



## Message from the headteacher

Friday 30th June

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU



Dear Parents and Carers Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Successful Sports Day Events

On Monday and Tuesday of this week we had two very successful Sports Day afternoons. All children from Reception to year 6 took part in a range of fun sport races from the sack to the egg and spoon race. Each activity had its own '**shout out**' which all the children enjoyed singing along too. No Sports day is complete without a staff and parent/carer race – thank you to all who took part! Thank you to the parents/carers who supported these events by attending and cheering all the children on.



We were also blessed with dry weather – success all round. Thank you and well done to Ms Forbes who organised these events.

### First Holy Communion School Celebration

Our Holy Communion Mass celebration in St Michael's church followed by a special breakfast in school is on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. A letter has been sent to all the families of the children who made their First Holy Communion this year.

We hope to see as many of these families as possible.



### School Strike Action

A letter about the forthcoming strike days in July has been sent. Here is a link to the letter for future reference.

<https://stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Strike-letter-July-2023.pdf>

### School Activities and Events

We have many exiting activities, trips and learning experiences planned for the children over the next four weeks. Please note some changes have had to be made due to the strike action.



## Headteacher's Message

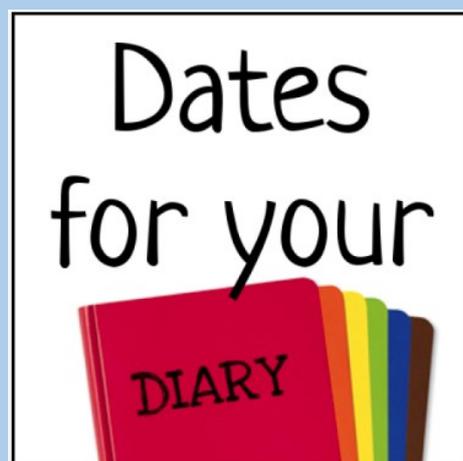
### Dates for your Dairy

Event	Date	Attendance
Holy Communion Mass and Celebration	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am	Holy Communion Children and Families Year 4 children and choir
Picnic Around the World	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm	Parents and Carers Welcome
End of Year Reports for children go home	Friday 14 <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)
Last day of term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July closes at 2pm	Whole school

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Alyson Rigby





## Class Focus: Shining Stars

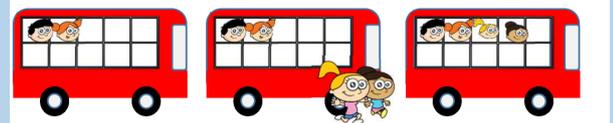
Over the past couple of weeks we have been involved in so many exciting things. We really enjoyed 'Aspire and Achieve Week' where we learnt about many different jobs. We all got to have a go in the fire engine, which was really cool! We also met some police officers who told us that if we see them out and about we should always smile and say hello. We know that it is important to have good school attendance so that we can learn lots of new things and reach for the stars.

On Monday we had our 'Sports Day'. It was great fun and we all enjoyed taking part. Well done to the blue team who won the most points overall.

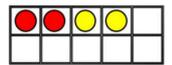
We have started learning all about 'Liverpool' and we started by trying to remember our own addresses. (This is really useful to know.) We have looked at some aerial views of our school and local area and we are going to explore this further over the next few weeks.

In Maths we are exploring numbers beyond 10 and have started working on some number problems.

In Literacy we are having a go at writing our own short stories. We like making up our own using our story prompt cards.



First there were 2 people on the bus.  
Then 2 more people got on the bus.  
Now there are 4 people on the bus.





## 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.
	Fun Club	Rec	Ms. Davison/Ms. Collins/Ms. McMahon
	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
<b>Fri</b>	Girls Football	KS2	Ms. Forbes
	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.

**CAFOD - God's Global Family**  
The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:30-37

Who is your neighbour?

GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS

CAFOD Just One World

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family. Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all. Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair, And live out our dreams.

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!**

**Alexa Karolina**

**Marian Chaline**

**Leo Bukky**

**Miss McEntee**



## Attendance

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	87.4
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	95.7
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	94.8
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	90.4
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	93.3
<b>WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2</b>	<b>97.3</b>
HEROES - YEAR 3	95.5
<b>OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3</b>	<b>97</b>
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	93.3
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	96.3
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	92.3
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	95.2
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	94
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	93.8
Totals	94.5

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

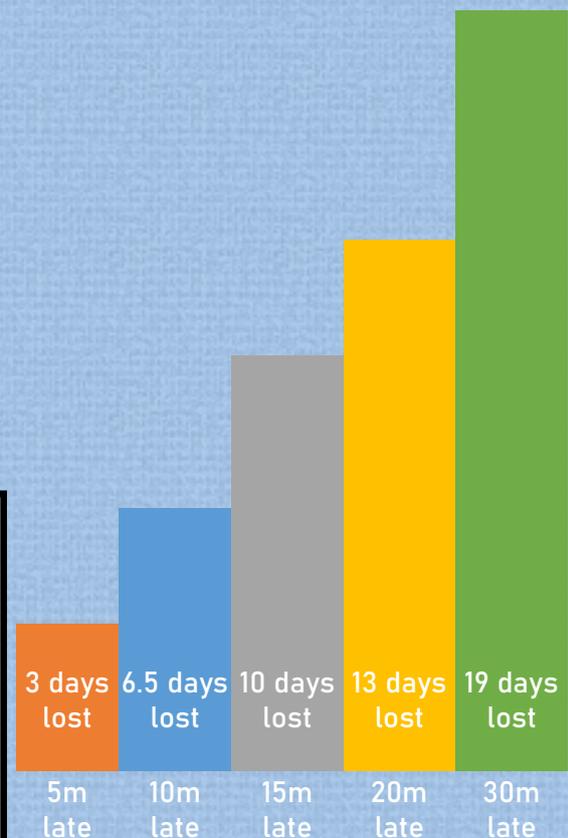


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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

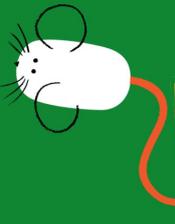


## Safeguarding

**NSPCC**

### Worried about a child?

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



Online Information

### What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Money Muling



Published 13th June 2023

This free online safety guide profiles money muling, and highlights ways that trusted adults can help prevent young people to avoid being drawn into this illegal activity.

