and History are some of the Golden Wonders' favourite subjects. We have just started to learn about Christopher Columbus and his voyage to the Americas. We have been amazed at how many links there have been to our Geography topic about continents and oceans!



There are some keen scientists in our class who have been doing amazing research about living things and their habitats. Recently we have been learning how to tell the difference between living and non-living things and used MRS NERG to help us.





Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

Please note these are subject to change or may be added to so please check these events every week!

February

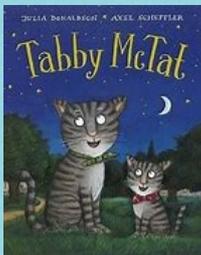
- Monday 6th - Children's Mental Health Week
- Alder Hey Children's Mental Health Virtual Coffee morning 10-12. [Click here to book.](#)
- Thursday 9th - School closes for half term—normal time 3:20pm
- Thursday 16th - Alder Hey ASD Virtual Drop Ins (see letter in this week's newsletter)
- Monday 20th - School reopens
- Wednesday 22nd - Ash Wednesday—Special Assembly for KS2 children in school.
- Wednesday 22nd—24th - Y6 residential to Winmarleigh Hall

March

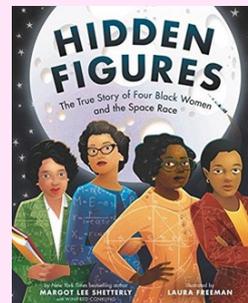
- Thursday 2nd - World Book Day
- Friday 10th - Alder Hey ASD Virtual Drop Ins (see letter in this week's newsletter)
- Monday 13th—15th - Year 5 Residential to Barnstondale
- Wednesday 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew event for Year 6
- Friday 24th March - Year 3 Blue Planet Aquarium Trip
- Thursday 30th March - Parents and Carers Evening

Storytime @ St Michael's.

Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!



Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Hidden figures: the true story of four black women and the space race."

By Margot Lee Shetterly
Illustrated by Laura Freeman





Sparkles runs Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30pm, costing £3 for an hour long session, or £5 for the full session. We welcome children from Reception to Year 6.

SPARKLES STAFF

Miss Sharpes: Lead staff

Miss Waite: Play/support worker

Miss Dooley: Play/support worker

ACTIVITIES

Examples of Sparkles activities:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Outdoor play
- Movie nights
- Board Games

SNACKS

Children are offered a variety of hot and cold snacks including:

- Fresh fruit
- Build your own wrap
- Homemade pitta-bread pizza
 - Pancakes
 - Toast
 - Crumpets
 - Sausage Rolls
 - Nachos

Please let us know about any dietary requirements, food intolerances or allergies

How to book via the app:

Under the 'PAYMENTS' section: select 'CLUBS' and 'SPARKLES', choose the date that you wish for your child to attend. Click the 'BASKET', you can pay by card/apple pay.

Please ensure you have completed a 'Sparkles Registration Form', which can be found on our website:

<https://stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/parents-and-carers/school-clubs/sparkles-after-school-club/>





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The ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties or waiting an ASD assessment. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents. The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in the time slot or stay for the duration. You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date:
Thursday 16th February Time: 9.30am – 11am or 1pm – 2.30pm

Friday 10th March Time: 9.30am – 11am or 1pm -2.30pm

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

BLUE LIGHT JOB FAIR



POP IN AND CHAT TO OUR MEMBERS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE INSPIRATIONAL ROLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE SERVICES.

- MERSEY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
- MERSEYSIDE POLICE
- NORTHWEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

Date: Wednesday 8 February
Time: 1pm - 4pm & 5pm - 8pm
Venue: Granby Adult Learning Centre L8 2TU

The teams from Liverpool in Work will be available to provide support for unemployed residents and the Adult Learning Service to advise on courses to enhance your career options.





Date: 30th January 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian



Liverpool
City Council

The February "Eat to Meet 2" Half Term programme starts on the 13th February and there are lots of great activities happening over the school. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme is click on this link <https://merseyplay.com/feb-half-term-activities-food/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the February half term activities link from Friday 3rd February.

When you have chosen the activity/scheme you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.

If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Half Term Activity programme.

The Easter Holiday Activities and Food programme will start on the 3rd April and more details will be available on Merseyplay.com by 6th March.

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 Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager



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St Michael's Catholic Primary School Term Dates 2022 -2023

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 2024

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

Friday 10th February

Plus two extended twilight sessions



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Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term: Monday 4th September – Thursday 21st December
Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 26th October
Half term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November
Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 6th November to Thursday 21st December
Terms ends: Thursday 21st December 2023



Spring Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March
Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February
Half term: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March
Term ends: Thursday 28th March



Summer Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th April to Friday 19th July
Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May
Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June
Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 10th June to Friday 19th July
Term Ends: Friday 19th July
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May



Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Friday 1st September 2023
Friday 27th October
Monday 19th February 2024
Four extended twilight sessions (22nd Dec & 22 July)