

Current Nursery children can now [apply for Reception](#) places starting in September 2025.

Please note: MIND Breakfast is on Tuesday 19th November at 8:15-8:45



# Headteacher's Message

Friday 15th November 2024

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

**Thank you** to all who attended our Open Night on Thursday. It was great to welcome so many parents and carers into school to listen and chat to the class teachers about their child's/children's progress and all they have achieved so far this term. We truly value the lovely feedback you give us and appreciate how much you value the work we do here in St Michael's.

We will be sending out via a google form a '**Parent/Carer Questionnaire**' over the next few weeks to capture a little more formally your views, opinions about our school and any ideas/suggestions on what we can do to improve. This will be sent via the school App.

**School Photographs** – These should be available for you to buy if you wish over the next week or so.

## National Anti-Bullying Week

(A report by Ms Cornett)

This week the whole school participated in National Anti-Bullying Week with the message this year being **to Choose Respect**. This linked well with our school rules ensuring all children are **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**, making St Michaels a happy place to be and a community all children want to be a part of.



We launched the week thinking about what respect means and how we can show it to one another. On Tuesday it was fantastic to see so many children come to school in odd socks to promote the message that we are all individual and that is what makes us unique, and that we celebrate our differences. Wednesday was World Kindness Day, where we all encouraged one another to do Random Acts of Kindness. Children created class kindness recipes and cups of kindness for one another. Thursday saw ALTU Theatre Company visit St Michael's. This was a great afternoon where the message of Anti Bullying week became interactive, with Year 5 taking part in workshops. As usual, the week ended with the children taking part in a Celebration Assembly and sharing with each other all they have learnt from the week. **One of the big messages of the week was to REACH OUT to someone and TELL.**

*Please see some pictures below in newsletter.*

## Back by popular demand! We are off to the Christmas Pantomime again.

Last year we took **ALL (Reception-yr6)** the children to the Christmas Pantomime at the M&S arena in Liverpool. Everyone had the most wonderful time so we are going again!



The date is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Last year we totally funded the trip including transport. But unfortunately we cannot afford to completely cover the cost this year and ask for a £5 contribution for each child. This is still at a greatly reduced cost.

**Thank you for the consent forms we have received to date but there are many that have not returned via the link on the message sent earlier this week. Please complete this by [clicking here](#) ASAP. Can you also please make the £5 contribution ASAP too! Thank you**



## Headteacher's Message

### **School Council** (A report by Ms Howard)

Members of School Council attended St Margaret Clitherow Clifford Conference Centre by Sefton Park on Wednesday for an annual Liverpool Schools Parliament meeting. The focus of the meeting was **Children's Rights** and how we can implement things around school to ensure that the rights of all children are being met. The children who attended were inspired by other schools who presented what they are currently doing. The children came away with a lot of ideas and are looking forward to meeting with Mrs. Rigby to discuss these and to start taking action.

### **Class Visits to our Parish Church St Michael's**

Over the next few weeks classes across school will visit St Michael's Church. On Tuesday year three visited and had a really purposeful and enjoyable visit. Thank you for the large number of parents/carers who accompanied the children and took part in the activities. Ms McEntee and Mr Ferry commented on the excellent behavior of the children. Well done – Olympians and Heroes!



### **MIND Big Breakfast on Tuesday the 19th at 8:15**

We are hosting a big breakfast for MIND Charity on Tuesday, all parents/carers are invited to join at the School Junior hall.

We are hosting a  
Big Breakfast  
for MIND!



Come and join us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024!

8:15am – 8:45am

Breakfast will be provided.



## Headteacher's Message

### Advent and Christmas

Here are the Assemblies and Celebration Evens for this Term. They may be variable to changes.

