



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 20th October 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### Harvest Assembly and Activities –Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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



### Free School Meals



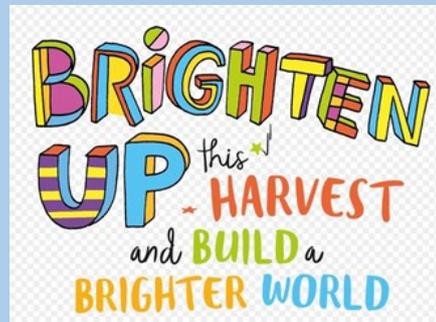
All children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2

**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



### Half term Holiday

Please remember we close for half term at the end of the school day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Staff have a training day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

School re-opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Alyson Rigby

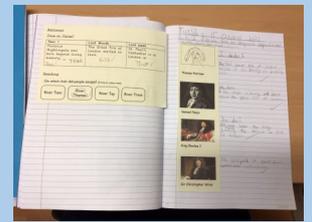
Headteacher



## Class Focus:

.Wow the Golden Wonders have settled into Year 2 with ease and have worked very hard this half term! This week we have been recognising key significant people related to the Great Fire of London. We found out that King Charles II was the King of England during the Great Fire of London in 1666 and Samuel Pepy's wrote a diary about the events that happened which is why we know about it now. We are really excited to delve deeper into our learning about the Great Fire of London! As a class we have been enjoying coming together in our PSHE and circle times to discuss any issues that have happened on the playground, talk about what makes a good friend and how we can support each other in being kind to one another. We are really supportive of one another and each other's ideas! This week in Computing we looked at control and programming and we were helping Miss Gannon make a jam sandwich. We had to give her specific algorithms (instructions) that were broken down so she could follow them. If our algorithm (instruction) was in correct, we then had to debug them (find the problem and fix it with a more clearer instruction). We love reading in the Golden Wonders and enjoy our DEAR time. We have read the Twits this half term and we are half way through Tilly and the Time Machine as our Class Read. We are loving it and are on the edge of our seats waiting to find out what happens next.

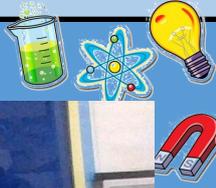
You are doing amazingly, Golden Wonders, and we are all so proud of your attitude and enthusiasm for your learning! Miss Gannon, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Lawson :).





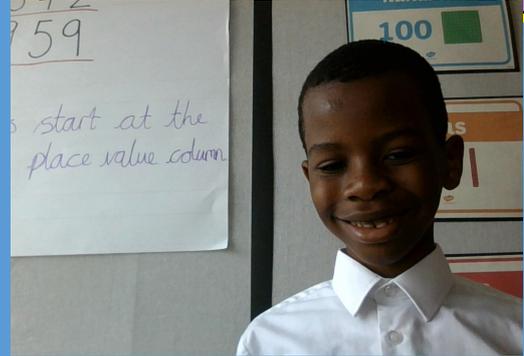
## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



This scientist of the week has excellent knowledge of conductors and insulators. His recall of information is excellent and his enthusiasm for science is why he truly deserves to be this week's scientist

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Well done to this superstar mathematician. He has been working really hard on exchanging and has regularly been getting up to his "challenge" work. His progress is a pleasure to see.

## Reader of the Week

This week's reader of the week, chosen by Miss Sharpes, is:

### Rediet

from the **WORLD BEATERS**

*for going above and beyond with her reading all week!*

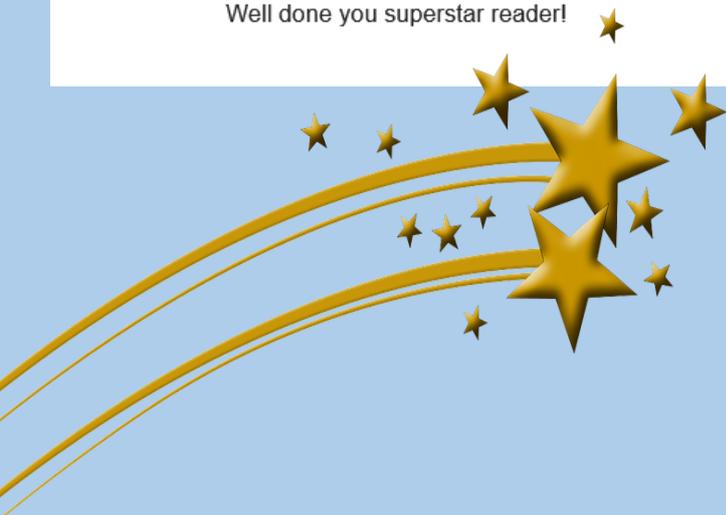
Well done you superstar reader!



### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



This phonics superstar has been working really hard and is really making progress in his phonics class. He should be so proud of himself. We are!





