



Headteacher's Message

Friday 15th September 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Welcome Meeting for all parents/carers Nursery class to Year 6

On **Wednesday 20th September** we would like to invite you into school at the end of the school day to meet your child's/children's teachers and learning support assistants and hear about your child's/children's school day.

Each class teacher will give a presentation on important information about school life and things you need to know about your child's learning. There will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions and see some of the work the children have already done since starting the new school year.

Each class teacher will do two presentations to help parents who have more than one child in school. If you cannot get to all the presentations the class teacher will give you a copy.

Presentation one: 3.40pm

Presentation two 4.10 pm

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday

Important Roles for Year 6

Congratulations to our new Year Six Head Pupils, Deputy Pupils and Prefects for this school year.

- ◆ Head Boy - Albert
- ◆ Head Girl - Joy
- ◆ Deputy Head Girl- Azeezat
- ◆ Deputy Head Boy - George

Prefects

- ◆ Selyna
- ◆ Asir
- ◆ Olivia
- ◆ David
- ◆ Success
- ◆ Maggie
- ◆ Omid
- ◆ John-Joseph

These children joined myself and several members of staff on Wednesday to take part in a Mission Statement review. I know they will take these important school roles with great pride and represent our school over the year at various events very well.

All our year 6 pupils are important ambassadors for St Michaels and will also have opportunities over the year to represent our school too.



Free School Meals

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All children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2

Are you entitled?

are entitled to free school meals regardless of your income. Click [here](#) to apply for free school meals. You will get an instant decision.

Year 7 Applications

Year 7 applications are now open and the deadline is 31st October at 5pm. Year 6 staff will be hosting drop in sessions to assist with applications (dates will be given out at Welcome Meeting next week). Click [this link](#) for more information.



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Pupil Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child's/children making 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 the world of work.

Sometimes as parents/carers we maybe unsure if my child is too ill to go to school.

We have recently received some guidance from the DfE (Department for Education) and Chief Medical Officer about this.

[Here](#) is a link to '*Is my child too ill for school?*'.

Morning –Start of Day

Our school gates open at **8.40am** and close at **8.50am**. Learning begins at 8.50am. All children must be in school by this time. Gates will close promptly at **8.50am**.

Afternoon –End of day

Our school gates open at **3.20pm** and close at **3.30pm**. All children (unless in a club or after-school club) must be collected promptly. Children not collected will be supervised by staff and when picked up a member of senior staff will meet with parent/carer.

Children can only attend Sparkles if they have been booked in via the school App or made a call to school. (this latter option is only in case of emergency and you cannot pick up).

Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alyson Rigby

Headteacher



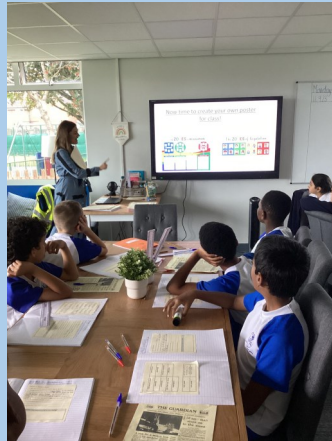
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Zones of Regulation

Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Low	Happy	Wobbly	Angry
Running slow	Good to go	Caution	STOP!
Unhappy Tired Withdrawn Tearful	Positive Proud Calm Focused	Excited Nervous Frustrated Annoyed	Mad Furious Yelling Aggressive

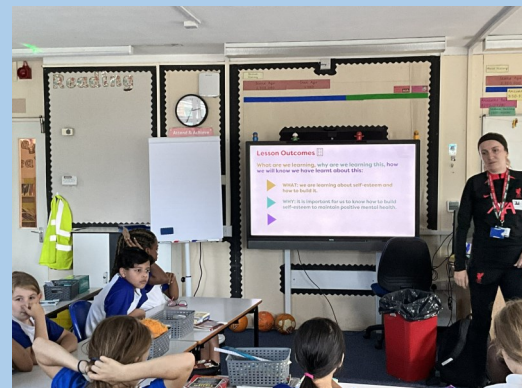
This week we have delivered lessons across all the classes in school about Zones of Regulation. These lessons teach the children about understanding their emotions, how they feel when they are experiencing those emotions, and give them tips on how to manage them. The children loved the sessions and really got involved. The sessions will be continuing throughout the year.





Class Focus: High Flyers

The High Flyers are so happy to be back in school and learning daily. We have worked hard to get back into the school routine. In English, we have started our Lost in Space topic in which we will be writing about an astronaut that has been left alone on Mars. We have been reading all about space in our Reading lessons which has helped us capture the atmosphere of space in our writing. In Maths, we have been focusing on Place Value and in particular numbers to 100,000. In History, we have begun studying Bagdad and its place in the ancient world. Our Geography topic is all about the state of California in the USA. We are hoping that Mrs Rigby might let us go there on a holiday if we ask REALLY nicely. It has been wonderful settling into Year Five and we are excited about the year ahead.



