



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 22nd September 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

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Dear Parents and Carers

### School Feast Day and Maths Party

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating the feast of St Michael – our school patron saint and taking part in the Liverpool city wide 'Maths Party'

In the morning children will enjoy a special feast day assembly and in the afternoon join in the Maths party.

On this day as part of the celebrations we will have a **non-uniform day**. Children may wear party clothes if they wish. Football strips are acceptable too. Please ensure children wear sensible and comfy footwear so they are safe around school.

### Refreshed School Mission Statement.

As part of the assembly we will present our updated Mission Statement with all children and staff. This will also be updated on our school website for all families to see.

Last week some year 6 children and staff worked with me to put together the last parts of this important school statement. Their views and idea were so insightful and played a big part in shaping the final version.



### Free School Meals



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.

### Online Applications

If your child is starting Reception or Year 7 in September 2024 [APPLY ONLINE](#) now.

- Closing date for Year 7: 31st October 2023
- Closing date for Reception: 15th January 2024

### School Uniform –label with child's name.

Please ensure all school uniform, coats and jackets are labelled with Child's name (full name).

As you can imagine it is a very difficult and time consuming task trying to match up lost jumpers and cardigans with a child when there is no name on item. It takes moments to put a name on the label but will save time and family upset when items are lost. You can use labels or a fabric pen (other pens should work too!)





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### No Jewellery in School

Children must NOT wear jewellery for school. They are permitted to wear small stud earrings and a smart and sensible wrist watch may be worn. (No phone watches)

If children arrive at school wearing jewellery outside above they will be asked to remove and it will be kept in a box in the class and returned to them at the end of day to take home. The class teacher will discuss this matter with parent/carer at end of day.

This is part of our school uniform policy and health and safety.

### Bicycles and Scooters

We welcome children travelling to school on a bike or a scooter. But once they arrive at the school gates they must get off and push them to the bike shed (junior playground). Also when they collect them at the end of the day, they must be pushed until out of school gates. This is to keep everyone safe on the school grounds. Thank you



### Welcome Meeting on Wednesday

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the class welcome meetings on Wednesday. The information slides that teachers shared are now on the website under each class. Here you will find information about homework/PE days etc;

### [Here is a link to website](#)

Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alyson Rigby.

Headteacher





## Class Focus: Whizz Kids

Whizz Kids

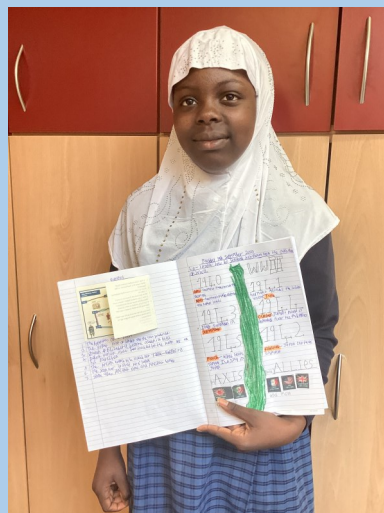
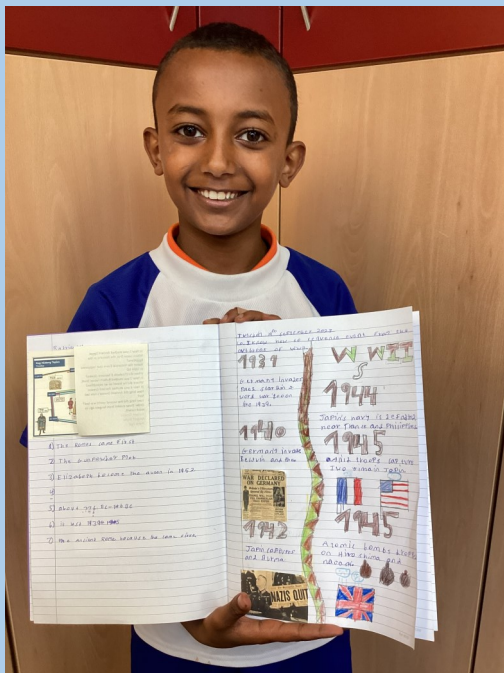
What a wonderful start to the year in the Whizz Kids classroom! Miss Sillitoe and Miss Ghazali have been so impressed with our hard work, concentration and love for learning!

In our current writing topic, we have been exploring the life and diary of Anne Frank. We have written fantastic monologues and setting descriptions of the annex Anne called home during WWII.

In reading, we have been exploring our topic of war further. We have spent the last couple of weeks exploring fact books and poetry linked to WW1 and WWII. We learned about the Black-outs during WWII and while they were well intentioned, they actually led to an increase in crime and car accidents!

As well as our exciting curriculum, we have also began our swimming for the year. We were so excited to get back to the swimming pool and our teachers were blown away with just how many confident swimmers we have in the Whizz Kids! We will continue swimming until December so please remember to bring your kits (and swimming caps!) every Thursday.

Finally, we are very excited for our upcoming residential to Colomendy in February 2024. Remember that payments can be made on our school app and if you need any further information, feel free to speak to Miss Sillitoe at the end of the school day or contact the office.