Please note the change of date for the Reception and Nursery Nativity

Feast or Special Event	Year group	DATE	Parents
Advent 1	Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr4&5 11am yr1/2/6
Advent 2	Year 4	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&5 11am yr1/2/6
Advent 3	Year 5	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/6
Christmas Lunch for Children	Whole School	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Only
Advent 4 and Nativity	Year 6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/5
Nativity	Nursery	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents 2.30pm parents
Nativity	Reception	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents
Nativity	Infants (1&2)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents 2.15pm parents
Christmas Pantomime Trip	Reception-Yr6	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Children and volunteer parents/carers

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs Rigby



### Focus on: World Beaters

The World Beaters have enjoyed their second week back and have settled into the new half term. For anti-bullying week we have discussed different types of bullying and what we can do to recognize and prevent it. Alongside this, we have focused on the mission value 'Respect' and have incorporated it into the whole curriculum and wider school life.

In Music, the World Beaters have played the Glockenspiel and learnt short songs. We confidently took turns to perform in front of the class, listening to each other respectfully and celebrating each other's performance.

For our current science topic, we investigated the strength of different materials. We tested this by putting weights on paper, tissue, paper towel, kitchen roll and newspaper. We found that paper is the strongest and tissue paper is the weakest. We recorded our findings in our books.



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

LO: To test which type of paper is the strongest and record the results.

Type of paper	Weight added
Newspaper	2 Kg
Paper towel	2.1 Kg
Tissue paper	1 kg
Kitchen roll	2 kg
Writing paper	3 kg

The paper was the strongest type of paper and the tissue was the weakest type of paper.



## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE



### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE



### ABOVE AND BEYOND



These Children have gone Above and Beyond this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!

### Head Teacher Awards

Year 3	Kathleen	Antonia
Year 4	Zana	Olivia
Year 5	Lawson	Sara
Year 6	Jaswin	Sethu

### Reader of the Week



### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK





# New To Me Toy Sale

Tuesday 26th November

Please donate cuddly toys, board games, books  
etc. (no electronics)

Maximum price £1



Wednesday 4th December Family Christmas Craft Making –at School Infants Hall at 2:00PM

Thursday 5th December Family Christmas Craft Making –at School Juniors Hall at 2:00PM

Thursday 19th December Family Christmas Social at the Irish Centre - 5-7PM



## School Activities

### MIND Raffle

There will be a raffle starting from Monday 18th November and tickets will be on sale all week.

Children will be able to purchase tickets during break time in school. Tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 tickets or 20p a ticket.

We will draw the prize on Friday 22nd November during the celebration assembly. We have 3 adult hampers and 2 children's hampers on sale.

All of the money raised will be donated to MIND charity. Tickets will be on sale during the MIND Breakfast too.





## After School Clubs

Autumn	
Monday	Ms Cornett Book Club KS 2 Coach Sam Multi Sports Y2
Tuesday	Choir - Mrs O'Kane & Rosy
Wednesday	Mr Smith Chess Club Y5/6 Ms Briggs Ms Butterworth Book Club
Friday	Fitness - Coach Sam

PE Days	
Reception	Tue & Fri
Year 1	Mon & Fri
Year 2	Wed & Fri
Year 3	Tue & Fri
Year 4	Thur & Fri
Year 5	Tue & Fri
Year 6	Wed PE Thur Swim

### 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](#)

School Family Support Worker

Erin Devereaux



Erin is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues.

**Drop ins every Tuesday at 9:00am**

Erin Devereaux 07598068682

[erin.devereaux@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:erin.devereaux@liverpool.gov.uk)

Ask at reception for more details

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Liana
- Amayah
- Troy
- David
- Yosiyas
- Ms Watt
- Ms Reilly
- Ms. Waite



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

## Attendance



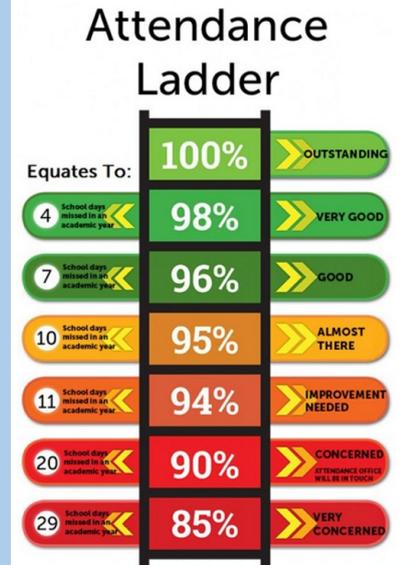
WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	95%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	91.70%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	97.70%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	94.60%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	98.70%
<b>WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2</b>	<b>98.80%</b>
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.70%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	99.30%
<b>HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98.70%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	98.70%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	96.60%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	97.70%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	98.40%
Totals	<b>98.20%</b>

