



Headteacher's Message

Friday 17th November 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

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Dear Parents and Carers

Children In Need Charity

Today in school we have supported the charity, Children In Need.

Thank you for all the kind donations from children, families and staff. Great to see all the children dressed in non-uniform to mark this charity day.

We have raised £160. Well done to all.

'We fund thousands of charities and projects in every corner of the UK, that support children and young people to feel and be safer, have improved mental health and wellbeing, form better, more positive relationships and be given more equal opportunities to flourish.' **BBC Children In Need Charity**



National Anti-Bullying Week 13-17th November

We marked the beginning of this week with Odd Socks Day on Monday. Throughout the week the children have taken part in a number of activities,

workshops and all junior children attended a professional drama performance, 'superhero school'. The children have had a great week. **More information in this newsletter.**



If you have any concerns about your child feeling unhappy in school please do not hesitate to contact school. A member of staff is always available to listen.

Pre – Christmas and Christmas Activities Updated 17th November 2023

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Book Breakfast	Thursday 16 th November at 8.15am	Reception class Year one Year two	Parents Welcome with children
Children In Need Charity Day	Friday 17 th November	Whole School	Own Clothes £1 donation for charity
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Visit to Pantomime	Wednesday 20 th December	Reception class – year 6	Children and parent helpers
SANTA DASH	Thursday 21 st December	Whole school	Children only

Please see above chart with many of the activities and events that we have planned for this half term. We will endeavour to keep to these dates but sometimes they may be subject to change. We will keep you updated.

A second Christmas Craft Making session has been included.

Items shaded in yellow have already happened.

Book Breakfastenjoying a book while having some breakfast

On Thursday we hosted our first Book Breakfast for Reception Class and Infants in the junior hall. It was lovely to welcome children and parents/carers to relax together, read and have a bite to eat. All children who attended were given a special book mark to keep. **Thank you for all those who attended.**

On **Thursday 23rd November at 8.10am** we will host our second Book Breakfast for juniors. All welcome

End of Term: Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Alyson Rigby



Anti bullying Week

Friday 10th November we launched anti bullying week in the infants and the juniors.

We have listened to the story of 'One' by Kathryn Otoshi, which gave us the very important message about sticking up for yourself and for others and how 'one' can make a difference. We have created our very own Super hero and Super Hero Comic strip to show how we will work together to make our school a Super Hero School.

On Monday the KS2 children got the chance to watch a live lesson that was all about anti bullying and the strategies we can use to help overcome any bullying issues.

On Tuesday we asked classes to create a poem all about anti bullying. The different types of bullying, who we can go to for help and what we can do in ST Michaels to help with any bullying issues.

On Wednesday, the infants received an anti-bullying performance from three of the year 5 pupils. They planned the performance themselves and performed it to the children. The juniors received an anti-bullying performance from Altru. Altru came into our school and performed a "superhero school" performance that the children really enjoyed. The performance explored bullying within a primary school setting and how being different or interested in different topics was not a bad thing. They celebrated differences and how we should embrace them. The addressed how speaking out to a trusted adult is the best thing to do when we are worried about bullying. pes of bullying with some examples.

On Friday, we wore our own clothes for Children in Need and we also celebrated 'Friendship Friday' and we showed acts of kindness towards one another.





Class Focus: Inspirations

INSPIRATIONS

The Inspirations have had a great start to the year in year 4. This week we have been extremely busy working on all the foundation subjects such as art and music and also thinking about anti-bullying

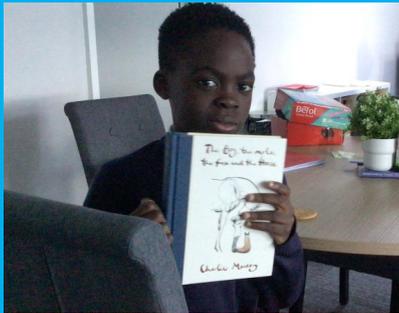
New "home from home" classroom

We are so lucky to have one of the new classrooms. It is so relaxing and calm and helps us to concentrate on our work. We take such good care of it and the best part is definitely the corner couch where we



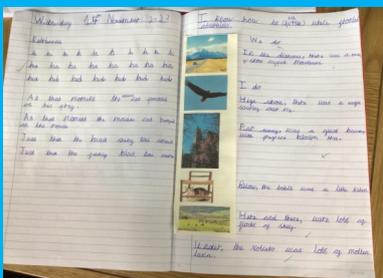
Anti-bullying

During anti-bullying week, we thought a lot about kindness and how we could be kinder to each other. We read the book the Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse and found some great example. We were lucky to watch an anti-bullying play, and we learnt how to find our own super hero power.



