



## Message from the headteacher

Friday 24th February

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Newsletter Friday 24th February 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had another very busy and exciting week in school with our Year 4 visit to a Roman Museum in Chester and Year 6 residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall. Children have had an amazing time! There are updates on these in this newsletter –enjoy reading about them.

### National Education Union Strike Action

A gentle reminder that our school will be **partially** closed on the following dates:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**The classes closed on the above dates are:**

Nursery – morning and afternoon sessions

Heroes class – year 3

Hot Shots class -year 4

High Flyers class – year 5

All other classes in school will remain open as normal.

### World Book Day

Next Thursday, 2nd March, is World Book Day, and we will be spending the day in school celebrating reading. On this day, children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character if they would like to - teachers will be doing the same!

The whole school will be focusing on the same book for the day - We're All Wonders by R.J.Palacio - exploring the text and doing lots of different activities based around it.

Wonders by R.J.Palacio - explor-



As part of the day, we will also be holding our own Book Swap here at St. Michael's. Children can bring in an old book from home and exchange it for another one to read.

Children will all take home a £1 book token, valid until 26th March, which can be used in most book shops and supermarkets to purchase one of the free World Book Day books, or to get £1 off the cost of another book. Follow the link below to choose which £1 book you'd like to read - there are so many to choose from!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



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## Winmarleigh Hall

From Wednesday to Friday, our wonderful Year 6 Children have been on a residential trip to PGL at Winmarleigh Hall, in Lancashire. They have taken part in many incredible and exiting activities included canoeing, abseiling, giant swings and rock climbing. The children have loved their experience and we are sure they have all learned so many new skills and gained a new confidence from their trip.





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## Roman Museum Trip

On Tuesday 21st February, Year 4 went to Chester, to the Deva Roman museum. They marched like Roman soldiers through the streets of Chester, and explored what the soldiers wore and how they bathed. They have been learning all about the Roman Empire in History and this experience really enriched their learning. This week we looked at how Hadrian's wall was defended, and the children could use this experience to think what it must have been like for the soldiers





## After School Clubs



<b>Mon</b>	Talking it Through	Y6	Mrs. Whittaker
	<b>No running club due to cross country competition</b>	Y5/6	Mrs Gordon
	Athletics Club	KS2	Sam KMC
	Phonics Club	Y1	Mrs West
	Reading Club	Y5	Ms. Briggs
<b>Tue</b>	Choir	KS2	Rosie
	Clarinet Club	Y5/6	Resonate

<b>Wed</b>	Lego Club	Y3/4	Miss Cornett & Mr Smith
	Games Club	Y1	Mrs Miller
	Yoga Club	Y1	Mrs West
<b>Thu</b>	Lego Club	KS1	Ms. Collins
	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.

### Equality: Psalm 82:3

Doing the right thing for others

Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans; be fair to the needy and the helpless.

How can we help to make the world a fairer place?

What can you find out about Fairtrade?



Dear God,  
We pray for people around the world who grow and produce the things we eat and buy.  
We pray that they get a fair price for the things we buy from them.  
We pray that buying Fairtrade goods helps to create a better and fairer world.  
Amen

Read the  
Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart News-letters' and  
The Wednesday Word



**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**

**Ask at Reception for further details**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Yotam
- Archie
- Dixie Lou
- Noah
- Ana
- Ava-Lou
- Sara
- Zerlina
- Glory
- Miss West



## Celebration

### Mathematician of the Week



This is the Superstars mathematician of the week. He won because he has been working hard during continuous provision ,taking part in maths challenges around number bonds and doubling numbers. He has shown excellent retrieval practice by identifying one more than a given number using the number fans. This week he has grown in confidence when doing simple equations and has been using objects to help him find the answer. We are so proud of him! Well done .



### Head Teacher Awards



Year 1	<i>Rediet</i>	<i>Mia</i>
Year 2	<i>Miradine</i>	<i>Rachael</i>
Year 3	<i>Zerlina</i>	<i>Eldana</i>
Year 4	<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Freya</i>
Year 5	<i>Kelsie</i>	<i>Kenzie</i>

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	93.7%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	96.2%
<b>QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	95.3%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	88.3%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	92.1%
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.7%
<b>OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	94.8%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	<b>97.4%</b>
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	96.6%
<b>HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96.7%
Totals	96.3%

Well done to the **Quick Thinkers** of the Infants, and the **Olympians, High Flyers and Whizzkids**, 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: Nursery

### Maths

In maths we have been learning how to count objects and say one number for each object. We have been trying hard to remember how many objects we have counted when we get to the last object. We have also enjoyed making repeated patterns with objects, for example: stick, pinecone, stick pinecone, stick pinecone.