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

**Should I keep my child off school?**

**Yes** (if child has fever, cough, sore throat, or other symptoms)

**No** (if child is well and symptoms are mild)

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





## Parenting, SEN and other support



### OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

FREE SESSIONS	
<b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b>	<b>24 OCT</b>
<b>Decreasing Depression</b>	<b>25 NOV</b>
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



### November 2024 Newsletter

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Monday  
25th Nov  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



#### FREE SESSION

#### Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday  
7th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
12th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday  
18th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday  
21st Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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## Parenting, SEN and other support



Cheshire and Merseyside

# Think Pharmacy First

To all parents and carers in Cheshire and Merseyside

**Did you know...** as well as offering advice and over the counter treatments for lots of childhood illnesses, pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments and prescription medications (if needed) for these four common conditions in children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (age 5 and over)
- Infected insect bites (age 1 and over)
- Impetigo (age 1 and over)

This **Pharmacy First** service is available at most community pharmacies in Cheshire and Merseyside.

## Fast advice and treatment

When your child is feeling unwell and off school with one these conditions, you want the right help as quickly as possible.

Pharmacies can often provide a **same day consultation with a trained clinical professional**, giving you access to advice and medication all in one place, without the need for a GP appointment first.

This means they could be on the road to recovery and back at school much sooner.



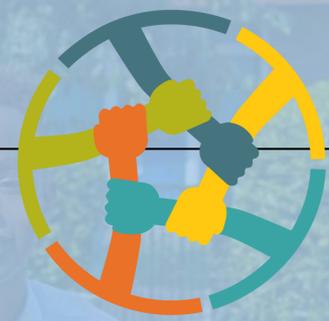
Think pharmacy first



### So remember:

If your child has an ear ache, sore throat, symptoms of impetigo or a suspected infected bite, **think Pharmacy First!**

For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](http://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)



**Mersey Care**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Liverpool Immunisation Team

### Has your child missed their flu vaccination?

It's not too late - contact the team on **0151 295 3833** to book an appointment.

### Clinic dates

- 5 October - Princes Park Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 12 October - Crawford House, L8 8DN
- 19 October, Garston SLTC, L19 2LW
- 29 October, Childwall Neighbourhood Health Centre, L15 6UT
- 31 October, Townsend Neighbourhood Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 2 November, Kensington Neighbourhood Health Centre, L7 2PF
- 9 November, Crawford House, L8 8ND
- 16 November, Townsend Neighbourhood Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 30 November, Princes Park Health Centre, L8 0SY
- 4 December - Garston SLTC, L19 2LW
- 7 December - Garston SLTC, L19 2LW

### Flu: 5 reasons

to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child
2. Protect you, your family and friends
3. No injection needed
4. It's better than having flu
5. Avoid costs

Visit: [merseycare.nhs.uk/imms](https://merseycare.nhs.uk/imms)





# Winter Gift from FACE

join via [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

**Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school**





## 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 Rigby

**Safeguarding  
Team Member**



Mrs Reilly

**Safeguarding  
Governor**



Ms Riley

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 is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

