



## Message from the headteacher

Friday 16th June

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dear Parents and Carers,



A very warm and sunny welcome back to the second half of the Summer term. I hope you and all your families had a very enjoyable two week half term break. We were all very blessed with the amazing weather we had over the holiday.



### First Holy Communion

During May and beginning of June a number of junior children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion during a special Mass at St Michael's Catholic church and Sacred Heart. The children supported by their families, parish catechists and school started their journey of preparation several months ago.

**Congratulations** to all these children – you were all wonderful and we are very proud of you all.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Favor    | Emmanuella |
| Jack     | Joy        |
| Kayden   | Fabian     |
| Lulia    | Silke      |
| Mary     | Abbie      |
| Eric     | Siena      |
| Elijah   | Alex       |
| Lucianna | Victoria   |

We hope to arrange a Holy Communion Mass celebration in church in July followed by a special breakfast in school. Once we have a date we will share with these families.

Thank you to Father FitzGerald, catechists, staff and families for all your support.

### Morning Gates - close at 8.50am

Please remember our school gates open at **8.40am and close at 8.50am**. **Most days** staff are still at the gates letting children in past this time. Punctuality is important. Children are missing the beginning of the day and staff are late for their tasks waiting to lock the gate.

Thank you to all the families that arrive on time.





## Headteacher's Message

We have many exiting activities, trips and learning experiences planned for the children over the next five weeks.

### Dates for your Dairy

| Event   | Date  | Attendance                                  |
|---|---|---|
| Aspire and Achieve Week                           | 19 <sup>th</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June | Whole school – Pupils Only                  |
| Sports Day Reception class and KS1 (year 1 and 2) | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June at 2pm           | Parents and Carers Welcome                  |
| Sports Day KS2 (year 3-6)                         | Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 2pm          | Parents and Carers Welcome                  |
| Picnic Around the World                           | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm          | Parents and Carers Welcome                  |
| End of Year Reports for children go home          | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July               | Parents and Carers to collect at end of day |
| Year 6 Prom Night                                 | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm          | Year 6 pupils                               |
| Prize Giving Assembly Infants                     | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am           | Parent and Carers welcome                   |
| Prize Giving Assembly Juniors (yr3-yr5)           | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am          | Parent and Carers welcome                   |
| Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Prize Giving          | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am         | Parent and Carers welcome (yr6)             |

Information and dates for class trips will be shared by class teachers.

### New Classes for September 2023

We will share with children and parents/carers next week the classes, teachers and support staff they will have next school year. To support with this transition we will have two mornings in July where the children will spend time with their new teacher and support staff member in their new classroom.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Alyson Rigby



## Class Focus: Whizz Kids

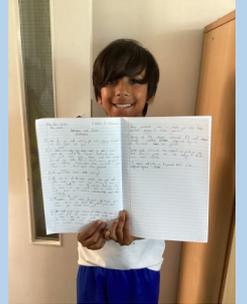
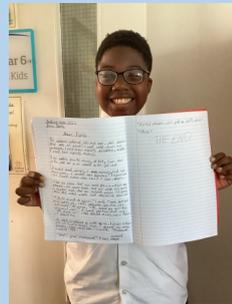
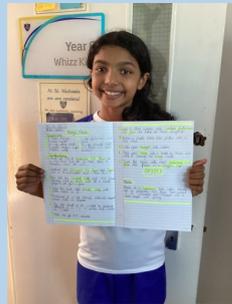
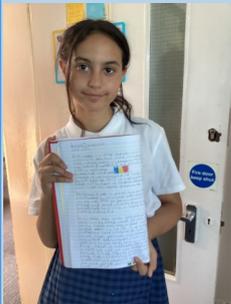
### A week with the Whizz Kids



Our final half term at St Michael's has begun and we have got off to a busy start! This week, we opened our Book Fair to the children and families of St Michael's. Have you been to visit us yet? We are located in the Junior Hall and are open every afternoon from 3:20 – 3:45pm. The response has been amazing so far and we have loved leading the Book Fair this year!

### Creative Writing

This week, we have been getting creative with our writing. During our Free write session, we were able to choose the style, genre and subject of our writing and the results were amazing! Our writes included: a recipe for Mango Mochi, a battlescene between Anime characters, a historical piece on Bran Castle – a famous castle in Romania, a suspenseful short story, a magazine article on current affairs in the makeup industry.