Year Five



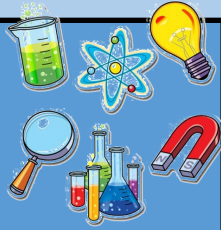
High Flyers





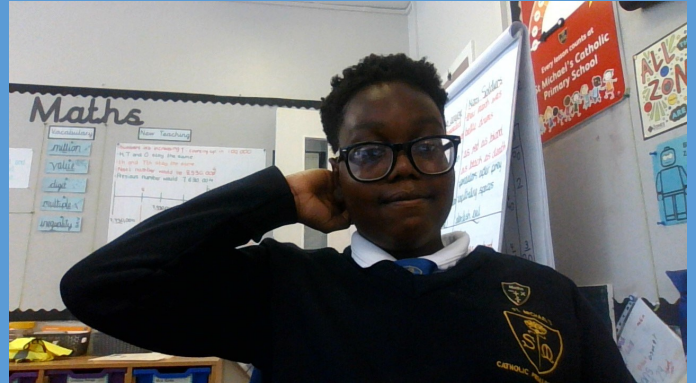
Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



We couldn't pick just one! Congratulations to both girls for working scientifically to create a replica of a working heart. The girls were successfully able to describe the function of arteries and veins as well as how the heart works. Well done!

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This fantastic human has made some amazing progress in his Arithmetic this week! He has worked hard on his Mathematical strategies and nearly doubled his result! Definitely something to be proud of. Well done! Mrs Birks

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Tyago	Alesha
Year 2	Mobo	Jose
Year 3	Fred	Leo
Year 4	Shanel	
Year 5	Kayden	Eric
Year 6	Scarlett	Rodrigo



PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to this week's Phonics Star. He's been working super hard and you can tell that it is really paying off. Congratulations!



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PE Days

Year 6 – Whizz Kids & Champions	Both classes - Tuesday
	Both classes - swimming kit needed Thursdays, beginning 14th September
Year 5 – High Achievers & High Flyers	High Achievers – Monday & Friday
	High Flyers – Thursday & Friday
Year 4—Inspirations & Hotshots	Both classes—Monday and Friday
Year 3 Olympians and Heroes	Both classes—Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 World Beaters and Golden Wonders	World Beaters—Monday
	Golden Wonders—Thursday
Year 1 Record Breakers & Quick Thinkers	Both classes Friday
Reception—Shining Stars and Super Stars	Both classes—Tuesday & Friday
Nursery—Shooting Stars	Monday

Equality & Friendship: Mark 4:30-32

Small acts of kindness



Mark 4:30-32

³⁰ Then Jesus said, "How can I show you what the kingdom of God is like? What story can I use to explain it? ³¹ The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The mustard seed is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² But when you plant this seed, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants. It produces large branches. Even the wild birds can make nests in it and be protected from the sun."



Class prayer time

O God, we give you praise!
Your kingdom is all around us.
May we each do our small part
To help your kingdom to grow
On earth as it is in heaven.
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!

Qanit

Babett

Parwa

Amer

Emmanuel

Popoola

Chris

Oluwatiresimi

Gabriel

Reval

Isaac

Ms Duncan

Mikayla

Miss Cornett

Ms Dunn



Attendance

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	91.4
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	97.8
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	96.0
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	100.0
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	94.5
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	91.7
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.3
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	93.3
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	100.0
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	97.6
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	91.0
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	100.0
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	95.0
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	95.3
Totals	95.9

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS** of the Infants, and the **HOTSHOTS And HIGH FLYERS** 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

Attendance Ladder

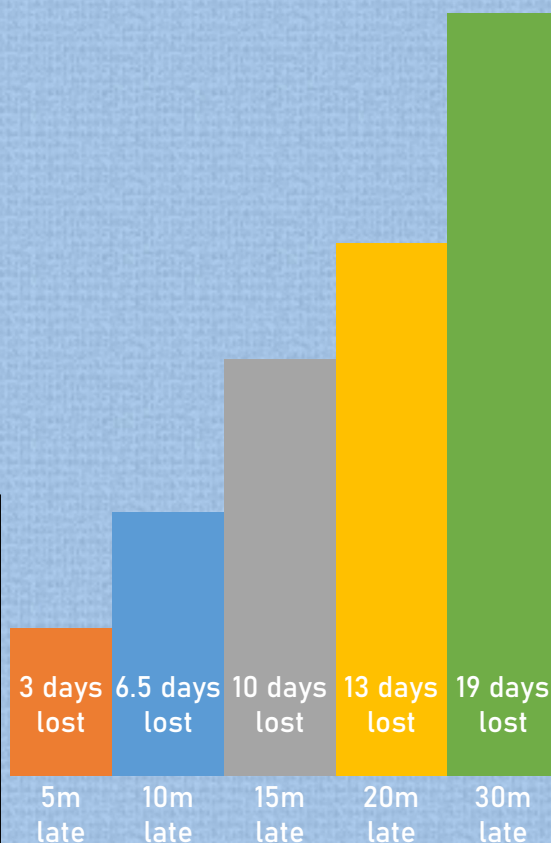


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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



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.

