



## Message from the headteacher

Friday 3rd March

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 6 residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall**

Last week year 6 had a truly wonderful three days in Winmarleigh Hall in a beautiful rural setting just outside Preston.

The children took part in a range of mainly outdoor activities which included climbing, canoeing, trapeze, abseiling, giant swing, fencing, archery and more. We also enjoyed a camp fire and a fun night time 'Mini Olympics' as part of our evening activities. The food served at breakfast, lunch and dinner was delicious and catered for all. The Centre based staff were super professional and quickly built great relationships with our children supporting and encouraging them to have a go at the range of activities.

I cannot praise our children enough – it was a sheer pleasure and joy to spend time with them and what outstanding ambassadors they all were for our school. Well done –we are super proud of you all.

Thank you also to Ms Sillitoe who was the lead for this trip and also to Ms Deans, Ms Ghazali, Ms Whittaker and Ms Haynes. We could not have such trips which give our children lots of wonderful memorable experiences without the generous commitment of our staff. I applaud you all.

### **Keeping areas around school safe, clean and tidy.**

As a school whilst we have limited authority about the areas that surround the outside of our school we get very concerned if the cleanliness and safety has an impact on our school community. As you know over many years we have worked very hard with our school community and sought support from local councillors and our local MP to finally get the safe crossing on West Derby Road. We are in continued talks with these colleagues about the lights (getting permanent lights) at the crossing and the poor state of subway.

Mrs Birch and I also recently met with a colleague from Liverpool City Council about the awful litter issues on Guion Street and along the alleyway from Boaler Street to West Derby Road. It was a productive meeting.

Here we need your help please to also report to the council about litter and fly tipping in the areas by our school and wider in the community. You can report by calling:

0151 233 3001 or you can log it on this website:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/environmental-problems/rubbish-and-litter/street-cleaning-form/>

The number will take you through to the call Centre and a report will be logged. Hopefully, our voice with yours will make a positive difference.

I will keep you updated with any further progress and thank you for your support.



### Book and Breakfast Events (Ks1 and KS2)

Over the next few weeks we will be hosting several 'Book and Breakfast' events in school for parents/carers to come into school with their child/children before the school day starts to enjoy a book and some breakfast.

These will be hosted in the junior hall – 8.10am -8.40am.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.



Year groups	Date	Time
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	8.10am -8.40am.
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	8.10am -8.40am.
Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	8.10am -8.40am.

No need to book just come along through the main school entrance.

### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

What a Successful 'World Book Day' we had yesterday. The range of costumes and outfits worn by children and staff were just wonderful. Thank you for all your support – we all had an extra special day with books!

Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes

Alyson Rigby





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## World Book Day

We loved World Book Day. There were so many people in fancy dress as literary characters. We all read in class and we had a book swap in the hall where you could bring in your old books and swap them for new ones.



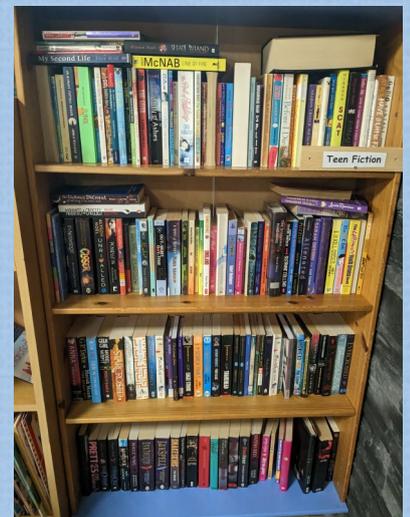


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## Little Big Library Trip

As part of World Book Day, Mr Smith and Ms. Ghazali took 10 of our Y6 prefects to the Little Big Library, in Belle Vale. It is run by Gateacre School and is an incredible place for people who love reading. You can take any book you want... for FREE! We loved it! They let us take books for the whole school to share.





## After School Clubs



<b>Mon</b>	Talking it Through	Y6	Mrs. Whittaker
	Running Club	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

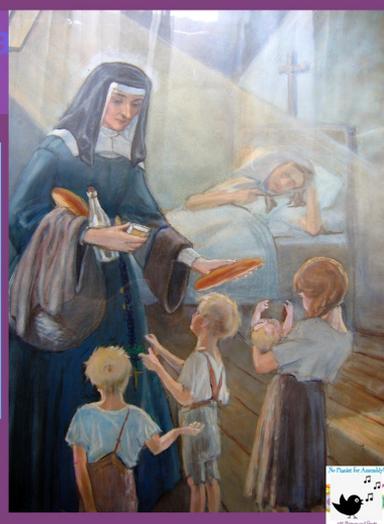
Y6: Wednesday

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

### Integrity, Respect & Aspiration John 13:1-17 Saints

After her husband died, St Louise devoted the rest of her life to helping care for the sick, the poor, and the neglected in France.

In 1633 she set up a training centre, in her own home, for candidates seeking to help in her work. This was the beginning of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.



