



Headteacher's Message

Friday 13th October 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dates for your Diary:

School Photographs

19th October

6th November 2pm

ASD Team Q&A Session in school.



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

School Photographs – Thursday 26th November 2023

The photographer will be in school on Thursday. All children will have individual and sibling group photographs taken. Please ensure children are in full uniform. If they have PE on this day, please put the kit in a bag and bring into school.

Crosby Hall Residential for Year 4

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed back our year 4 children who attended the three day residential at Crosby Hall in Little Crosby. The children had the most wonderful time! They took part in a range of exciting outdoor and indoor activities around the centre and beautiful surrounding woods. I had the pleasure of joining the children and staff on Tuesday evening to join in the 'Night Walk' –which is always very enjoyable event including the hot chocolate and biscuit on the return. The children were applauded by the centre staff for their behaviour and engagement with all the activities. **A big well to all the children.**

A special shout to all the staff who went with the children. Ms Forbes (Residential Lead), Ms S O'Brien, Ms E O'Brien and Ms Gordon. On behalf of the school and all parents/carers of the children who attended I sincerely thank them –what a terrific job they did.

Please see the photos in the newsletter to show this school event.

Harvest Assembly and Activities –Thursday 26th October

On Thursday 26th October year 2 and year 3 will lead our Harvest Assembly in the Junior Hall at 9.15 am. **Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.**

Every year we raise money to support a charity. Sometimes this is a local charity and other times it is a charity that supports our global neighbours. Last Harvest we supported the local charity – White Chapel, the leading homeless and housing charity in Liverpool.

This year we are supporting the work of CAFOD and their '**Brighten up**' fundraising to make a difference and build a brighter world for all.

On Thursday 26th we invite all children to wear bright clothing to school eg: socks, shirt, T shirt, hair band etc. No football strips on this day. We also ask for families to donate cakes brightly decorated that we can sell to raise some funds and there will also be a children's raffle. We ask children to bring in no more than a voluntary donation of 50p for a cake and raffle ticket. All money raised will be donated to the CAFOD charity

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Alyson Rigby,

Headteacher.

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.

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

BRIGHTEN UP this ^{year} HARVEST and BUILD a BRIGHTER WORLD





Year 4 CHET Residential

This year, Y4 had a fabulous time on the residential. We pushed ourselves and showed great resilience and determination in everything that we did. Some of the fantastic activities included: archery, climbing, zipwire, rafting, pizza making and low ropes. Victoria was our Queen of Chet, and Lawson was our King. Both well deserved titles as they tried everything and showed great positivity.





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Reading Buddies

On World Mental Health Day, we learned about kind words and making friends. We also paired up all our classes with a younger class for a whole school reading activity. The older children loved reading to the younger ones and it was a lovely event for everyone involved.



Friends of St. Michael's Coffee Morning

Celebrating All Faiths

Tuesday 17th October at 9:00am



**Can you come along
and help us put together a
plan to celebrate your faith.
We would like a calendar of
events for our families.**



See Mrs Roscoe or Mrs Birch if you require further details.
information.



School Crossings



School Crossing Patrol

Information for parents and drivers





Stop Means



liverpool.gov.uk/roadsafety

Parents

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely. Just as they do when a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing is provided. When children arrive at the crossing point:

-  The Patrol will tell them to wait at the pavement and use the **STOP** sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward until they are called.
-  The Patrol will then use the **STOP** sign to instruct traffic to stop. The Patrol may need to wait for a safe gap in the traffic. **DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD.**
-  When the traffic has stopped, the Patrol will call you to cross over. Please walk in front of the Patrol so they can see you.
-  The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have crossed the road safely.

**PLEASE
SLOW DOWN
WHEN
APPROACHING
A PATROL**

A child struck at 20mph
is more likely to survive
but at 40mph they will
almost certainly die.

Drivers

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen. It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if cars park right next to the crossing location. Children may run into the road without thinking about the traffic.

If you are a driver, remember:

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a **STOP** sign
- Do not move forward and remain patient
- Do not park at the School Crossing Patrol location or close to where a Patrol is working
- Look out for signs, or flashing amber lights, which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead
- Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely



It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. If you do not stop the possible penalties include:

- A fine of up to £1000
- 3 penalty points
- Disqualification

School Crossing Patrol Signals

Sign upside down
Not ready to cross pedestrians



Sign sideways
Barrier to stop pedestrians



Sign held up high
Ready to cross pedestrians
- vehicles must be prepared to stop



Extended out
All vehicles must stop





Class Focus: Shooting Stars

Nursery have settled in well to their new learning environment, making new friendships and learning our class routines.

