



Headteacher's Message

Friday 6th October 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dear Parents and Carers

National Poetry Day – Thursday 5th October 2023

On Thursday, we celebrated **National Poetry Day 2023**. The theme this year was 'Refuge', and the children spent their day exploring different poems within this theme, using their voices, words and stories to raise awareness of this important topic, spreading important messages to others around them.

Here is an extract of a poem written by one of our incredibly talented year 4 poets, Cecilia:

Got To Go

Got to go
far away from home
where things are in danger.

Got to go
with a heart broken
and with hunger.

Got to go
with pain inside of your body
and sadness.



Have a look at more of our brilliant poetry work through [#STMpoetry](#)

Fitness Friday in School

We would like to trial a fitness programme for all children across the school each Friday. Staff and children are invited to wear PE kits each Friday to join in some additional fitness activities. It may be just a short burst of activity or a longer fitness session. These activities may include a 'Fun Exercises', 'Daily Mile', 'Tag Rugby', and 'Dodge Ball' and so on. We want to give all our children some additional opportunities in school to further develop their fitness.

Children must wear either their school PE kit on this day or school uniform. Football strips and other sports clothes are not to be worn. Thank you

We will trial this until end of the autumn term. We will evaluate the programme and let you know if it will continue in January 2024.

School PE T-Shirt (plain white polo or badged school top) Royal Blue PE Shorts Black Pumps or Trainers Navy Jogging Bottoms (optional for the winter).

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warmer weather that has been predicted for this weekend.

Alyson Rigby

Headteacher



Free School Meals

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All children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 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





Class Focus: World Beaters

The World Beaters have worked exceptionally hard in their first half term!

We have been exploring The Great Fire of London in our history lessons, focusing on the key events and the interesting people involved! We created a large timeline on the playground and have begun delving into the depths of the history of London; we are loving this topic!

We have been looking at new beginnings in our RE lessons, exploring different beginnings that we may have experienced, and writing prayers to ask God for help. We also visited St Michael's Church to see Father Fitz. We loved exploring the different parts of the church and even got to sing a song.

We are a class who love to read, and are really enjoying 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions. Our monitors ensure that our reading area is kept tidy, and we always remind each other that books are precious.

What an amazing start to Year 2! Well done, we are so proud of you! Miss Sharpes & Mrs Roscoe





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Wow! Well done to this Scientist of the Week for his super investigation work and amazing questions. He shows the curiosity required to make a great scientist!

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Well done to this super mathematician for the incredible progress he has been making. His confidence is skyrocketing and he's really enjoying his mathematics.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1

Samuel

Ethan

Year 2

Antonia

Annya

Year 3

Enoch

Aleena

Year 4

Eleora

Poppy

Year 5

Janine

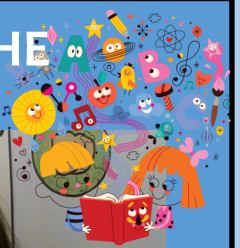
Ali

Year 6

Darcy

Michael

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our Phonics Superstar. Her hard work is paying off and she is making great progress across all areas of phonics. Well done!



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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

Integrity

Share what you have.

Isaiah 58:6-8

⁶ “The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. ⁷ Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives.

⁸ “Then my favour will shine on you like the morning sun, and your wounds will be quickly healed. I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side.

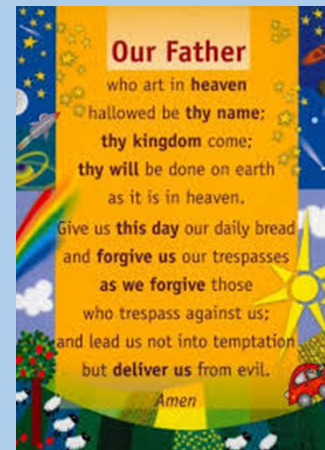
Class prayer time



This Little
Light of Mine



Small text about the school's commitment to integrity and values.



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





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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!

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	84.5%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	93.7%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	93.6%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	100%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	98.7%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	97.9%
HEROES - YEAR 3	96.7%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	99.3%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	97.4%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	97.9%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	100%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	97.9%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	95.8%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96.9%
Totals	97.7%

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS** of the Infants, and the **HIGH ACHIEVERS** 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.



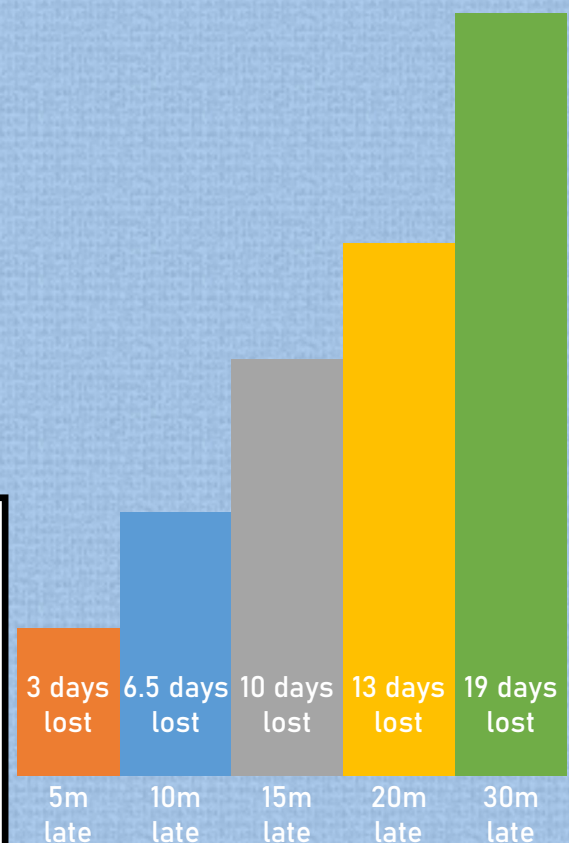
We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

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.





SEN & Parent Support

Kinship Carers Week

This week is Kinship carers week and the MYA Raise Team will be celebrating the wonderful work our Kinship carers do in Liverpool. They ask you to commit to do one thing in raising awareness of Kinship #DoOneThing #Kinshipcareweek #kinshipcarersliverpool. Kinship is the unspoken backbone of social care. These are grandparents, aunts, uncles or other members of extended family who look after children. You can watch a video about it [here](#).



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

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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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!

October

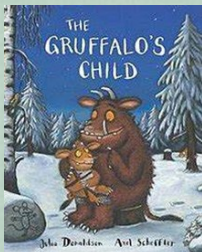
- 9th - 11th Chet Residential for Year 4
- 19th - School photographs
- 26th - Harvest Festival
- 26th - School closes at normal time for half term

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





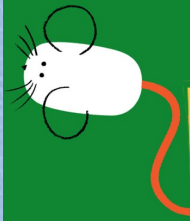
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Safeguarding

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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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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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)