### Computing

We have been loving our sessions on 'Isle of Tune' over the last few weeks, creating music with a variety of instruments and special effects. Scan the QR code to listen to one of our musical masterpieces!



Another fantastic week in the Whizz Kids classroom!

Miss Sillitoe



## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Here is this week's super scientist, who has shown great understanding of our new healthy lifestyles topic. Well done, great effort!

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Here is our super Mathematician of the week! She has made so much progress, as evidence by her SATS. She worked so hard and she should be so proud of herself.

## Head Teacher Awards

|        |         |          |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Year 1 | Hope    | Yohannes |
| Year 2 | Babbett | Shashini |
| Year 3 | Eleora  | Ofure    |
| Year 4 | Abbie   | Favor    |
| Year 5 | Valeria | Darcy    |

### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Wow, this week, our phonics superstar is from our Nursery class. She has been trying really hard to learn her sounds and has been making a big effort to concentrate on her learning. Well done!





## After School Clubs

|            |                  |           |                             |
|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Mon</b> | Creative Writing | Y5        | Ms. Briggs                  |
|            | Computing Club   | KS1       | Mr Ferry                    |
|            | Athletics Club   | KS2       | Sam KMC                     |
| <b>Tue</b> | Choir            | KS2       | Rosie                       |
|            | Netball Club     | KS2       | Ms. Gibney/Ms. Gannon       |
|            | Fun Club         | Rec       | Ms. Davison/Ms. Collins/Ms. |
|            | Football         | Y6 & Y3/4 | Mr Ferry/Mr Daly            |

|            |                       |      |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| <b>Wed</b> | Lego Club             | Y3/4 | Miss Cornett/Mr Smith |
|            | Fun with Phonics      | Y1   | Ms. Miller/Ms West    |
| <b>Thu</b> | Cricket               | Y3/4 | Miss Cornett          |
|            | Badminton (lunchtime) | Ks2  | Ms. Forbes            |
|            | Guitar Club           | Ks2  | Mr Smith              |
|            | Football              | Y3/4 | LFC Coach             |
|            | Football              | Y5   | Mr Ferry              |
|            | Girls Football        | KS2  | Ms. Forbes            |
| <b>Fri</b> | Multi-Skills          | Y1/2 | Coach                 |

**PE DAYS:**

**Reception:** Monday & Thursday

**Y1:** Monday & Friday

**Y2:** Thursday

**Y3:** Wednesday & Thursday

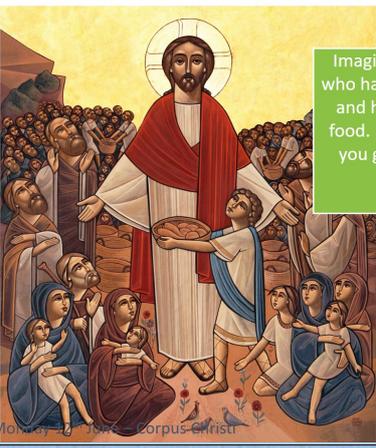
**Y4:** Tuesday & Friday

**Y5:** Friday

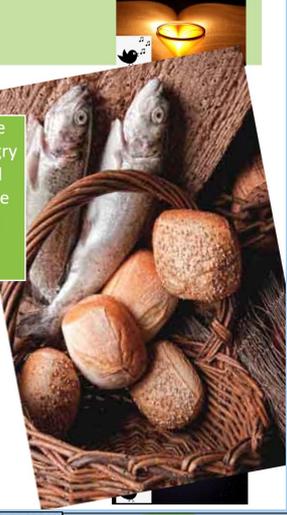
**Y6:** Wednesday

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

### Friendship: Luke 9:11-17 - Feeding the 5000



Imagine you are in the crowd of people who have come to Jesus. You were hungry and had no idea where you would find food. But then because of Jesus' miracle you get given something to eat by the disciples.  
How do you feel?