O, Heavenly Father,  
Give me a heart like the heart of  
Jesus,  
A heart more ready to serve  
than to be served,  
A heart moved by compassion  
toward the weak and  
oppressed,  
A heart set upon the coming of  
your kingdom in the world of  
men and women.  
Amen

Read the  
Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart News-  
letters' 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**

**Ask at Reception for further details**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Adam T**

**Ezekiel A**

**Jamie C**

**John-Joseph H**

**Evie L**

**Jacob L**

**Austin R**

**Antonia S**

**Mr Daly**



## Celebration

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This mathematician from the Golden Wonders has been amazing all of us with his growing confidence in Maths. Not only is he able to complete addition and subtraction equations, but he is also starting to show great skill when multiplying. Well done!

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



A well deserved Scientist of the Week award goes to this High Achiever! You have demonstrated great enthusiasm and skills when working scientifically this week in science and our Little Einstein's after school science club.

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  
The number is FREE to call from the UK  
jo@samaritans.org  
samaritans.org





## Attendance

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	94.5
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	92.4
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	91.3
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	94.0
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	95.2
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	96.6
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.9
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	92.9
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	92.7
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	99.4
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	98.3
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	94.8
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	93.3
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	94.0
Totals	95%

Well done to the **WORLD BEATERS** 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**

### Attendance Ladder



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: World Beaters

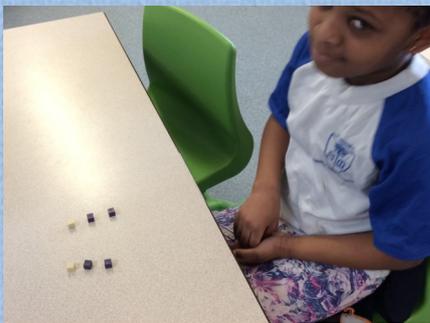
#### English

In English we have been exploring non-chronological reports. We decided to write our own reports about owls as it linked with our previous English story book 'Owl Babies'. Although we had some ideas about owls from the story, we decided that we needed more facts. We used the IPADS to do our own research about owls. Did you know that baby owls are called owlets?



#### Maths

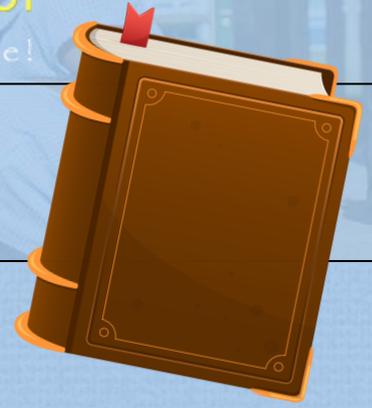
In Maths we have started to explore arrays to help us to solve multiplication calculations. We have also been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us to solve these calculations.



#### DEAR

One of our favourite times of the day, in the World Beaters, is Drop Everything And Read (DEAR). We especially love to read some of the books that we have read as a class in our English lessons.





## 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!

### March

- Monday 8th - Year 1 & 2 Book Breakfast in Junior Hall. Parents invited to read with their Children from 8:10am. Enter through main entrance of school.
- 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

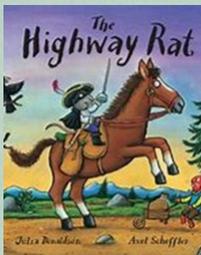
- Wednesday 5th - Easter Holidays Commence
- Monday 17th - School commences

### May

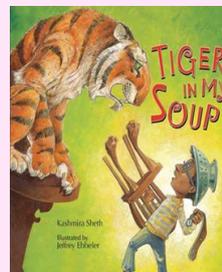
- Monday 8th—12th - KS2 SATS WEEK
- Monday 15th—19th - Aspire and Achieve Week

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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



**The Highway Rat** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Tiger in My Soup"





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# everton in the community



Everton in the Community run a dad's club twice monthly. The club is open to all dads/male carers with preschool aged children. We have lots of play equipment and activities about for the dads to engage with their children. Healthy snacks and bacon sandwiches are also provided for all.

Our next two groups will have a mobile petting zoo where the children will be able to meet a variety of small animals.

The next date is;

4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 10:00-11:30 at The People Hub <https://goo.gl/maps/QBgegQxxBwF5tsKN7>

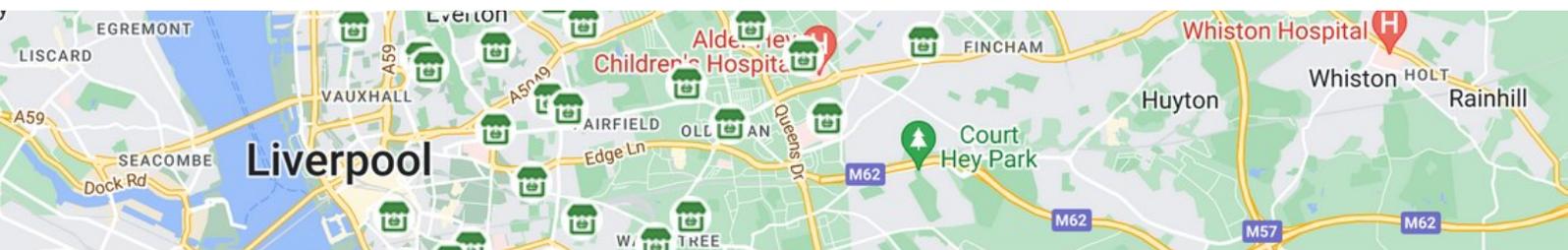
The club is completely free to attend, dads just need to register by filling out this form <https://evertonfc.tfaforms.net/1062>



## 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.





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/>





## 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)