The children have enjoyed exploring continuous provision based on their interests, and are engaging in dough disco daily to support their fine motor skills.

We have music with Rosy every Tuesday and are learning new songs and key musical skills.

During our gardening session we explored insects and planted seeds. We discussed what the seed needs to grow and how we can look after them.

We love exploring the outdoor environment and have been finding different ways to make marks as well as engaging in role play.

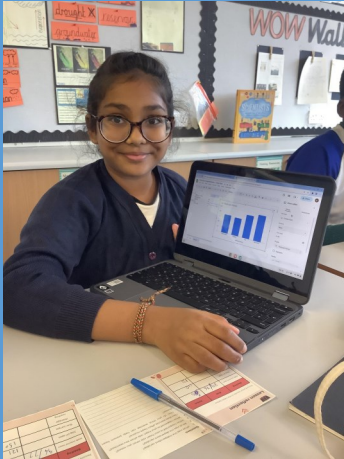
The children are thriving in their new environment, learning through play.





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Our Scientist of the Week has learned all there is to know about the circulatory system and our blood. Today, she has very accurately measured her pulse and has compared her resting and active pulse rate. She has worked scientifically to talk about what happens to our hearts when we exercise compared to when we rest and can explain how exercise affects our hearts.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



He has been working really hard in Maths and has even been confidently coming to the board and talking like a mathematician when sharing his answers.

Head Teacher Awards

| | | |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Year 1 | Nathan | Kaaviya |
| Year 2 | Fawwaz | Reegan |
| Year 3 | Yasmin | R. A. |
| Year 4 | Sara | Poppy |
| Year 5 | Alina | Nabil |
| Year 6 | Success | Valeria |

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to this week's Phonics Star who's moved up a whole group in Read Write Inc lessons. He's been working really hard and he is a super reader!



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After School Clubs

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|--|------|
| Mon | Reading Tutoring | Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs Ms. Birks Ms. Sillitoe | Y6 |
| | Sensory Club | Ms. Hughes | KS1 |
| Tue | Games Club | Ms. Cornett | Y3&4 |
| | Yoga Club | Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon | KS1 |
| | Choir | Ms. Haynes | KS2 |

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|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Wed | Craft Club (Build a World) | Ms. Duncan | Y3 |
| | Dance Club | Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon | Y1 |
| | Reading Tutoring | Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs | Y6 |
| Thur | Games Club | Ms. Cornett | Y5&6 |
| | Guitar | Mr Smith | Y5 |
| | Reading Tutoring | Ms. Briggs Ms. Sillitoe | Y6 Y6 |
| Fri | Football | LFC | Y5/6 |

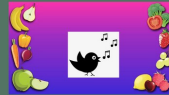
Joy & Integrity: Genesis 8:22

Celebrating God's Creation.

'As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.'



Class prayer time



Creator God,
May the beauty and bounty of this
world remind us
of your overflowing love for us.
Help us to remember that you
made enough for all;
teach us to share freely with one
another,
out of love for you and our
neighbour.
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!

Heidi

Nishwanth

Melat

Khizar

Liana

Valeria

Oreofe

Sean

Maria



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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 | 93.1% |
| SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION | 86.6% |
| QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1 | 99.5% |
| RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1 | 95.7% |
| GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2 | 91.6% |
| WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2 | 94.1% |
| HEROES - YEAR 3 | 95.3% |
| OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3 | 96.7% |
| HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4 | 97.1% |
| INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4 | 90.3% |
| HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5 | 98.1% |
| HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5 | 93.4% |
| WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6 | 97.2% |
| CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6 | 94.5% |
| Totals | 95.2% |

Well done to the **QUICK THINKERS** 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.



