



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 29th September 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

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Dear Parents and Carers

### School Feast Day Celebration

Today we have celebrated our school feast day for our patron saint – St Michael. We all enjoyed an assembly led by year 5 and year 4 including the singing of our new school song written by our music teacher – Rosy Smith.

During the assembly we presented Head teacher Awards – **'sharing kindness'** and **'Ambassador'** awards for children who are superb school role models. Names of these award winners are in this newsletter.

We also launched our updated Mission Statement. A full copy of this will put on our website on Monday.

Our Mission motto is: **'With Jesus we can achieve what we dream and believe'**.

Our values are:

Joy & Happiness  
Friendship & Nurture  
Tolerance & Respect  
Peace & Forgiveness  
Diversity & Equality  
Aspire & Courage  
Integrity & Honesty



All children will be given a special Mission Book Mark to use in school.

Each class created 'Mission in a BOX' based around these values. These will be placed around the Mission Tree outside the junior hall. These values are for us all in our school community to put in practice in our everyday lives.

### Fond Farewell to Ms Karen Miller

Today in our infant assembly we said a fond farewell to Ms Miller. Ms Miller has been at St Michael's for nearly 14 years and supported hundreds of children at school in this time. Ms Miller is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and has always performed this job with tremendous professionalism, care, dedication and with great effectiveness.

We wish Ms Miller lots of luck as she starts an exciting new career. We will all miss her.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alyson Rigby.

Headteacher



### Free School Meals

**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



## Panathlon Challenge Winners

Six St Michael's children went on a trip with Mrs Reilly and Mr Smith to Lister Drive Junior School. They competed in the inter school Panathlon Challenge against 5 other schools from across the city. The children loved the day and got to challenge themselves in six different activities: Boccia Blast, Volleybat, New Age Kurling, Slam Dunk, Precision Bean Bag and Flight Path.

The wonderful news is that our team won and now get to compete in the regional finals! The children were absolutely delighted with their gold medals and were presented with their certificates in assembly in front of the school this morning. We couldn't be prouder of them.





### Class Focus: Champions

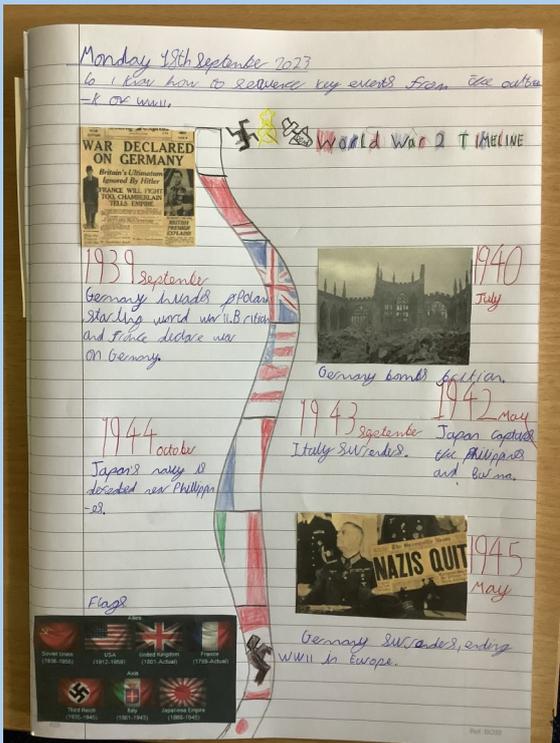
The Champions have taken Year 6 by storm this half term! Everyone has settled in amazingly well and I am so proud of the whole class!

In our Maths lessons, we have been working hard to practice our retrieval skills and using them in our Arithmetic sessions, helping us to build in confidence and fluency in Maths. This helped us today as we made our games to play for Liverpool Maths Day!

Our topic focus has been on WWII, where we have focused on the Diary of Anne Frank, the Blitz and other fascinating topics around the historical event. We have written our own monologues, created timelines and done research around the events of WWII; it is definitely a topic we are all enjoying!

We're enjoying being the older role models in our school and we strive to live through our mission values every day! To help us do this, we have elected Head Pupils, Prefects and Monitors.

An amazing start to Year 6! Well done, everyone! Mrs Birks



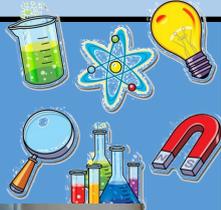
Year 6





## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



This scientist learned about the parts of a plant and labelled everything perfectly. She demonstrated great scientific understanding. Well done!

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This mathematician has really shone on the tests he's done this week. He's worked hard in class and you can really see the results. Well done for such excellent maths work.

### Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	George	Michelle
Year 2	Rithvishakan	Gabriella
Year 3	Maria	Arnold
Year 4	Cecelia	Marin
Year 5	Bernice	Favor
Year 6	Kirunitha	Lucy

### Head Teacher Ambassadors

Year 1	Kai	Abel
Year 2	Adesuma	Fabien
Year 3	Yasmin	Jeremy
Year 4	Kingston	Zerlina
Year 5	Emma	Jason
Year 6	Rojeely	Dylan

### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to this phonics star. He's been working really hard and concentrating in his lessons. It's really paying off and he's making great pro-



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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

### Friendship & Nurture: Proverbs 13

I value the people the people around me.

An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies.

4<sup>th</sup> October is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. He wrote this prayer.

What is the meaning of the words in the prayer?



Lord, make me an instrument of your **PEACE**. Where there is hatred let me sow **LOVE**. Where there is injury, **PARDON**. Where there is doubt, **FAITH**. Where there is despair, **HOPE**. Where there is darkness, **LIGHT**. and where there is sadness, **JOY**.

- saint francis of assisi -

God of hope, we know that all people are important, because they are loved by you.

Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children.

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!

Laceie Sklya

Lila Miss Whittaker

Joandro Mrs Shields

Elise Ms Gibney



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## Attendance



WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	98.6%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	94.4%
<b>QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	96.1%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	91%
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.7%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	98.6%
<b>HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	94.1%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	97.3%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	96.6%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	97.9%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	99.3%
Totals	97.1%

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS AND QUICK THINKERS** of the Infants, and the **HOT SHOTS** 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

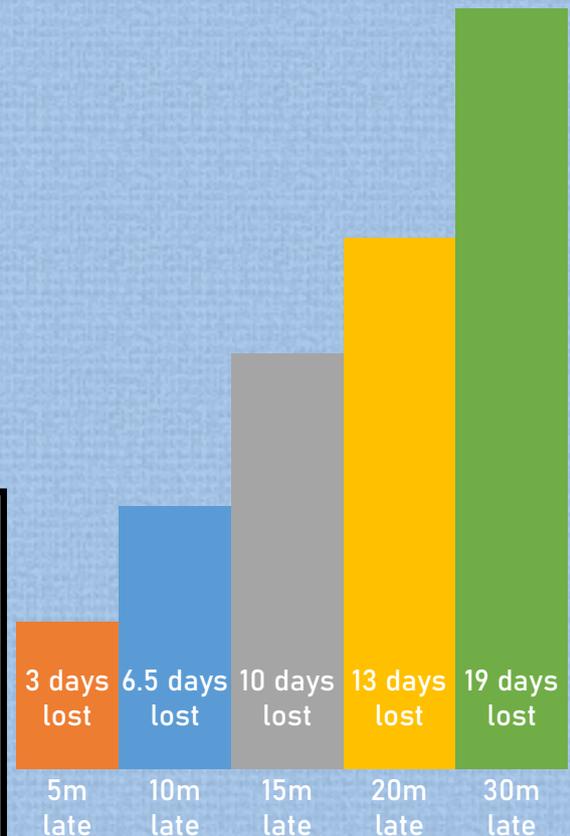


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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



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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 .**



## 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 from the UK

**jo@samaritans.org**

**samaritans.org**

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### **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**



## SEN & Support



### ASD TEAM Question & Answer

Coffee Afternoon



6<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm

At St. Michael's Catholic Primary School

Come, join us for a hot/cold beverage and some snacks to discuss Autism Spectrum Disorder and how you can be supported: a question and answer session with the ASD Team for parents of children with a diagnosis or who have concerns of communication & interaction.



October 2023

## Newsletter

### LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Wednesday  
18th Oct  
18:30 - 19:30  
FREE



**FREE SESSION**  
Family Meetings:  
Why and How

Monday  
2nd Oct  
18:30 - 20:30  
£24



**Understanding  
the Teenage Brain**  
Why teens think, feel and behave  
differently from adults

Monday  
23rd Oct  
18:30 - 20:30  
£24



**Understanding Anger**  
Yours and theirs - what is anger, why  
do we feel it and how can we manage  
it?

Thursday  
26th Oct  
18:30 - 20:30  
£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
interactive session explaining what ADHD is  
and offering a range of interventions that can  
make lasting differences.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





## 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!

### October

9th - 11th Chet Residential for Year 4

19th - School photographs

26th - Harvest Festival

26th - School closes at normal time for half term

### November

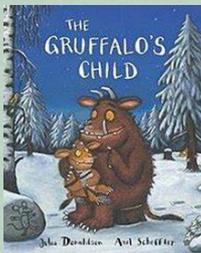
6th - School opens for Autumn 2

- Autism Drop in 2pm

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)