



Headteacher's Message

Friday 12th January 2025

Head teacher's Weekly Message 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again I would like to wish all our families of St Michael's a Happy New Year.



It was lovely to welcome back all the children to school on Monday – they have settled very quickly back into the life of school and are working well. I had my 'Headteacher' weekly assemblies for the juniors and infants on Tuesday and the respect and behaviour of all the children was superb. Well done Children!

Feast of the Epiphany

On Tuesday in assembly we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany which is on 6th January. We remember on this feast day the visit from the Three Kings to baby Jesus born in a stable in Bethlehem and the special gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh they gave.



Free School Meals

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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.



Term Dates 2024-25

Please see below the term dates for next school year September 2024 – July 2025 (last page of the Newsletter).

Please note we will continue to have a shorter EASTER HOLIDAY and have a two week break in the mid-summer half term break.

We will still be doing the same number of school days but arranged slightly differently. Quite a number of schools do this both in Liverpool and other Merseyside Local Authorities.

It may present as an opportunity to book a family holiday outside the normal busy mid-summer week's break.

The dates are also be on our website.

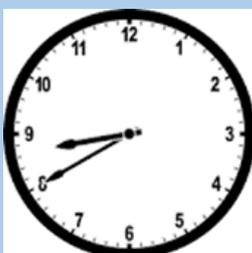


Be In school on time!

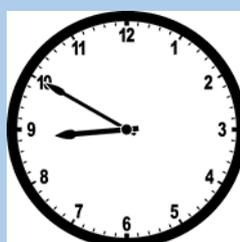
Please ensure your child/children is/are in school each day on time. Thank you

Our school gates open at 8.40am

Our School gates close at 8.50am



Open



Close





Headteacher's Message

New Breakfast Club Buzzer for entrance via Infant gate

Breakfast club opens at 7.45 am and closes at beginning of school day. Last entry to Breakfast club is 8.20am. Cost which includes breakfast is 50p per day. This must be booked and paid in advance on the school app for your child to attend. All Welcome from Reception class to year 6.

Over the holiday we have had a new 'Breakfast Club Buzzer' fitted to the Infant entrance gate. To gain entrance to **Breakfast Club** you will need to press the buzzer that will alert the intercom phone in the infant hall and a member of the team will come out to open the gate.

If you have any questions about this morning club please see Ms Cornett. She is the lead for Breakfast Club.

A date for your diary

Parent and Carers Pupil Progress Meeting (Open Night)

Thursday 14th March 3.30pm – 6.30pm Times will be shared the week of 26th February.

Best Wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Alyson Rigby





Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, **The Big Ambition**, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my [website](#).

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

Click '[HERE](#)' to start.



Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



As Children's Commissioner it is my duty to promote and protect the rights of all children, with particular regard to children who are living away from home or receiving social care services. My priority is to listen to children across the country, to hear about their lives and champion their voices.



[About the Children's Commissioner](#)

LIVERPOOL LITERACY CYCLE

2024 YEAR OF WRITING

Welcome and formal handover by
Lord Mayor Cllr Mary Rasmussen

1PM - 4PM
SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY
DISCOVER ROOM AT CENTRAL LIBRARY
WILLIAM BROWN STREET L3 8EW

KINGS & QUEENS COMPETITION BOOK LAUNCH
AUTHORS, WRITERS & PUBLISHERS STALLS
WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES
PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A
WRITING COMPETITIONS
LITERACY PARTNERS
WRITING GAMES
FAMILY FRIENDLY

FREE



#LIVERPOOLWRITES







Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Our super scientist has been very enthusiastic during our topic of Animals Including Humans. She has been asking plenty of questions during lessons and talking about the lessons at home.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



ALEX

Alex is our Mathematician of the week. He's been working super hard since we came back after Christmas and he's remembered so much from last term. He's really consolidating his mathematical knowledge



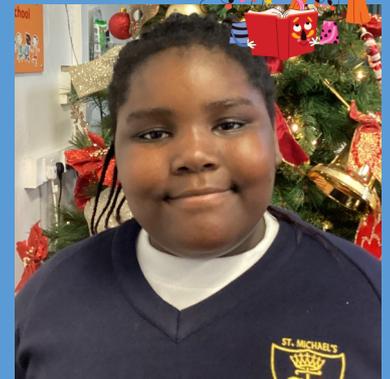
Reader of the Week

This week's Reader of the Week is Olivia in Whizz Kids, for reading lots and putting lots of effort into improving all aspects of her reading.

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Here is this week's phonics star. She's been working so hard to consolidate all her knowledge and is really making great progress. We are so proud of you. Well done!





After School Clubs

Mon	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs Ms. Birks Ms. Sillitoe	Y6
	Reading Tutoring	Ms Whittaker	Y5
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Duncan Ms. McEntee	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Forbes	Y4
	Basketball	Jake Edsential	Y5 & 6
Tue	Craft Club	Ms. Cornett	KS2
	Choir	Ms. Haynes Ms. O'Kane	KS2
	Bingo & Games	Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Duncan	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Forbes	Y4

Wed	Craft Club	Miss Duncan	Y3
	Bingo & Games	Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon Ms. Collins	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Butterworth	Y5
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs	Y6
Thur	Mini Vinnies	Ms Roscoe & Ms Birch	Y5 & 6
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Birks Ms. Sillitoe	Y6 Y6
	Football	LFC	Y1 & 2
Fri	Basketball	Coach Sam	Y3 & 4
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Whittaker	Y5

Integrity & Hospitality

New beginnings and

Now is a chance for each of us to reflect and think about the person you want to become.



