



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 10th November 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a lovely school break.**

### **A successful Open Night for Parents and Carers.**

It was great to see so many parents and carers attending our first Open Night of this school year on Thursday. There were lots of delighted parents and carers thrilled with the progress their child/children have made so far and how they have settled into their new classes.

Teachers will have shared how parents and carers can support learning at home especially with lots of regular reading. Please support your child/children with learning at home – if you want any guidance or ideas on how you can do this have a further chat with your child's class teacher.

Thank you to all who attended.

### **Friends of St Michael's**

Thank you to the parents who attended our parent and staff meeting on Thursday. It was great to share ideas on how we can work in partnership together to raise funds for school and host fun activities for children and families.

If you would like to get involved please speak to Ms Birch or Ms Roscoe.

### **Month of November**

In the month of November we pray for family and friends who have died. We remember how much we loved them and how happy they made us. The children will bring home a prayer sheet that as a family you can add on the names of anyone who want us to pray for in class and school. Returned sheets will be placed in a prayer basket in class.

**Remembrance Sunday is this weekend – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**



### **Free School Meals**

**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.

### Prayers in November



Prayer Petitions for family and friends who have died

Name of Person/s

Please return to school for class and school prayer box



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## Headteacher's Message continued

### Pre – Christmas and Christmas Activities

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Book Breakfast	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November at 8.15am	Reception class Year one Year two	Parents Welcome with children
Children In Need Charity Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Own Clothes £1 donation for charity
Book Breakfast	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November at 8.15am	Year three Year four Year five Year six	Parents Welcome with children
Advent Assembly One	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am	Year 3	Parents Welcome
Christmas Craft Making	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants and Juniors	Parents Welcome More information to follow
Advent Assembly Two	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am	Year 4	Parents Welcome
Reception Class Nativity	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Reception Class	Parents Welcome
Infant Nativity	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and 2.15pm	Year 1 Year 2	Parents Welcome
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Children only
Advent Assembly Three	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5	Parents Welcome
Advent Assembly 4 and Nativity	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am	Year 6	Parents Welcome
Christmas Family Social Bingo and disco	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 5-7pm	Whole School	All families welcome. More information to follow.
Visit to Pantomime	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception class – year 6	Children and parent helpers
SANTA DASH	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 endeavor to keep to these dates but sometimes they may be subject to change. We will keep you updated.

**End of Term: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm.**

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Alyson Rigby



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## Events This Week



We ask for a voluntary contribution for Children in Need. Thank you for your continued support.

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Book Breakfast.



Come to school with your child at 8:10am for some breakfast and read with your child.

Junior hall at 8:10am - 8:40am



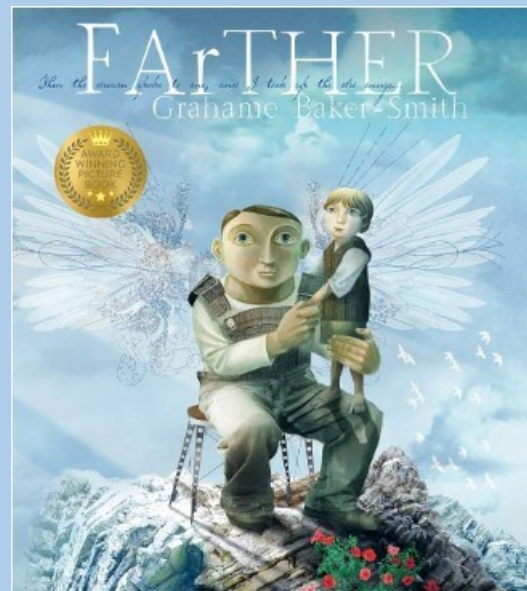


### Class Focus: High Achievers

WOW! What an amazing first week back for High Achievers - all children have worked extremely hard in all of our lessons.

We have spent some time this week thinking about celebrating differences and how this is important when building friendships. We all agreed that our class would be boring if we were all the same and that we would take the time to recognise each other's differences and respect them.

This week, High Achievers have immersed themselves into our new English scheme of 'Ready, Steady, Write'. We have been focusing on the book FARThER and have used this to gain plenty of ideas to aid some fantastic pieces of work - Well Done!



*Celebrating Diversity*

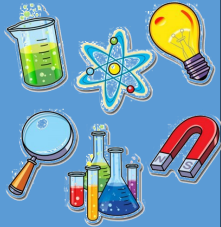






## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



This scientist of the week has worked hard with his investigational skills exploring which materials are absorbent and which are not absorbent. Well done!

**Golden Wonders**

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



#### Nursery

Our mathematician of the week has been working extremely hard counting using 1:1 correspondence. He has grown in confidence during whole class activities and counted how many children

were in today.

During continuous provision he has been exploring capacity in the water tray and exploring shapes in our environment.

Well done! You are amazing, we are so proud of you!