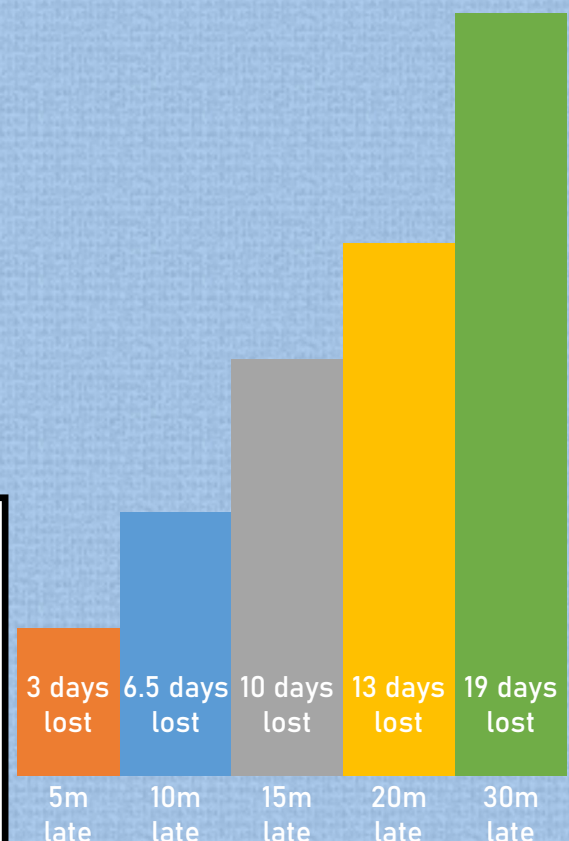
We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

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.





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SEN & Parent Support



ASD TEAM Question & Answer

Coffee Afternoon



6th 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

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Autumn Edition Liverpool Parenting Newsletter September–November 2023

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE NEWSLETTER



SEN & Parent Support

Virtual Social communication and Behaviour Workshop

Date: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October 2023
Time: 1pm – 3.30 pm
Venue: via Zoom meeting

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst you are waiting for an assessment from the Neurological Developmental Pathway to assess for Autistic Spectrum Disorder, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour (Both session dates need to be attended).

At this time the above workshop will be facilitated via a Zoom meeting.

If you wish to attend could you, please contact us on the email below and we will forward a zoom invite via your email address. You can use a computer, tablet or phone to access zoom.

If your child has received an ASD diagnosis can you, please let us know as this is a pre diagnosis workshop.

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable please contact us to arrange future dates.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team
 ASDTrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in the time slot or stay for the duration.
 You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date: Autumn dates and Times (am / pm sessions)

| Dates | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 27 th October | 9.30am – 11am | 1pm – 2.30pm |
| 1 st November | X | 1pm – 2.30pm |
| 2 nd November | X | 1pm – 2.30pm |
| 21 st November | X | 1pm – 2.30pm |
| 18 th December | 9.30am – 11am | X |
| 19 th December | 9.30am – 11am | X |
| 20 th December | 9.30am – 11am | X |

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please

email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

Virtual Social communication and Behaviour Workshop

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Time: 9.30am – 12.00 pm
Venue: via Zoom meeting

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ASD Training Team

Along with more than 80 Council's across the UK, Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley Councils have part funded the production of a powerful new short film about fostering called 'Any of us', to show that any of us has the potential to foster and make a difference in a child's life.

There are over 2500 cared for children across Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley local authorities.

Due to a local and national shortage of foster carers, they have come together to increase their search for foster carers, and to let local organisations know how they can help support cared for children.

A local premiere of the upcoming fostering film will take place at FACT cinema on the 19 October at 4-5.30pm.

There will be three film showings (4.15pm, 4.45pm, 5.15pm)

Find out more and sign up at:

<https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/Fostering-Film-Launch>

We're pleased to invite you to the launch of our new fostering film 'Any of us'

Date: 19th Oct
Time: 4 - 5.30pm
Location: FACT Cinema Liverpool

Join us to watch our powerful short film and meet council leaders, foster carers and care experienced people, to find out how you and your organisation can help us support cared for children across the region.

RSVP by return email by **11th October**.



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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

19th - School photographs

26th - Harvest Festival

26th - School closes at normal time for half term

November

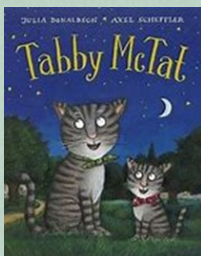
6th - School opens for Autumn 2

- Autism Drop in 2pm

9th Thursday— parents open night

Storytime @ St Michael's

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



Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"The Extraordinary Gardener"

By Sam Boughton





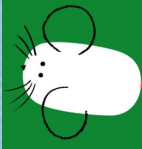
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Safeguarding

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)