ALL new

By Lenore Helrick

A new year means a new start, New ambition and new heart! So to match the newness, why don't you Change yourself so you'll be new?



Jesus, Guide us on our journey, let us see with your eyes, so that we may recognise you in every person of every race, nationality and colour.

Response: May we show our thanks to you, by serving our sisters and brothers.

Jesus, Light of the world, may we be a light for those whose lives we share; may our kindness and care bring courage and hope to those who are sad.

Response: May we show our thanks to you, by serving our sisters and brothers.

Jesus, bringer of comfort, help us to realise that we have gifts to offer to you through your people every day, and these gifts are precious to you.

Response: May we show our thanks to you, by serving our sisters and brothers.

From CAFOD Epiphany Primary Assembly

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



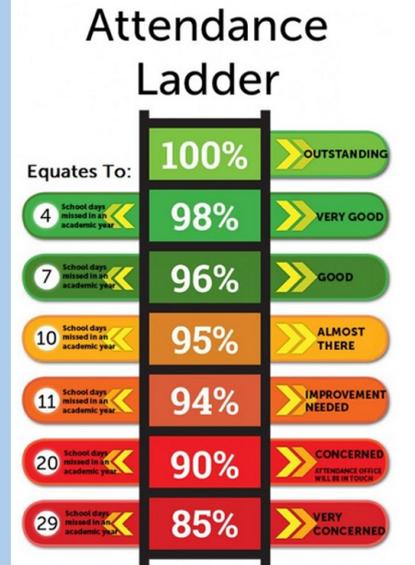
WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	92.2
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	88
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	95
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	94.7
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	94.1
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	92.4
HEROES - YEAR 3	96.7
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	93.2
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	92.9
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	98.6
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	93.3
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	99.3
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96.6
Totals	94.9

Well done to the **QUICK THINKERS** and **WHIZZ KIDS** 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 the flu (see the leaflet COVID-19): 7 days from the start of symptoms and they can no longer infect others. Exclude the child if you or someone in your household has a fever greater than 38.0°C for 3 days.
- Measles: 4 days after the rash first appeared.
- Mumps: 5 days after the swelling started.
- Scarlet: they have had their first improvement.
- Scrub typhus: 10 days after they started taking antibiotics.
- Whispering Cough: 48 hours after the started taking antibiotics.

No but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Head lice
- Hand, foot and mouth
- Shingles
- Scarlet fever
- Strep throat

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

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 & Health



European Immunization Week
Prevent Protect Insure

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



UK Health Security Agency

NHS

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

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Helping to protect everyone at every age

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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



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Safeguarding & Support

Safeguarding Team

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

 Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Birch	 Co-designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gordon	 Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Pigby	 Safeguarding Team Member Mrs Reilly	 Safeguarding Governor 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 over the phone

jo@samaritans.org
samaritans.org

SAMARITANS

Call in for advice and support

BIG HELP PROJECT




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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, Prescott, L34 6DH 11:30am - 1:30pm	Croxteth Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 9am - 3pm	Croxteth Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 10:30pm - 12:30pm
Joseph Loppin Centre, Mill Lane, Old Swan, L13 5TF 12pm - 2pm	Community Hub, The Craft, 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 Craft, 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 Cross, Huyton, L36 4LD 12pm - 2pm
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FIND A MEAL

<p>Bootle Tuesdays at 7pm St Matthew's 410 Stanley Road L20 5AE</p>	<p>Dingle Wednesdays at 7pm St Cleopas Church 400 Mill Street L8 4RF</p>	<p>Old Swan Thursdays 7pm The Salvation Army Prescot Road L13 3BT</p>
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BIG HELP PROJECT 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 6AF

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

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



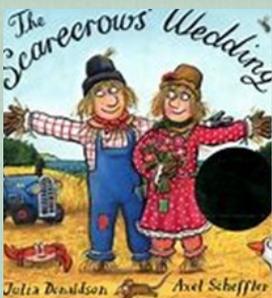
Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading	Week commencing 15th Jan for 2 weeks	Whole School	
Children's Mental Health Week	5th February	Whole school	
Colomendy	7th - 9th February	Year 6	Residential Trip
World Book Day	7th march	Whole School	
Mother's Day Assembly	8th March	Year 1	
Science Week	11th March	Whole School	
Parent's Evening	14th March	Whole School	
Winmarleigh Hall	20th - 22nd March	Year 5	Residential Trip

Storytime @ St Michael's

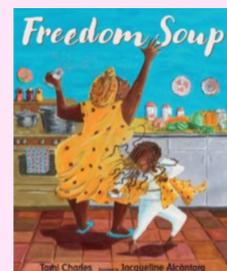
Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!

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)



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Term Dates 2024 -2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 20th December

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October

Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December

Terms ends: Friday 20th December 2024



Spring Term 2025

Term: Monday 6th January – Thursday 10th April

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Monday 24th February

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 25th February to Thursday 10th April

Term ends: Thursday 10th April 2025



Summer Term 2025

Term: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July (May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May)

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 6th June

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 9th June to Friday 18th July

Term Ends: Friday 18th July 2025



Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Six extended twilight session