## After School Clubs

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

<b>Wed</b>	Craft Club (Build a World)	Ms. Duncan	Y3
	Dance Club	Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs	Y6
<b>Thur</b>	Games Club	Ms. Cornett	Y5&6
	Guitar	Mr Smith	Y5
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Briggs Ms. Sillitoe	Y6
	Football	LFC	Y 3/4
<b>Fri</b>	Football	KMC	Y5/6

### Respect & Remember:

In this Gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling us exactly what kind of person he wants us to be, and the kind of person that he has special love and care for.

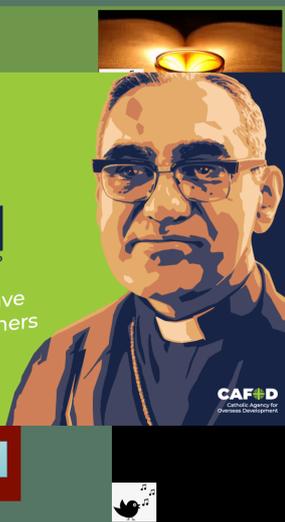
On Monday we found out about Saints - people who have lived their lives as God has asked of them.

Mrs Rigby reminded us that we can remember saints by trying to follow their example.

Have you ever heard of Saint Oscar Romero?

### SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

"It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing."



Video for KS2 only

Class prayer time

God of life,  
We give thanks for all the holy men and women who have lived throughout the world.

Help us to live as you would like us to by showing love to all, bringing peace and always trying to do what is right.

**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!

Nada

Zuriel

Reece

Janith

Piper

Isaac

Miss Morrow

Layla

Miss Hughes

Dheur



## In on Time Week

St. Michael's Catholic Primary School  
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Liverpool L6 9DU  
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Headteacher Mrs Alyson Rigby

Email [michaels-ao@st-michaels.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:michaels-ao@st-michaels.liverpool.sch.uk)  
[www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



*"With Jesus, we can  
achieve what we  
dream and believe"*

### 'IN ON TIME WEEK'

We are launching our '**Spotlight on Punctuality**' and will have an '**In on Time Week**' running from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.



If your child is in school on time next week, they will receive a raffle ticket. If they are in on time for 4 days they will receive 4 raffle tickets. The more tickets your child has, the more chances they have of winning some fantastic class prizes.

I really look forward to seeing a great improvement in our school's level of punctuality for all children.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs A Rigby*

Mrs A Rigby  
Head teacher





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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	95.7%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	91.7%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	96.8%
<b>RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	92.9%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	92.4%
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.3%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	95.3%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	96.5%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	91.4%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	96.1%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	96.6%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	87.9%
<b>CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
Totals	94.5%

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS** of the Infants, and the **CHAMPIONS** 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

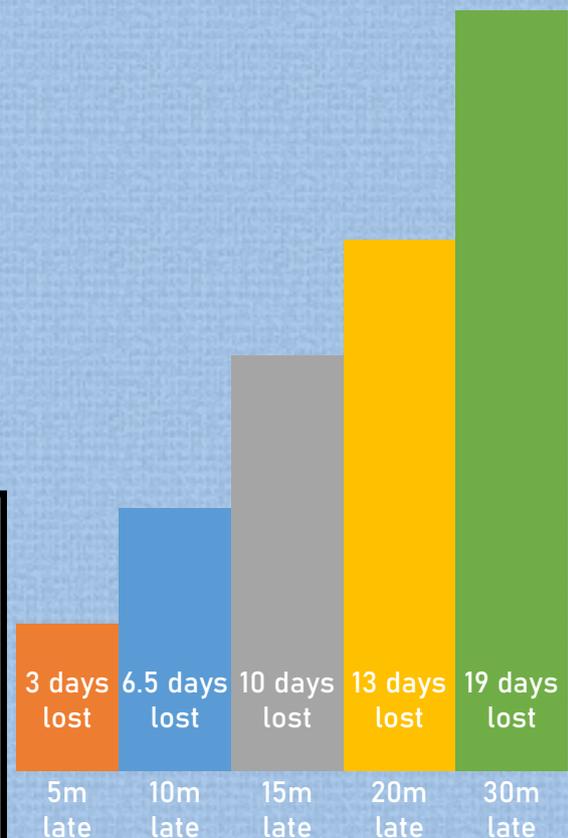


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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



## Half Term Ideas & Help

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian



Liverpool  
City Council

The October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme starts on the 30<sup>th</sup> October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **Halloween themed activities such as pumpkin carving, apple bob, halloween crafts making spooky masks, boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, podcasting, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, zumba, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where the nearest scheme is click on this link [October Half Term 'Eat to Meet' – Merseyside Play Action Council \(merseyplay.com\)](https://www.merseyplay.com) or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet link.

When a parent/guardian/carer has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.

