



Headteacher's Message

Friday 8th December 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

Advent Assembly One

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our first Advent Assembly on Monday in school. This beautiful service was led by year 3 in the junior hall. The first candle which is purple, is a symbol of **HOPE**. The assembly was filled with dance, acting, prayers and wonderful singing. The children were all wonderful and participated with reverence, joy and happiness. Thank you to the team of staff in year 3 who prepared this service so thoughtfully and skillfully.

Advent Assembly Two

On Monday (11th December) at 9.15am we have our second advent assembly in the junior hall. Year 4 are leading this service. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. A mince pie and drink will be available before the service begins.

Please see table below for updated list of Christmas Activities

Advent and Christmas Activities

| Activity | Date/Time | Year group | |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|
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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.



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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.

Parent and child/children CHRISTMAS CRAFT workshops

Wow! These workshops were hugely successful and so well attended by parents/ carers and children. What an incredible selection of Christmas crowns, party hats, tree decorations, Christmas cards were made. The array of crafts filled with Christmas sparkle, glitter and wonderful creativity. Everyone had a great time and left with a handful of homemade crafts for all the family to enjoy over Christmas.



A big thank you to **Ms Murray**, our school Art lead, for preparing and leading these two workshops for all to enjoy. I am sure these will become a regular feature of our school Christmas calendar.

Sharing Christmas Songs and Carols at a local community centre and church.

On Friday our school choir sang a range of Christmas songs and carols at local Church for the annual senior citizens Christmas party. The singing was led by Rosy, our music and choir teacher – the children sang so beautifully and brought wonderful Christmas cheer to all those watching. Thank you to Ms O'Kane and Ms Haynes who support the choir every week and attended this event too.

Advent Service at the Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool

Ms Roscoe took a group of children on Wednesday afternoon to the cathedral to watch the annual Advent and Christmas children's service. We also took some gifts (toys) that are presented during the service by all attending schools across the archdiocese. These toys are given to the Nugent care charity who share these with families who may need some extra support at Christmas. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school and enjoyed the service.



Thursday 14th December 2023- Christmas Dinner

On this day we will be having our school Christmas dinner. On this day the children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper** instead of their school jumper. Children will make party hats in school to also wear. Further information will go out about this on Monday.



On this day we are hoping Father Christmas will drop in to see our Nursery – year 2 children. We will have a Christmas grotto ready for him.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Alyson Rigby Headteacher

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

Nursery Closes on Tuesday 19th December at normal time (3.20pm)



Class Focus

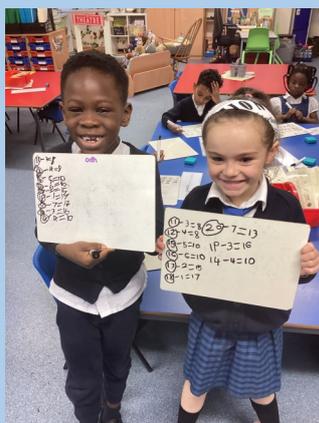
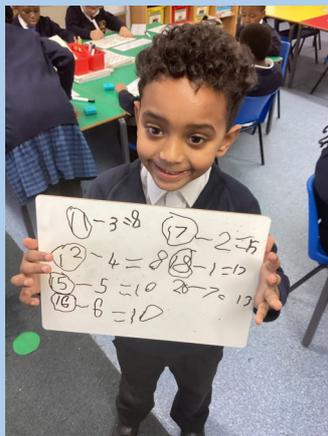
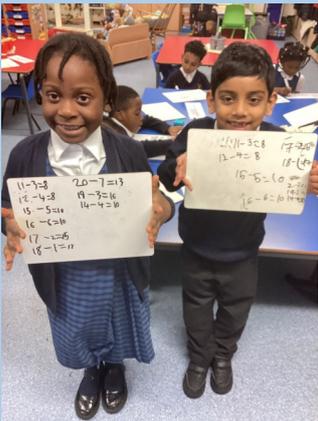
We have been working very hard in the Record breakers and are making outstanding progress academically and personally. In English we are beginning to rewrite the story of our fairytale Rapunzel, we have been focusing on our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and ensuring we read over our work.

In maths we have begun subtraction using a number line and counting backwards to find and record our answer. We are super quick with our number bonds to 10.

In science we have been carrying out investigations on different materials. We have tested for flexibility and absorbency and we enjoyed making predictions.

In geography we are confident at naming the 4 counties of the United Kingdom and their capital cities and we have a great rhyme to help us remember them.

We are enjoying each day in our fun, nurturing classroom and we are growing and developing each day.





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Well done to this scientist from Hot Shots for his excellent work this week and super use of scientific words in his answers.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Here is our Mathematician of The Week. Well done for all your hard work and the extra effort you are putting in to learn your times tables!