Jesus, you come to us as bread and wine.  
Fill us with your kindness and give us the appetite and strength to change the world for the better.  
**Amen**

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



**Jaime 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**

**Jaime Cranham 07712235803**

**jaime.cranham@liverpool.gov.uk**

**or see Mrs Birch**

**Ask at Reception for further details**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Leona  
Maya  
Antonia  
Diyari  
Eric  
Joud  
Miss Duncan  
Sarah



## Attendance

| Year Group                    | % Attendance  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| SHINING STARS - RECEPTION     | 94.8%         |
| SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION        | 93.9%         |
| QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1       | 96.1%         |
| RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1      | 93.7%         |
| GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2       | 92.7%         |
| <b>WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2</b> | <b>98%</b>    |
| HEROES - YEAR 3               | 98%           |
| OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3            | 97%           |
| HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4             | 97%           |
| INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4         | 96%           |
| HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5       | 92.9%         |
| <b>HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> |
| <b>WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6</b>     | <b>100.0%</b> |
| CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6            | 91.4%         |
| Totals                        | 96%           |

Well done to the **World Beaters** of the Infants, and the **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!

These classes have won this week's mini disco & crisps for best Class attendance. Well done

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

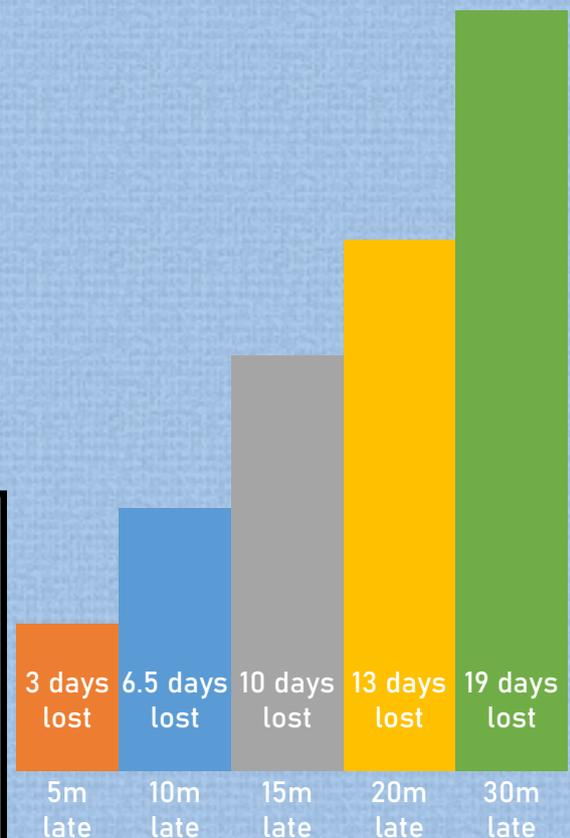


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good 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.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In the interest of your child's safety and well being, a named adult needs to be contactable at all times. Please ensure the school has at least 3 up to date telephone numbers. If school are unable to contact you and have concerns we may call the police and request a welfare check.

Can you please call school at the beginning of the day if your child is going to be absent.

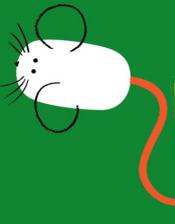


## Safeguarding

**NSPCC**

### Worried about a child?

**0808 800 5000**  
**help@nspcc.org.uk**



Streaming Online Platforms Gaming

### What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Anime



Published 30th May 2023

This free online safety guide delves into the cultural phenomenon of anime, detailing some of the inherent risks associated with this art form – such as extreme violence, sexual content, and predatory business practices. It will also talk about what you can do to address these issues.

[VIEW THIS GUIDE](#)

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### TALK TO US

If things are getting to you

**116 123** FREE  
The number is FREE to call from the UK

[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

[samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



### 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**



## Parenting Support

Dads can feel their family has become 'public Property' and can sometimes feel excluded from discussions with professionals. Try to make sure that you both go to at least some appointments together, encourage each other to develop other interest, and make time for your relationship with each other.

Having access to respite is a top priority for many parents. Don't feel guilty about asking for a break from your caring responsibilities. It helps recharge the batteries and maintain family relationships, as well as giving your child an opportunity to enjoy time away from home.

### Supporting the rest of the Family

Some siblings are very accepting and understanding of their special needs brother or sister. Others may feel embarrassed, or under pressure to compensate by becoming a 'super child'. Try to make sure that you give them time on their own with you. Keep them in touch with what's going on and let them have a life of their own.

Grandparents may find it helpful to be given professional information about their grandchild's condition. When visiting grandparents, encourage your child to take along a favourite toy or book so they have something to talk about.