Writing

We have been working hard to improve our handwriting and how we start our sentences. As you can see we are smashing it!



Music

We have been learning the ukulele in music, we have already learned how to play some cords. Playing the ukulele makes us feel happy!





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Scientist of the week made fantastic improvements in his end of topic assessment in science-Plants

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Our fantastic mathematician has been showing us different ways to make our number of the week - 4! We have also been super impressed with his knowledge of shapes that have 4



ABOVE AND BEYOND



These Children have gone Above and Beyond this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



A huge well done to this Whizz Kid who has impressed us so much in his phonics lessons and is applying this knowledge to his written work. We are so impressed!



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
	Crochet - Hat Making	Ms. Hyseni Ms. Reilly Ms. Birch	Y6
	Choir	Ms. Haynes	KS2

Wed	Craft Club (Build a World)	Ms. Duncan	Y3
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs	Y6
Thur	Games Club	Ms. Cornett	Y5&6
	Guitar	Mr Smith	Y5
	Book Club	Ms. O'Brien	KS2
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Briggs Ms. Sillitoe	Y6
	Football	LFC	Y 3/4
	Mini Vinnies	Mrs Roscoe Mrs Birch	Y6
Fri	Football	KMC	Y5/6

All clubs finish at 4:15. Collection for clubs is at Infant and Junior gates.

Respect: Ephesians 4:29

Anti-Bullying Week – Choose what you say

²⁹ Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

What do you think 'harmful words' means?



Class prayer time

Dear Jesus
We thank you for our friends.
Help us to value and respect the things that matter to them,
And to share with them true friendship in return.
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





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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%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	96.6%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	96.5%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	97.4%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	99.4%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	90.8%
HEROES - YEAR 3	88.3%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	94.7%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	96.7%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	84.9%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	98.4%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	99.3%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	93.8%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	92%
Totals	94.5%

Well done to the **HEROES** 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

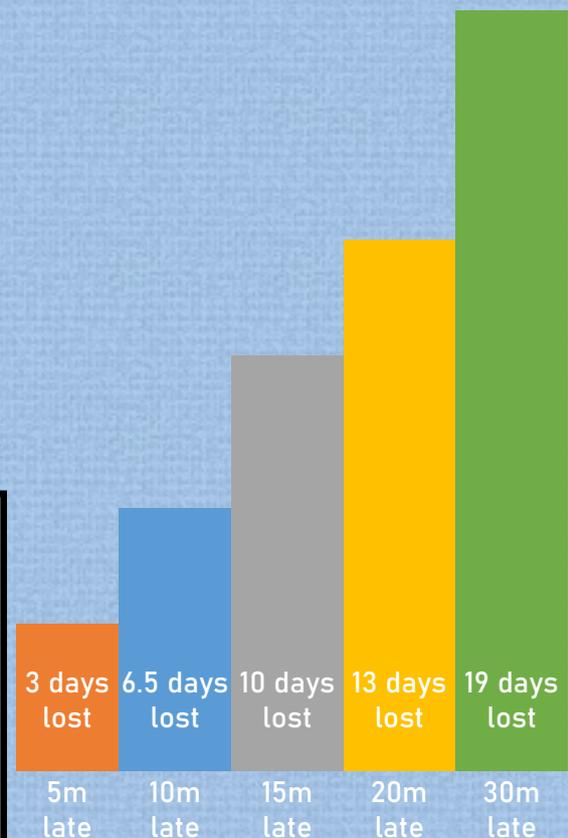


Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good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



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.

The BIG Little Library is based in Belle Vale Shopping Centre.
We are open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

CHRISTMAS BOOK FLOOD

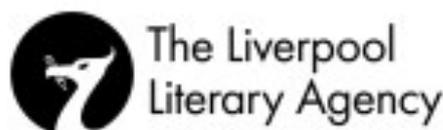
The BIG Little Library will give away BRAND NEW books for FREE for 1 day only.