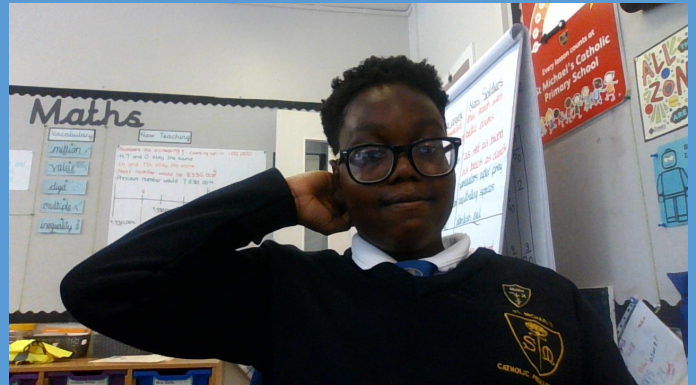
## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



This scientist helped to plan a fair test to see which substance melted ice the quickest. This is part of our solids, liquids and gases topic. Well done and congratulations!

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This mathematician has shown excellent understanding of place value this week. He's really trying hard and can apply the knowledge he's learning to his mental and written mathematics. Well done!

### Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Clara	Jayden
Year 2	Yohanes	Ranj
Year 3	Connor	Emediong
Year 4	Jacob	Nikyle
Year 5	Ruby	Marek
Year 6	Noah	Valeria



### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to this week's Phonics Star. She's worked really hard this week and is making great progress in her reading and spelling.



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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

### Courage & Peace: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Our Community



Do The Right Thing

What are the right things to do to look after our planet?



Class prayer time

HAVE COURAGE and BE KIND  
Anderella

God of love,  
Strengthen our faith,  
And help us to make the right choices,  
Even when it is difficult.  
**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!

Murewa

Tiwa

Caterina

James

Kajus

Andra

Nomsa

Gloria

Dylan

Blessing

Eldana

Mr Ferry





## Attendance

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	94.1%
<b>SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	92.2%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	95%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	92.9%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	93.1%
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.3%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	90%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	97.4%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	93.8%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	94.3%
<b>HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	93.6%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	93.3%
Totals	93.3%

Well done to the **SUPER-STARS** of the Infants, and the **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.



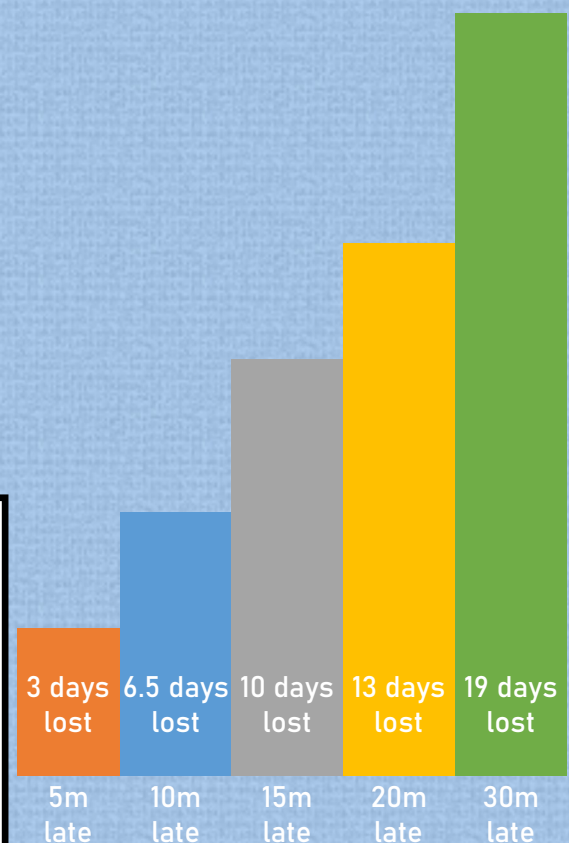
We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

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.





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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.**





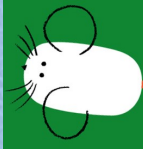
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## Safeguarding

**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**

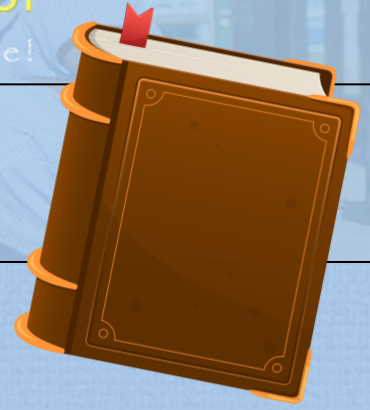




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## Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events



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

### September

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

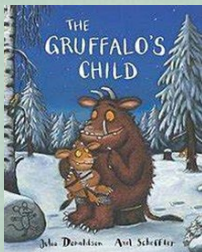
### November

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!



**The Gruffalo's Child** by  
Julia Donaldson and Axel  
Scheffler



**Scan the QR code to  
listen to...**

**"Playtime with Ted"**

**By Sophie Henn**







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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)