### Helping you to be an even better mum or dad

For more information and tips on family life, contact Clubmoor and Ellergreen who can also help and point you to services you may benefit from

0151 233 8500



## Top Tips For Parents

### Raising Children with Special Needs



### Clubmoor and Ellergreen Children Centre

### **Parents of a child with special needs face a whole set of unique challenges and experiences.**

**We may feel unsure about our ability to fulfil our role as parents so here are some helpful tips for raising children with special needs.**

#### Help build your child's self-esteem.

The self-esteem of children with special needs is fragile and easily damaged. They need you to believe in them and give them encouragement. Point out to them their great personality traits and encourage them to be proud of who they are. Look out for good behaviours and small achievements to praise them for.

#### Give them quality time.

Playing with your children will strengthen your relationship. Find out what activity your child most enjoys and that together. Playing is important for your child's physical, emotional, social and brain development and also helps them to develop their create skills, Imagination and coordination.

Regularly have a time when your child has your full attention. Let them choose what they want to do, take an interest in their activity and enjoy spending time with them.

#### Give them boundaries

Children feel loved, safe and secure when they know what is expect of them. However, it can be challenging to communicate boundaries to your child special needs.

You need lots of patience and realistic expectations- not too high, but not too low either. Its normal to want to protect your child with special needs. However, if you are overprotective it can stop your child from learning nre skills and make them more dependent then they need to be.

#### Communicate clearly

Have eye contact with your child by getting down to their level. Keep commands simple and explain why certain behaviour is unacceptable. Try to be consistent. And use sign language or picture cards if it helps. You may feel you want to protect your child from knowing their diagnosis, but children are often first to know that they are different in some way. Talk naturally and simply about their condition when the opportunities arise.

#### Other people's reactions

Sometimes people make unhelpful comments or stare and look embarrassed. Develop some stock phrases to use in difficult situations, such as 'My son has a condition which makes it hard for him to sit still for long'. Or consider carrying a little card explaining your child's situation.

#### Acknowledge your feelings

Initially coming to terms with your child's special needs can feel like a grieving process. The hopes and dreams you had have to be readjusted. These feelings are completely normal.

You may find it helpful to contact us at Care for the Family and we can put you in touch with another parent in a similar situation to yourself through our befriending scheme (telephone 029 2081 0800)

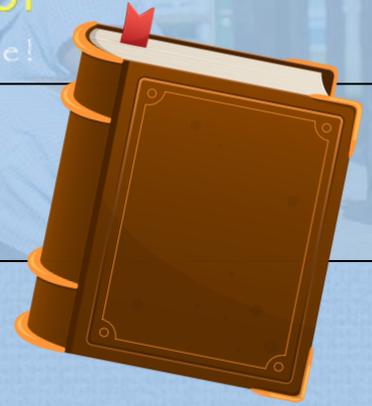
#### Know what help you're entitled to

As a parent or carer of a child with special needs, you might be entitled to certain benefits and services that can help you, your child and family.

#### Look after yourself

Taking time out for yourself isn't selfish- it's important and necessary. Find someone you can trust to look after your child and go for coffee with a friend, go for a run, take a long bath or spend time with your partner.





## 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!

### June

- Monday 19th – 23rd - Aspire and Achieve Week
- Monday 19th - Wavertree Athletics Ground after school tournament
- Thursday 22nd - Y5 High Achievers Science Museum trip
- Friday 23rd - Y5 High Flyers Science Museum trip
- Friday 23rd - Choir trip for Memory Singers

### July

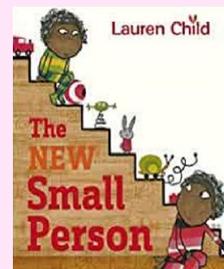
- Tuesday 4th - Nursery trip to Greenacres Farm
- Thursday 6th - Picnic Around the World
- Friday 7th - Year 1 Formby Beach Trip
- Thursday 20th - School finishes for Summer holidays

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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



**The Smeds and the Smoos**  
by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to  
listen to...

“The New Small Person”

By Lauren Child





St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

# Picnic



## Around the World

Would you be interested in sharing food from your home country with others?



The Around the World Picnic is on  
Thursday 6th July





## 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 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

Friday 10th February

Plus two extended twilight sessions



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!



## St Michael's Catholic Primary School

### 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)