### Reader of the Week

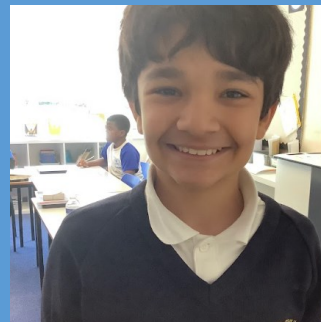
This week's reader of the week chosen by Miss Sharpe's, is:

#### Charlotte in Hotshots

for going above and beyond to complete the Autumn term home reading challenge.

*Well done you are a superstar reader!*

### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



#### Champions

The phonics star of the week has worked amazingly hard on his reading and writing throughout year 6. He has built up fluency in his reading and this shows in his fantastic writing, too! Well done! Mrs Birks & Mrs Briggs



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

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

## Tolerance & Respect: Joshua 4:4-8

Remembrance Day



11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day Class prayer time



Loving God, you are known by many different names,  
by many different peoples.

Help us to be slow to argue and quick to listen.

And help us to live and learn and love together in harmony.

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!**

**Dominic**

**David**

**Rodriggo**

**Miss Waite**

**Troy**





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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

### Attendance Ladder



Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	92.9%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	94.5%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	99.1%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	94.8%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	96.8%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	96.9%
HEROES - YEAR 3	96.7%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	93%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	98%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	90%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	94.8%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	97.9%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	95.2%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	92.4%
Totals	95.4%

Well done to the **QUICK THINKERS** of the Infants, and the **HOTSHOTS** 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.



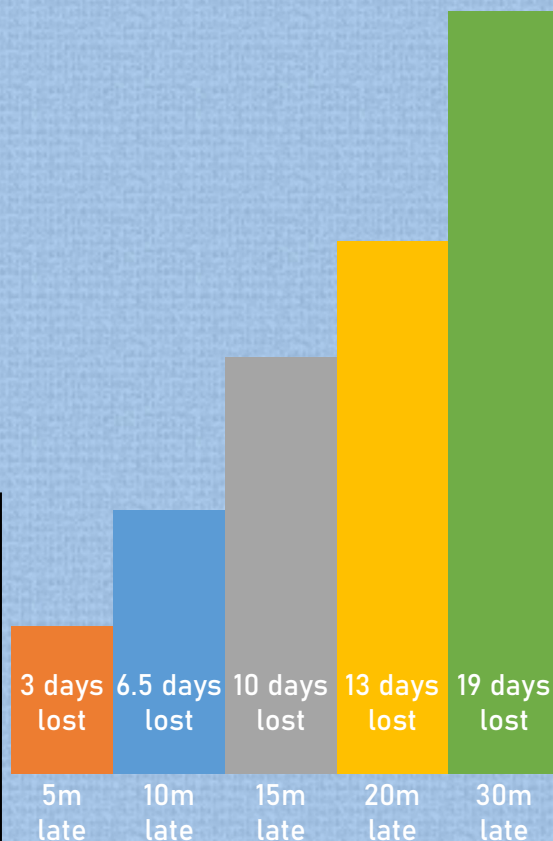
We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

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.







## SEN & Parent Support

### 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)



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



the national sleep helpline

**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

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the Sleep Charity

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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing

**Safeguarding Team**

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

<b>Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>  Mrs Birch	<b>Co-designated Safeguarding Lead</b>  Mrs Gordon	<b>Deputy Safeguarding Lead</b>  Mrs Pigby	<b>Safeguarding Team Member</b>  Mrs Reilly	<b>Safeguarding Governor</b>  Ms Riley
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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

**NSPCC**

**Worried about a child?**

**0808 800 5000**  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
[samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)

**SAMARITANS**




**BIG HELP PROJECT**


**Qwell**

**Feeling overwhelmed about your child's wellbeing?**


**You're not alone!** Explore this with other parents in our supportive discussion boards and make use of our free counselling service.




Chat online to qualified counsellors



Read and write articles




Get online support from the Qwell community



Set personal goals and record how you feel

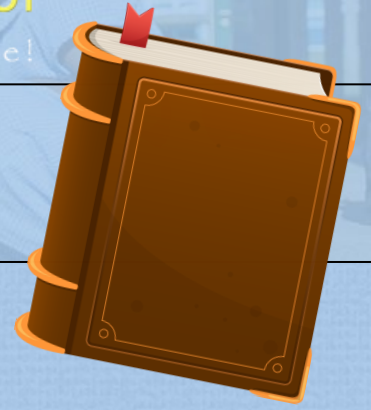
**qwell.io**







## 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

Thursday 16th November: Book Breakfast for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents 8:15am

Friday 17th November: Children in Need Charity Day—Own clothes, £1 donation

Thursday 23rd November: Book Breakfast for Y3 and Y2 Parents 8:15am

### December

Monday 4th December: Advent Assembly One—Year 3—Parents welcome

Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Card making Infants and Juniors—Parents welcome

More activities to follow—see Headteacher's message

## Storytime @ St Michael's

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



**The Scarecrows Wedding**  
by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



**Scan the QR code to  
listen to...**

“Freedom Soup”

By Tami Charles  
Illustrated by Jacqueline







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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)