Reader of the Week

This week's Reader of the Week is Grace in High Flyers, for reading every single day and consistently giving 100% effort to her reading.

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Here is our phonics star of the week. She has been trying so hard with her listening and attention during phonics sessions and has been singing beautifully to our Nursery rhymes and Christmas songs.



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 |

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| 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 |
| | Minnie Vinnies | Mrs Roscoe Mrs Birch | Y6 |
| | Football | LFC | Y 3/4 |
| Fri | Football | KMC | Y5/6 |

Peace: Luke 3:1-6

Get ready....Jesus is coming!



How will you help others and share the peace of Jesus this Advent & Christmas?

Class prayer time

Dear Jesus,
As we move through Advent, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace. Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.
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 | 90.8 |
| SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION | 96.6 |
| QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1 | 95.2 |
| RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1 | 98.3 |
| GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2 | 92.6 |
| WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2 | 91.7 |
| HEROES - YEAR 3 | 91.6 |
| OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3 | 94.2 |
| HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4 | 96.5 |
| INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4 | 98.6 |
| HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5 | 96.8 |
| HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5 | 94.5 |
| WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6 | 94.5 |
| CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6 | 96.6 |
| Totals | 95 |

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS** and **INSPIRATIONS** 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.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes (if child has fever, cough, sore throat, etc.)

No (if child has mild symptoms and is well enough to attend)

Advice and guidance: To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://go.nhs.uk>

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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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

Support

Come in!
For tasty food
and good company



Every week
across Liverpool
we cook free,
delicious, three
course meals for
you to sit down
and enjoy

Everyone is
welcome!

FIND A MEAL

Bootle
Tuesdays at 7pm
St Matthew's
410 Stanley Road
L20 5AE

Dingle
Wednesdays at 7pm
St Cleopas Church
400 Mill Street
L8 4RF

Old Swan
Thursdays 7pm
The Salvation Army
Prescot Road
L13 3BT



Come in for a free meal
No referral needed, just turn up!

www.foodcycle.org.uk | 02077 292 775
Registered charity number: 113423



Parenting

December Special Parenting Newsletter

In the Link below you will find new information to support Parents/ Carers, Families and children in Liverpool during the Month of December. Along with information regarding events and activities on offer.

The Newsletter includes information on services that can support parents during the month of December and into the New Year.

- Family Hub and Children Centres
- December Events Across The City for Families
- Winter health support
- Childcare
- Debt Advice
- Domestic Abuse
- Education Wonderhub Activities
- Employment Support and Adult Learning opportunities
- Foodbanks
- Mental Health
- Money Management and Financial help
- Parenting Programmes
- Parental Mental Health
- Support for Fathers



<https://sway.office.com/LqVupCOOf8fW6p3x?ref=Link>





Scooter Safety & the law



Electric bikes

What is an Electric Bike (e-bike)?

An e-bike is a motor assisted pedal bike. They often look just like a conventional pedal cycle, but include a rechargeable battery and a motor, alleviating some of the pressure of pedalling. Once it reaches a top speed of 15.5mph, the motor cuts out and leaves the rest to the cyclist. This means that the cyclist can cycle faster than 15.5mph, but not with the help of the motor.

What is the law?

For an e-bike to be legal in the UK, it must:

- Come with a pedal-assist motor and have a max power output of 250 watts
- The electrical assistance must cut off when it reaches 15.5mph
- It cannot be ridden on the public highway by anyone under the age of 14

What if my e-bike exceeds 250 watts and has a motor independent of the pedals?

It is not illegal to own an e-bike exceeding 250 watts and with the motor independent of the pedals, however:

- It is illegal to ride it as a standard bike or e-bike
- It needs to be registered, taxed, and insured as per a moped
- The rider must wear a helmet

Electric bikes and scooter safety

Top tips to keep you safe

- Do not charge e-bike or e-scooter batteries unsupervised, or whilst asleep
- If you do need to charge at home overnight, CLOSE all Internal doors
- Make sure smoke alarms are fitted, working and tested regularly
- Damaged or broken battery packs must be replaced, don't use or charge them



Electric Scooters

What is the law?

In the UK, whilst you can legally purchase an e-scooter, unless it is one of the orange Voi trial scooters, it remains illegal to ride one on the public highway/footway, or public parks, bridleways and byways. The only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Why can't I use an e-scooter on the public highway?

The reason is that e-scooters are treated as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) by the Department of Transport and therefore:

- E-scooters are subject to the same legal requirement as other motor vehicles
- You require an MOT, a driving licence, tax and insurance
- E-scooters would require number plates, signalling ability & visible rear lights

What about the orange Voi hire scooters?

Liverpool is currently taking part in Government trials for e-scooter hire. To use them you must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Hold a valid driving licence

What happens if I am caught?

