



Headteacher's Message

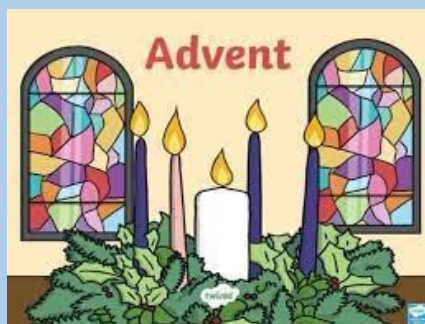
Friday 24th November 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! How did we get to December already! The Christmas tree in the school reception area is now up and filling the air with a beautiful Christmas pine fragrance. Over the next week more decorations will go up as we prepare for Christmas and the festive season.



It is the first Sunday of Advent this weekend. We

will be celebrating our first Advent Assembly led by Class three on Monday at 9.15am. Parents and carers are welcome to this. Throughout Advent we are thinking about how we can get ourselves ready for Christmas. The children in school are thinking about how they can use their many talents and gifts to share happiness and joy with all to get ready for Christmas.

Advent and Christmas Activities

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Advent Assembly One	Monday 4 th December at 9.15 am	Year 3	Parents/Carers Welcome
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Free School Meals

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All children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 are entitled

Are you 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

Monday 4th December at 2pm – Juniors

Tuesday 5th December at 2pm Infants

We welcome you to come into school to make some Christmas crafts including tree and house decorations. If you wish to come you **MUST** complete the google form to register. Link is below. Unfortunately you cannot attend if you have not pre-booked a place. This register will help us ensure we have enough craft items, space for you to work with your child and know which children to have ready to join event.

Children only attend if accompanied by a parent/carer. Children who do not attend will have lots of opportunities to make Christmas items in class.

Pop up Christmas Pantomime.

This afternoon children in juniors enjoyed a Christmas pantomime in the hall. It was full drama, music, jokes and of course pantomime fun! A great treat for Friday afternoon.

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)





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Celebration



**Reader
of the
Week**

On Saturday 25th November 2023 it was the Liverpool cross country running competition. Our Runner battled against many other children from Liverpool, the Wirral and St. Helens and she came an impressive 84th out of 230 children.

Well done - You did St. Michaels proud!

This week's reader of the week is **our Superstar** from the Golden Wonders *for going above and beyond with her reading all week!*

Well done you superstar reader!

Book Fair

From 6th - 13th December, come and visit our half price book fair at 3.20pm in the junior hall. The perfect time to pick up a new book in time for Christmas!



 **SCHOLASTIC**



TRAVELLING BOOKS



Come to the

**HALF PRICE
BOOK FAIR!**

**AND EARN FREE BOOKS
FOR OUR SCHOOL**



When Cookie Crumbled © Tom Knight, 2023; Illustration from Dog Man © Dav Pilkey



Liverpool December Special Parenting Newsletter

On 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>





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

Preparing for Jesus: Matthew 25:1-13

How should we prepare to meet Jesus?

Be Ready...



Matthew 25:1-13

Is it important to be prepared?
If you were going to meet Jesus what would you do?
How would you be?
What do you want Jesus to see in you?

Tuesday 22nd November

God of all,
you sent your Son
to show us how to live.
Help us to listen to the truth
and to follow Jesus' example in our lives.
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!

Ali

Moromulwa

Derinsu

Serah

Oluwadarasimi

Kaaviya

Ella-Rose

Miss C Lafferty

Aziel

Miss S O'Kane

Michelle

Mr M Smith

Yusef



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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!

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	85.1%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	91.7%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	96.1%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	93.3%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	96.1%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	98.6%
HEROES - YEAR 3	94.2%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	94.8%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	94.7%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	91.7%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	91.6%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	95.9%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	89%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	92.1%
Totals	94%

Well done to the **WORLD BEATERS** and **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

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Attendance Ladder



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.

UK Health Security Agency NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickpox: at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting: they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend school (follow the school guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19)

Measles: they have been vaccinated and been at least 14 days after they started antibiotics

Mumps: 4 days after the last time they were ill

Norovirus: 5 days after the vomiting started

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...

Head, feet and mouth: Glucocorticosteroids

Head lice: Treatments

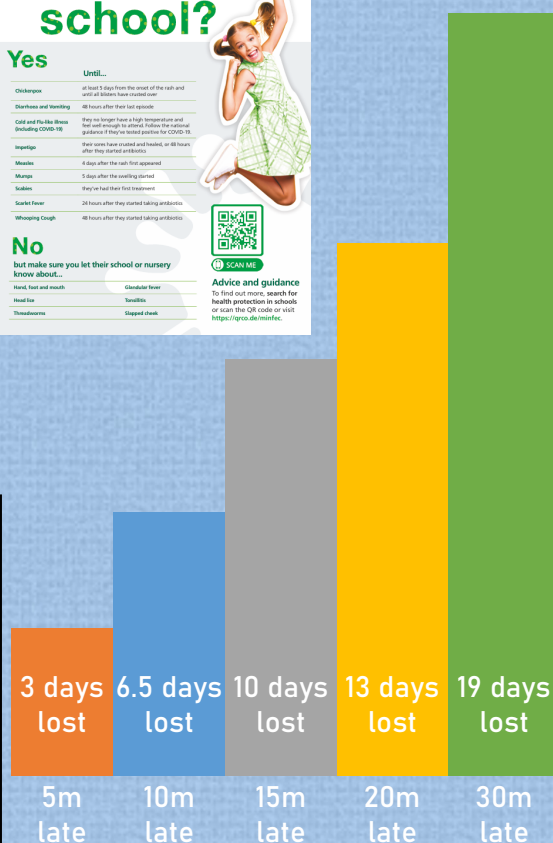
Throat issues: Stopped cough

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

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



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SEN & Health



European Immunization Week
Prevent Protect Treasure

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.

i 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.



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

i mmunisation
Helping to protect everyone at every age

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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 Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Gordon Co-designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Pigby Deputy Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Reilly Safeguarding Team Member	 Ms Riley Safeguarding Governor
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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 or mobile.

jo@samaritans.org
samaritans.org

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Call in for advice and support



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



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Hope Place, 410 East Prescott 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	Croxeth Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 9am - 3pm	Croxeth 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 Booter Street, Kensington 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Market Stalls No. 118-119, Market Square, Kirkby, 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 us

Find out more about Big Help:

 Big Help Project
 @bighelpproject
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 bighelpproject.com
 0151 482 6089
 212 Booter St, L6 6AE



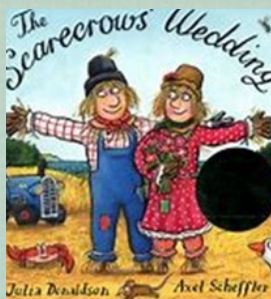
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Storytime @ St Michael's

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)