



Headteacher's Message

Friday 27th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Harvest Assembly and Activities –Thursday 26th October

Thank you to year 2 children and year 3 children who led a lovely Harvest Assembly on Thursday. It was great to have so many parents, carers and family members join us for our annual Harvest celebration. Thank you to staff of these classes too!

All the children and staff looked fabulous in their bright clothes to show our support the work of the charity CAFOD.

A big thank you for the very kind and many donations of cakes that families sent into school – all were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. We also had our raffle for children – prizes for each class were shared. All money raised will sent to CAFOD.

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.

Open Night and Pupil Progress Meeting for all parents/carers -Thursday 9th November

We would like to invite you to our 'Autumn Term' pupil progress meetings. At this meeting the class teacher will share with you and your child the following information:

- The progress and achievements your child has made to date in English, Maths, other curriculum areas and the things they need to do to improve their current progress.
- Their overall behaviour, school attitude, personal achievements and their involvement in the wider school life.
- The attendance and punctuality record for your child.

You will also have an opportunity to look through the work of your child and see some of the lovely class work displayed in their classroom. Appointment times will be shared on our return after half term holiday.



Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Consultation workshops for parents and carers

During the open evening, in the junior hall we are holding an RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) Consultation. At St, Michael's Catholic Primary School we aim to provide a suitable program that follows the statutory needs to include RSHE in our curriculum which meets the ethos of our Catholic identity and mission. In line with DFE requirements, we want to continue to consult with parents although materials have been shared. Please drop into the hall at any available time to view materials and ask any questions.

There will also be tea, coffee and some biscuits available in the junior hall too



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Sunday 5th November Bonfire Night

Please ensure you visit safety messages with your children about keeping safe on Bonfire Night. Here are some that you may find helpful. Have a lovely safe time.

How do you stay safe around fireworks?

- Your child should not "help out" with your fireworks display.
- Your child should never touch, throw, play with or light fireworks.
- When you're watching the fireworks displays, stand well back from any firework that has been lit, even if it has not gone off.
- If you have any pets, please ensure you keep them indoors.



How do you stay safe around bonfires?

- Stand far back at a safe distance from the fire with your child.

Children should never attempt to help an adult light a bonfire. Bonfires can be unpredictable and extremely dangerous therefore a child should never assist in lighting, even if the bonfire is relatively small.

We are off to see a Pantomime! *Sleeping Beauty*

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured a booking at the M&S arena in Liverpool for all children from Reception to year 6 to see '*Sleeping Beauty*!' This is a special treat and school will totally fund this trip.



The date is Wednesday 20th December 2023.

We will need volunteer parent/carers to support us with this school trip. I will send out a letter in November to ask for helpers.

I truly believe this will be a wonderful exciting experience for all the children. Please complete the permission slips on letters sent out yesterday and return to school after half term. Thank you

Half term Holiday

I wish you all on behalf of myself and all the staff a lovely half term holiday. Thank you for all your support over the past eight weeks.

Remember the clocks go back on Sunday 29th October at 2 am.

School re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Alyson Rigby (Headteacher)





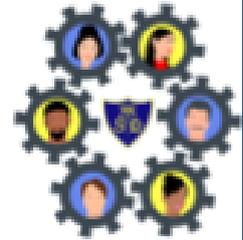
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Friends of St. Michael's



Friends of St. Michael's Meeting



There is a meeting on

Thursday 9th November at 9:00am

Come along and help us plan Christmas events for our families. All welcome.

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



Sparkles



After School Club

3:30PM-5:30PM

£7 per session

£5:00 for 1 hour

Special rates for families

Please book on the School App no later than midnight the day before.



Be Bright & Be Seen

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter



When the clocks go back it will start getting dark earlier on. This makes it more important than ever to make sure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Check over the page for some top tips!



slower speeds,
safer streets



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

Dear Parents/Guardians,

British Summertime ends this weekend – the clocks go back by an hour with most of us travelling in the dark. As a road user there are things you can do to help yourself and your children, making sure that other road users can see you.

Pedestrians

- Wear something brightly coloured in the day & reflective at night. Such as fluorescent & reflective arm bands or bag or rucksack with high vis strips etc.

Keep to the footpath and well-lit areas, if possible, be aware of your surroundings, take out earphones and put phones in your pockets so you are not distracted and be aware of other road users who may not be as visible especially when crossing the roads.

Cyclists

- At night your bike must have white front and red rear light lit & fitted with a red rear reflector.
- Front and spoke reflectors are useful to help other road users see you.
- Wear bright and if possible reflective clothing to be more visible to other road users and have no distractions.

Car Drivers

- Regularly check that all your lights are in working order.
- Try to keep the car clean so that it reflects light and makes it easier to see, paying particular attention to lights, windows, and mirrors.
- Carry a high visibility vest or jacket or torch if you need to get out in the dark due to a breakdown so you are visible to other drivers.
- Remember to be aware of the more vulnerable road user who may be hard to see and drive at the appropriate speed for the environment
- No distractions whilst driving.

Have an enjoyable half term break but please remind your children when they are out and about to have no distractions near the roadside, remembering not to take risks but stopping, looking, listening & thinking is it safe to cross.

Liverpool City Council Road Safety Education Team





Bonfire & Firework Safety

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE



DOs ✓

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts ✗

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



WHEELIE BIN? TAKE IT IN!
STOP YOUR BINS BEING SET ON FIRE

DID YOU KNOW? Wheelie bins can become easy targets over the bonfire period. Keep your bins safe, secure and, if possible, away from windows, doors and fences.
 Only put your bin out on collection day and bring it back in IMMEDIATELY.