The police can issue a warning to riders using an e-scooter illegally. However, depending upon the seriousness of the offence, officers also have the power to seize e-scooters and penalise the rider by issuing a:

- Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance with a £300 fine and 6 penalty points
- Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to a £100 fine and 3 to 6 penalty points

Other offences resulting in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink drive offences.



CAFOD and our school



Dear parent/carer

We are pleased to share with you that our school will be working towards becoming a LiveSimply school and achieving the LiveSimply Award.

The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic agency for overseas development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are **living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity** with the world's poorest communities.

During our LiveSimply journey, we will be taking faith inspired actions that support our school & local communities and our global sisters and brothers too.

We look forward to telling you more about our actions and inviting you to also take part with us. We really appreciate your support.

If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with people living in poverty in some of the most hard-to-reach places in the world.





SEN & Health

European Immunization Week
Prevent. Protect. Preserve.

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

mmunisation
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr

UK Health Security Agency

Starting nursery?

When your child starts nursery they will be learning and playing with more children. If they are not up to date with their jabs, they could be at risk of catching preventable diseases.

- ✓ Visited the nursery
- ✓ Settling in sessions
- ✓ Check vaccines are up to date

Pre-school jabs include:

- ✓ MMR1 at 1 year
- ✓ MMR2 at 3 years 4 months
- ✓ Booster at 3 years 4 months

Check their personal health record (Red Book) and contact their GP surgery to ensure your child has had all their routine vaccinations. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine and be up to date with all their routine vaccinations.

For a full checklist of all the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

Scan here: MMR for all leaflet

qrco.de/MMRFORALL

mmunisation
Helping to protect everyone at every age

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

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

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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Safeguarding

Safeguarding Team

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

| | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
|  Mrs Birch |  Mrs Gordon |  Mrs Rigby |  Mrs Reilly |  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

TALK TO US

If things are getting to you

116 123 FREE
The number is FREE to call from any landline.

jo@samaritans.org
samaritans.org

SAMARITANS

Call in for advice and support



BIG HELP PROJECT



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Hope Place, 410 East Prescot Road, L14 3EQ 11am - 1pm | Deysbrook Community Centre, 2 Deysbrook Way, L12 4XF 9am - 12pm | Friends of Eaton Street Park @ Eaton Street, Prescot, L34 6DH 11:30am - 1:30pm | Croxteith Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 9am - 3pm | Croxteith Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 10:30pm - 12:30pm |
| Joseph Lappin Centre, Mill Lane, Old Swan, L13 5TF 12pm - 2pm | Community Hub, The Croft, Stockbridge Village, L28 1NR 12pm - 2pm | The Drive, 235B Finch Lane, L14 4AE 12pm - 3pm | Deysbrook Community Centre, 2 Deysbrook Way, L12 4XF 9am - 12pm | The Drive, 235B Finch Lane, L14 4AE 12pm - 3pm |
| Big Help Project, 212H Boaler Street, Kensington 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Market Stalls No. 118-119, Market Square, Kirby, L32 8RQ 12pm - 2pm | St George's Church, 46 Primrose Drive, L36 8DW 10am - 1pm | Community Hub, The Croft, Stockbridge Village, L28 1NR 10:30am - 12:30pm | St Michael's Huyton Parish Church Hall, Bluebell Lane, L36 7SE 12pm - 2pm |
| Marybone Youth Centre, Addison Way, L3 2EW 1pm - 4pm | Walton Vale Community Shop, 105 Walton Vale, Walton, L9 4SR 1:30pm - 3:30pm (Book for 5:30 - 6:30 slot at waltonvaleshop.co.uk) | The Flowers @ 1 Citron Close, L9 1LG 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Charlotte's Brightside @ New Brighton Community Centre, 1A Hope Street, CH45 2LN 12pm - 3pm | Roby Community Centre, Merton Cres, Huyton, L36 4LD 12pm - 2pm |
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Food Clubs

Food Clubs offer members good quality fresh food that would otherwise go to landfill. Members pay £3.50 a week and choose up to 10 items, or pay £5 for up to 15 items.
*subject to change - check our social media every Monday for our

Find out more about Big Help:

Big Help Project
@bighelpproject
@bighelpproject

bighelpproject.com
0151 482 6089
212 Boaler St, L6 6AE



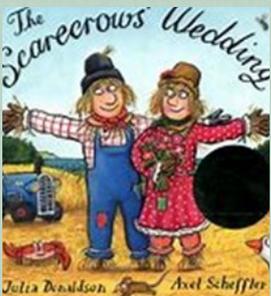
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Storytime @ St Michael's

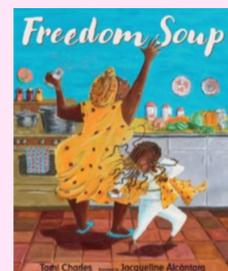
Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!

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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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)