If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

*Sally Dobbing*

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager



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## Half Term Ideas & Help

Please note, these are not run by St Michael's Catholic Primary and we accept no liability for any interactions between you and external organizations

**LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA PRESENTS**  
 £3 Adult | £2.50 Child | £10 Group of 5

**28TH OCTOBER | 11AM**  
 Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

**25TH NOVEMBER | 11AM**  
 AVATAR THE WAY OF WATER

**16TH DECEMBER | 11AM**  
 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS OR FIND EVENTS ON  
 TICKET SOURCE: LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA

AT THE LIVERPOOL LIGHTHOUSE, OAKFIELD ROAD, L4 0UF  
 YOU CAN CONTACT US ON 01514762342 OR VIA EMAIL AT INFO@LIVERPOOLLIGHTHOUSE.COM FOR  
 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WWW.LIVERPOOLLIGHTHOUSE.COM

**AUTUMN HALF TERM CLUB**  
**DRAMA CLUB**

During this half term holiday the Liverpool Lighthouse will be working with a group of young people to create a piece of theatre. The week will be a load of fun games, exercises and drama scenes. The young people will develop confidence, skills and meet lots of new people and share what they have created on the last day.

**30TH OCTOBER - 3RD NOVEMBER**  
 AT LIVERPOOL LIGHTHOUSE, OAKFIELD ROAD, L4 0UF

**7-11 YEARS OLD - 9:30AM - 13:30PM**  
 (Primary) Sharing for friends and family at 1pm on Friday the 3rd of November

**11-14 YEARS OLD - 12:30PM - 16:30PM**  
 (Secondary) Sharing for friends and family at 4:00pm on Friday the 3rd of November

**FOOD, DRINK AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH A HOT LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30PM EVERY DAY.**  
 Places can be booked through email or phone call  
 Matt.rutter@liverpoolighthouse.com  
 07708668657

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023**  
 moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

**MORRISONS**  
 Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

**M&S CAFES**  
 Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

**SAINSBURYS CAFES**  
 Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

**ASDA**  
 Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

**BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**  
 Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**THE REAL GREEK**  
 Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

**TRAVELDGE & PREMIER INN**  
 Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

**SIZZLING PUBS**  
 Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

**TGI FRIDAYS**  
 Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

**PRETO**  
 Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

**YO! SUSHI**  
 From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

**GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**  
 Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

**BILLS**  
 2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

**BELLA ITALIA**  
 Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

**WHITBREAD INNS**  
 Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

**TABLE TABLE**  
 Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**  
 Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

**IKEA**  
 Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

**HUNGRY HORSE**  
 Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

**FUTURE INNS**  
 Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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## SEN & Parent 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)

# Autumn Edition Liverpool Parenting Newsletter September–November 2023

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## SEN & Parent Support



the national sleep helpline

### Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**  
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

POWERED BY the sleep charity

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Furniture Village

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### Virtual Social communication and Behaviour Workshop

**Date:** Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd November 2023  
**Time:** 9.30am – 12.00 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

### **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)

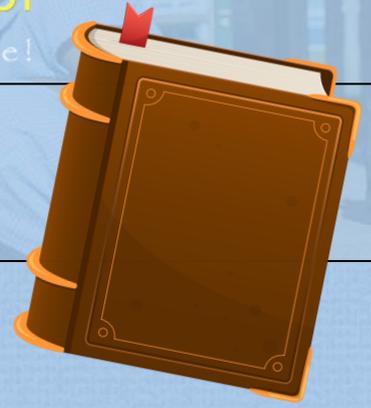
Dates	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am – 11am	1pm – 2.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> November	X	1pm – 2.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	X	1pm – 2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November	X	1pm – 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11am	X
19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11am	X
20 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

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

email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.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

26th - Harvest Festival

26th - School closes at normal time for half term

### November

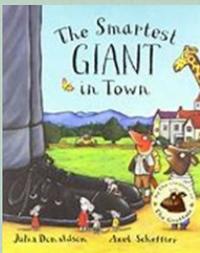
6th - School opens for Autumn 2

- Autism Drop in 2pm

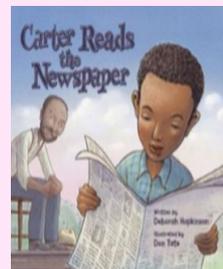
9th Thursday— parents open night

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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



**The Smartest Giant in Town** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

“Carter Reads the Newspaper”  
By Deborah Hopkinson  
Illustrated by Don Tate

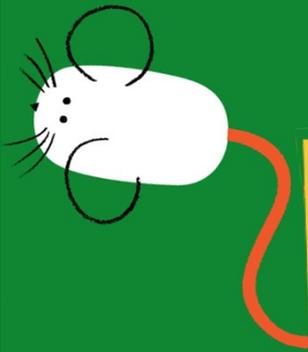




## Safeguarding

# NSPCC

# Worried about a child?



**0808 800 5000**  
**help@nspcc.org.uk**



**Safeguarding Team**

If you are feeling sad, upset, hurt or scared you can talk to any member of staff.

<p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Birch</p>	<p>Co-designated Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Gordon</p>	<p>Deputy Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Rigby</p>	<p>Safeguarding Team Member</p>  <p>Mrs Reilly</p>	<p>Safeguarding Governor</p>  <p>Ms Riley</p>
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If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please speak to a member of the team.

**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

**SAMARITANS**



### 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



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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## St Michael's Catholic Primary School

### 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)