Save money by giving the gift of a BRAND NEW, FREE book this Christmas and let's create a Book Flood!

Saturday 25th November 10-4pm



National
Literacy
Trust



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SEN & Parent Support



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Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

<p>Tuesday 21st Nov 18:30 - 19:30 FREE</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">FREE SESSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Decreasing Depression</p> <p>A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">What is ACT?</p> <p>Acceptance & Commitment Therapy. How it can help with anger, anxiety and neurodiversity</p>
<p>Monday 13th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Autism: Improving Communication</p> <p>Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting a Child with ADHD</p> <p>Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.</p>

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Are you trying to manage some angry behaviour?



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

20th November 2023 6:30-8:30pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.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





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

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

Date: Wednesday 6th Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December
Time: 9.30am – 12pm
Venue: Virtual / zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Your child must have an ASD diagnosis) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team 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.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team](#) | [Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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A practical
guide
for staff

Managing cases of infectious diseases in all education and childcare settings

The online guide offers information and resources for the following:

Introduction to infection control in all education and childcare settings

Prevention and control

Outbreak management

Immunisation

Staff health, pet and animal contact

Cleaning the environment

Managing specific infections

Exclusion table

Diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak action list



Advice and guidance

To find out more, visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities or bit.ly/2xiJpPZ.





Attendance

ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket to post in our school attendance post box every Friday commencing:

Monday 20th November ~ Thursday 21st December

At the end of the term pupils can win some fantastic prizes including:



Christmas Hamper



Asda Shopping Vouchers



Christmas Stocking

WE HAVE 5 WEEKS REMAINING FOR THIS TERM. THE MORE WEEKS YOU ARE IN SCHOOL THE MORE TICKETS, THUS CHANCES YOU HAVE OF WINNING ONE OF THESE AMAZING PRIZES.



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PARKING Outside schools



School



liverpool.gov.uk/roadsafety

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a major problem, placing our children and others at risk.

PLEASE:

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off
- ✓ Make sure your child gets out of the car onto the pavement – never onto the road
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before either - you or your child - opens the door
- ✓ Leave enough room on the footway for pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs to pass
- ✓ Always stop for a school crossing patrol when directed to do so



PLEASE DON'T:

- ✗ Park on yellow lines, zig zags, or school entrances
- ✗ Park at a School Crossing Patrol location
- ✗ Park on the footway, central reservation, or across dropped kerbs
- ✗ Park across and block driveways
- ✗ Park opposite, or within 10 metres of a junction
- ✗ Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off
- ✗ Block the road as emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access



SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

Have you considered the benefits of:

WALKING OR CYCLING TO SCHOOL

This is an excellent way to build up regular exercise and provide health benefits. Children who walk or cycle to school arrive fresh and alert. Walking or cycling with family and friends is a great boost to social and emotional growth.

Independent walking and cycling for older children boosts confidence and social skills. Walking is a great way to learn and practice road safety skills.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Using public transport is an energetic way to get to and from school. It also reduces pollution and congestion by having fewer cars around the school.

CAR SHARING AND PARK & STRIDE

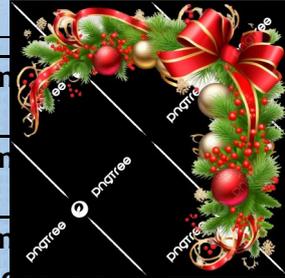
If driving is unavoidable then consider sharing the journey with a friend. Car share reduces congestion, cuts costs and stress and reduces wear on your car. Parking a short distance from school and walking the last 5 or 10 minutes of the way, benefits the environment around the school.





Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

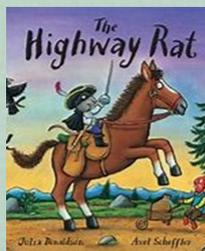
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Storytime @ St Michael's

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

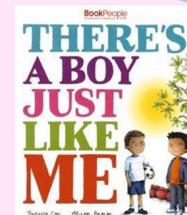
The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

“There’s a Boy Just Like Me”

By Frasier Cox
Illustrated by Alison Brown





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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)