A message for partner organisations this Halloween & Bonfire period from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service

To all partners,
 We at Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service want everyone across Merseyside to stay safe and engage in positive behaviour during the Halloween and Bonfire period. A vital part of ensuring that is our good relationship with partners across the area.

With that in mind, we have worked with our communications team to produce some short videos and social media content, which we would like you to share with your audiences to encourage them to make the right choices to keep themselves, their property and their community safe.

You should carefully review all videos and consider which videos you decide to show or share, as some of the material may not be suitable for younger or more sensitive people, however, you should make a decision based on the behaviour and likelihood of participation in risky or negative activity by your audiences.

Please view the videos on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/Merseyfire> (or if you cannot access youtube, we have also provided a wetransfer link here <https://bit.ly/3VwjG1> at which you can download the video files and social media content to a location of your choice).

The social media content in the wetransfer link contains key messages around firework safety, Halloween costumes, wheelie bin fires and deliberate fire setting. We will be putting out this content over the Bonfire and Halloween period, so please share on your social media platforms.

Direct YouTube links to the videos and a brief description of content are below.

'Don't let your Halloween turn into a nightmare'- Halloween costume safety video showing the flammability of Halloween costumes- this is aimed at parents buying Halloween costumes
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-71QYA_KYw&list=PLVRqw03en9eBD3JRF8ajcld-d5LbVajbT&index=2

'Don't make fireworks the last thing you see'- This video depicts serious and permanent injury from firework misuse and is aimed at older children who may be at risk of participating in risky behaviour - <https://youtu.be/q60dTOE5Sms>





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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

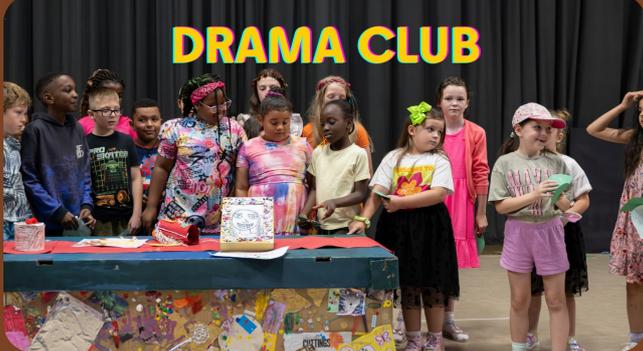
 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

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




AUTUM 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





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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	91.1%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	93.1%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	97.8%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	93.5%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	99.2%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	100%
HEROES - YEAR 3	99.2%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	96.3%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	95.2%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	95.3%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	95.2%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	100%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	92.2%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	94.8%
Totals	96.6%

Well done to the **WORLD BEATERS** 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.

Any class that has 100% attendance on any day wins a trophy and a packet of biscuits to enjoy.

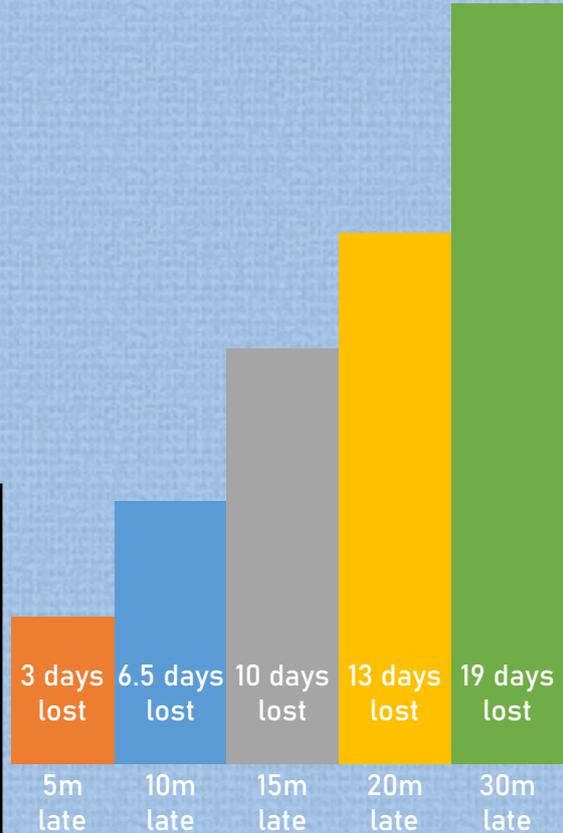


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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

INVITATION

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.

Autumn Edition Liverpool Parenting
Newsletter September–November 2023

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE NEWSLETTER



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 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



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!

November

6th - School opens for Autumn 2

- Autism Drop in 2pm

9th Thursday— parents open night

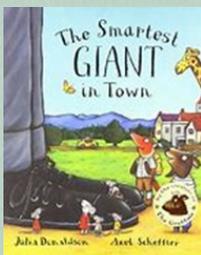
December

20th - Whole school trip to see Sleeping Beauty pantomime

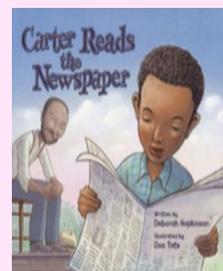
21st - School finishes for end of term

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





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Safeguarding

NSPCC

Worried about a child?

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk



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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](https://www.samaritans.org)



Safeguarding Team



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

Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Birch

Co-designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Gordon

Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Rigby

Safeguarding
Team Member



Mrs Reilly

Safeguarding
Governor



Ms Riley

If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please speak to a member of the team.



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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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)