



## Headteacher's Message

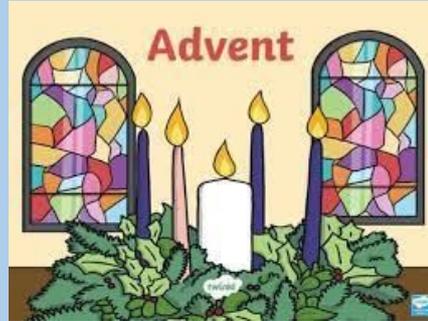
Friday 24th November 2023

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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



#### 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.

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Advent Assembly One	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am	Year 3	Parents/Carers Welcome
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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 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Juniors

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm.**

**Nursery Closes on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at normal time (3.20pm)**





## 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**





## 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>





## 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 Ms. Birch	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
	Minnie Vinnies	Mrs Roscoe Mrs Birch	Y6
	Football	LFC	Y 3/4
<b>Fri</b>	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?

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

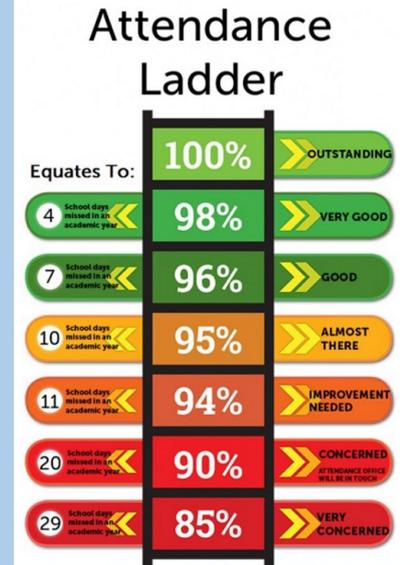


WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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%
<b>WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2</b>	<b>98.6%</b>
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%
<b>HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
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



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** Until...

- Chickpox: 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 school for several days (follow the school's guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19)
- Scarlet fever: 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Whispering 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 drink

Advice and guidance: To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.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](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk) | 02077 292 775  
Registered charity number: 113423



## SEN & Health

**European Immunization Week**  
Prevent. Protect. Preserve.

**NHS**

# 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](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)

**NHS**

**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.**

Checklist items:

- ✓ 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](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations)

Scan here: MMR for all leaflet

[qrco.de/MMRFORALL](https://qrco.de/MMRFORALL)

**i 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 <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

### Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
[samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)

**SAMARITANS**

Call in for advice and support



**BIG HELP PROJECT**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 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



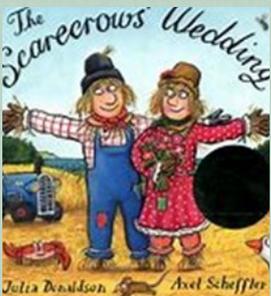
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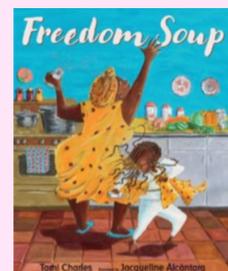
Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!

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

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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)