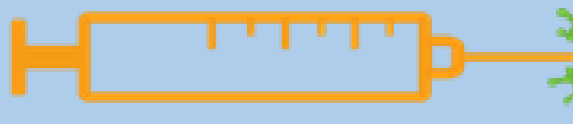
Can you please call school at the beginning of the day if your child is going to be absent.



Immunisation Consent Forms



officially Vaccinated



Flu 23/24

Click here for
information and to give
consent or decline this
vaccination

Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of purified porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you complete this form please contact the immunisation team

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete their consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Please contact the immunisation team if you want to make any changes to your child's form after completing it, or you visit a GP for their flu immunisation.

Please remember it's important to ensure your child has received two doses of MMR and their other routine immunisations. This will ensure they are fully protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

If you have any further queries, please contact the immunisation team, who will be happy to help.

Information in other languages and formats can be accessed via this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>



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Sparkles and Breakfast Club

Sparkles



After School Club

Come and join the fun!

Sparkles runs from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30pm. The full session costs £5. A reduced, hour long session, costs £3.

If you wish your child to attend, this must be booked and paid for in advance on the online booking system via the parent app.

If you need any more information, please feel free to come into school and ask.



At St Michael's we offer our very own Breakfast Club that provides a safe, nurturing and friendly environment for children who need to have an early start! Our qualified staff will provide generous care and plan stimulating activities for children to choose from.

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 7.45 am – 8.30 am and is located in the Infant Building and can be entered by the Infant Gate. At the end of Breakfast Club children will be taken to class by a member of staff.

If you wish your child to attend the cost is 50p per child. This must be booked and paid in advance on the online booking system via the Parent app .



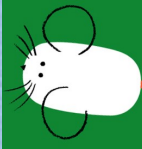
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Safeguarding

NSPCC

**Worried about
a child?**



0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk



**TALK
TO US**

If things are getting to you



116 123

FREE

This number is FREE to call round the clock



jo@samaritans.org



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

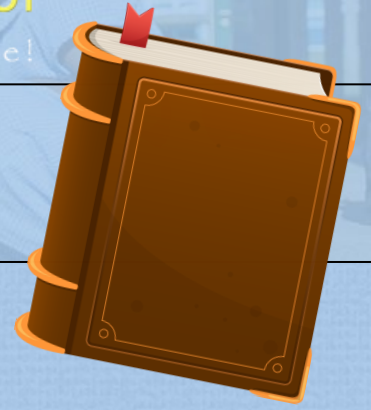
Call 0151 233 3700



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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!

September

20th - Parents welcome meetings. Time tbc.

25th - Reception phonics meeting for parents. Time tbc

October

9th - 11th Chet Residential for Year 4

19th - School photographs

26th - Harvest Festival

26th - School closes at normal time for half term

November

6th - School opens for Autumn 2

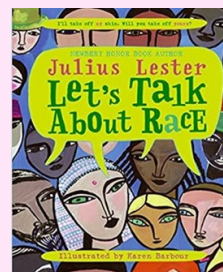
9th Thursday— parents open night

Storytime @ St Michael's

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



Superworm by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester

"Let's Talk About Race"

By Julius Lester





MEET THE STAFF

2023-2024

Nursery
Shooting Stars
Miss Potter



Reception
Shining Stars
Miss Kormi



Reception
Super Stars
Miss O'Kane



Year 1
Record Breakers
(Miss Potter's old class)
Miss Mc Entee



Year 1
Quick Thinkers
(Miss Turner's old class)
Miss Duncan



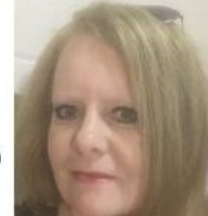
Cover
Teacher
Miss Murray



Year 2
Golden Wonders
(Ms Duncan's old class)
Miss Gannon



Year 2
World Beaters
(Miss Mc Entees old class)
Mrs Roscoe



Year 2
World Beaters
(Miss Mc Entees old class)
Miss Sharpes



Year 3
Olympians
(Mrs Roscoe's old class)
Ms Gibney



Year 3
Heroes
(Miss O'Kane's old class)
Miss Hollywood



Headteacher
Alyson Rigby



Year 4
Inspirations
(Miss Gannon's old class)
Mrs Forbes



Year 4
Hot Shots
(Miss Hollywood's old class)
Miss O'Brien



Head of
Teaching
and Learning
Mrs Gordon



Year 5
High Flyers
(Mrs Forbe's old class)
Mr Ferry



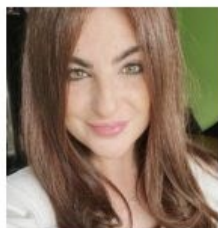
Year 5
High Achievers
(Mr Daley's old class)
Miss Whittaker



Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
Mrs Birch



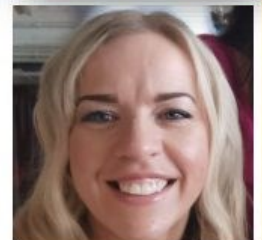
Year 6
Champions
(Miss Gibney's old class)
Miss Deans



Year 6
Whizz Kids
(Mr Ferry's old class)
Miss Sillitoe



SENCO
Special
Educational
Needs
Coordinator
Mrs Reilly



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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)