**Children's Advice & Support Service**

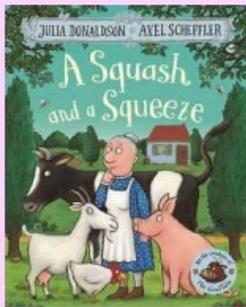
**CASS- 0151 459 2606**



## Storytime @ St Michael's

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

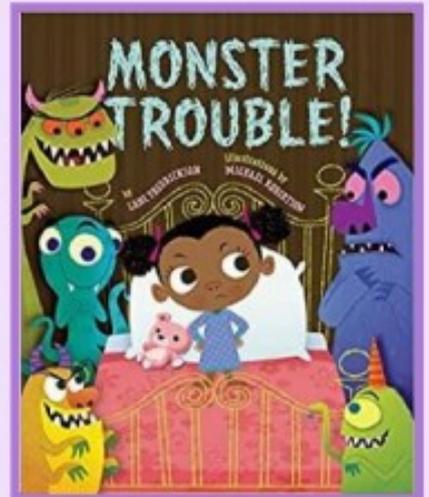
### A squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Monster Trouble"

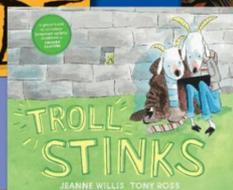
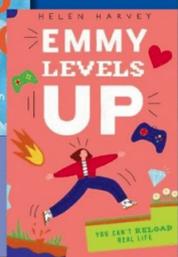
By Lane Fredrickson  
Illustrated by Michael Robertson



On the blog:



### 5 children's books for Anti-Bullying Week





## Activities Outside School

# A Week at the Storybarn



### Tiny Acorns

**W MONDAY'S & THURSDAYS, 10AM & 1PM**

Join a six-week term created for babies and their parents to share the joy of reading together. For under 1's.



### Teeny Tales

**THURSDAYS, 1PM**

Stand-alone sessions with Shared Reading for grown-ups and rhyme time for the little ones, For under 1's.



### Incy Wincy Rhymers

**FRIDAYS, 10AM & 1PM**

Fun-filled stories, songs, rhymes and crafts to take home. For 1-4 years.



### Storybarn Drop-In

**TERM TIME SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

Explore the magical Storybarn, enjoy our stories and make some crafts. Stay as long as you like.



### Storybarn Relaxed Sessions

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 12.30PM**

We're opening the doors of the Storybarn especially for families with autistic children of any age.



**Book at [thereader.org.uk/thestorybarn](http://thereader.org.uk/thestorybarn)**  
Follow us at [@thestorybarn](https://twitter.com/thestorybarn)

Charity Registration Number 1126806 (SC043054 Scotland)



The Reader  
**Storybarn**



## Activities Outside School

# FESTIVE FAMILY FUN AT CALDERSTONES



### Meet the Author: Jarvis Saturday 23 November

Jarvis is visiting for a special reading and draw along inspired by his new book Mr Santa.

For ages 4-9.



### Christmas Incy Wincy Rhymers

23 November - 23 December

Christmas stories, seasonal nursery rhymes and a festive crafts.

For ages 1-4.



### Christmas Story Trail

23 November - 24 December

This festive adventure through the park brings Rob Biddulph's book An Odd Dog Christmas to life!

All ages welcome.



### Elves at the Storybarn

23 November - 23 December

Santa's helpers need your help in the Storybarn Christmas workshop.

For ages 4-9.



### Cinderella: The Mice's Tale

Sunday 15 December

Cosy up for this retelling of a classic fairy tale with original music and a festive twist. For under 11s.



### Brunch with Mrs Claus

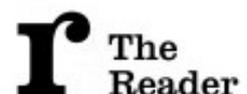
Sunday 22 December

Join Mrs Claus and her Storyhunter friends for festive pancakes, games, crafts, songs and stories!

All ages welcome.



Find out more and book at [thereader.org.uk/christmas2024](http://thereader.org.uk/christmas2024)





# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!



## St Michael's Catholic Primary School

### 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

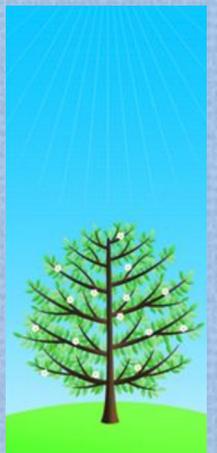
Term: Monday 6th January – Thursday 10th April

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