### RE

Over the last few weeks in RE we have been focusing on our topic, 'Gather'. We have read a story about a child that had to stay off nursery because they were unwell and how they missed learning and playing with their friends. We then explored what things in nursery we liked to do together with our friends.

### PSE

In Nursery we have been learning about strategies that we can use to help us with our emotions. We know some breathing techniques to help us when we feel upset or frustrated. We are learning how to soothe ourselves when we do feel sad.

We are continuing to play alongside our friends and are learning how to share with each other. We know that some things are ours, some things are our friends, and some things are everyone's.



### Reading

This week we have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We like how the magic beans grew into a giant beanstalk. We have also been reading lots of stories with our teachers in our book corner.

### Writing

To get ready to write we complete a 'Funky Fingers' challenge daily – this involves using the muscles in our fingers to complete the challenge. This strengthens the muscles that are used when we write; the challenge could be using tweezers to place pompoms along a pattern.





## 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

Tuesday 28th - International Mother Tongue Day—Celebrating different languages in school

### March

Thursday 2nd - World Book Day  
- Little Big Library Visit for a selection of Y6 Pupils

Friday 10th - Alder Hey ASD Virtual Drop Ins (see letter in this week's newsletter)

Monday 13th—15th - Year 5 Residential to Barnstondale

Friday 17th - Year 5 Philharmonic Trip

Wednesday 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew event for Year 6

Friday 24th - Year 3 Blue Planet Aquarium Trip

Thursday 30th - Parents and Carers Evening

### April

Wednesday 5th - Easter Holidays Commence

Monday 17th - School commences

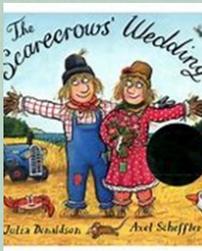
### May

Monday 8th—12th - KS2 SATS WEEK

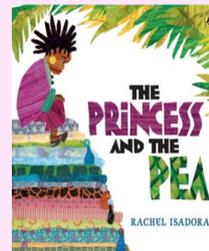
Monday 15th—19th - Aspire and Achieve Week

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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



**The Scarecrows Wedding**  
by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR  
code to listen  
to...

“The Princess  
and the Pea”





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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Liverpool City Council

## 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:

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

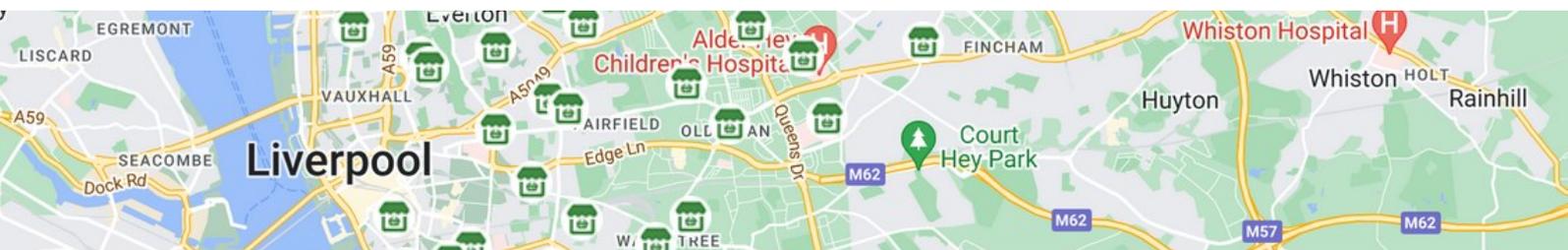
If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)



**Community Food Spaces are places where local people come together around good food.**

- They are commonly led by local community members and local community organisations.
- They have good food at the heart of what they do, with many also connecting with activities or services beyond food.
- They play a part in tackling local food waste, often using surplus food that would otherwise have gone to landfill.

If you are interested in making new friends, saving money on your food bills, volunteering in your local community or tackling local food waste, use this map to find Community Food Spaces in your local area.





## St Michael's Catholic Primary School 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 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)