[VIEW THIS GUIDE](#)

[VIEW ALL TRAINING](#)

### 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

### Some story books about grief and loss

**Badger's parting gifts** by Susan Varley

**Grandpa** by John Burningham

**I Miss You** by Pat Thomas

**If all the world were** by Joseph Coelho

**The Goodbye Book** by Todd Parr by Oliver Jeffers

**The Memory Tree** by Britta Teckentrup

**Always and Forever** by Alan Durant

**Goodbye Mousie** by Robbie H Harris

**Goodbye Mog** by Judith Kerr

**I'll Always Love You** by Hans Wilhelm

**Goodbye Grandma** by Melanie Walsh

Schools can also have help and will have an internal pathway to support children who's anxiety is starting to affect their well-being

- Class Teacher/LSA
- Mentors
- Feel Good clubs
- SENCO
- Mental Health support Teams
- Seedlings/CAHMS

### Day to day support in school

Even when deeply sad, children still need to be children. School offers the chance to play, laugh, sing and generally just be a child without feeling guilty.

Please talk to your child's class teacher so they are aware of your circumstances. They will watch carefully over your child to ensure they are not struggling.

School can offer the chance to talk one to one with a trusted adult if needed. They can also help bereaved children find appropriate ways to express all their feelings and thoughts associated with grief, such as sadness, anxiety, confusion, anger and guilt.

### Further Support

- Children Centre Team
- SENCOS
- CAHMS
- LPAS

### Bereavement Support

A leaflet for Parents and Carers to help support children



### If your child is about to lose someone

If a child has a loved one, such as a family member or friend who's going to die, they can benefit from special support.

A child's stress level is often at its highest before bereavement because of the fear of the unknown.

Pre-bereavement counselling gives a child the chance to think and talk about their feelings and share their worries.

If you're a parent and you know you are going to die, you could make a memory box to give to your child or make one together. A memory box contains things that remind you both of your time together. It can provide an important link between you and your child once you have gone.

Organisations such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Winston's wish or Marie Curie provide information and supporting children when an adult is dying

### Talking about a person who has died

During bereavement it can help a child to talk about a person who has died, whether it was a grandparent, parent, brother, sister or a friend.

Direct, honest and open communication is more helpful than trying to protect your child by hiding the truth.

It may be helpful to talk as a family, perhaps with your child, about how to include them in any events that celebrate or say goodbye to the person who has died.

It's important for them to have someone with them whom they can talk about that person and share emotions. This could be through photos, stories, games or memory boxes. Macmillan Cancer support has information about making a memory box.

Overtime, children may start to talk about their loss at different times and in different ways. Young children may start talking about death or including it in their play, but this is normal and a way for them to make sense of what has happened.

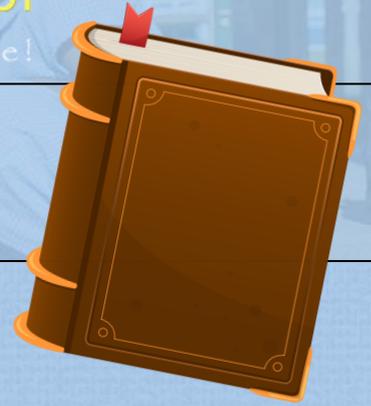
### Talking to children

Being honest and including children in what is happening is usually the best approach.

Use simple words such as 'dying' or 'died' when you tell children about death. Don't use phrases like 'gone away' or 'gone to a better place'

Try not to use the phrase 'going to sleep' to describe dying because young children may then be afraid of going to sleep.

Be prepared for the possibility of children asking what happens to people once they have died. How you approach this will depend on your own beliefs. It may be helpful to think in advance about your answer to this kind of question.



## Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

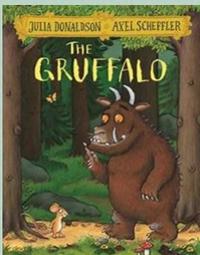
Please note these are subject to change or may be added to so please check these events every week!

- July**
- Tuesday 4th - Nursery trip to Greenacres Farm
  - Friday 7th - Year 1 Formby Beach Trip
  - Tuesday 11th - Nursery trip to Greenacres Farm
  - Wednesday 12th - Picnic Around the World
  - Friday 14th - End of year reports go home
  - Thursday 13th - Year 6 Prom Night
  - Monday 17th - Infant Prize Giving
  - Tuesday 18th - Y3, 4 and 5 Prize Giving
  - Wednesday 19th - Y6 Gulliver's World Trip
  - Thursday 20th - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Prize Giving

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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

School  
holidays

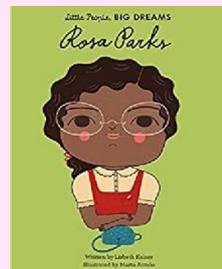


**The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



finishes

for Summer



Scan the QR code to  
listen to...

"Little People, Big  
Dreams: Rosa Parks"

By Lisabeth Kaiser  
Illustrated by Marta Antel





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  
Wednesday 12th July





# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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## 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



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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)