

# Headteacher's Message

Friday 29th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers



What a wonderful week we have had in school – and a very busy one too! The children have been working so hard all week: take a look at our Class Dojo pages to see what exciting activities have been taking place. From toy sales to teddy rolls, mindfulness to story writing, we have quite literally covered it all this week!



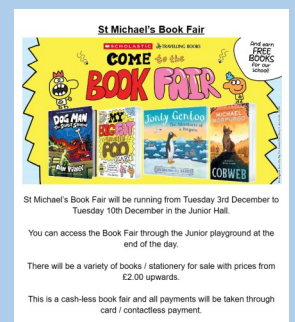
## **MIND charity breakfast**

On Wednesday we held our MIND breakfast, raising money for this fantastic charity. Thank you to all parents and children who attended the event and contributed with donations – our raffle winners will be announced next week. Will you be a lucky winner of one of our beautiful hampers? Fingers crossed!



## **Book Fair – arriving Monday!**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the book fair will be arriving at St. Michael's. You can browse and purchase books at the end of each day, from 3:30pm in the Junior hall (entry via the main entrance). The perfect opportunity to buy some Christmas presents, or to just treat yourself to a lovely new read!



**It's time for the pantomime! Oh no it isn't...** As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are taking all of the children from reception to year 6 to see the pantomime 'Peter Pan' on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Last year we totally funded the trip including transport. This year, 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.

**Consent forms:** 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 ASAP.** Can you also please make the £5 contribution ASAP too! Thank you





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**Advent and Christmas Activities for parents and carers – don't miss out!**

Assemblies and Activities	Year group	DATE	Parents/Children
Advent 1	Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr4&5 11am yr1/2/6
Bees Exhibition and Dance Workshop	Year 3	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Children Only (Volunteer Helpers)
Christmas Crafts Workshop	Reception/ KS1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
Christmas Crafts Workshop	KS2	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
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
Choir Singing at St Bede's	Choir	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
Christmas Family Social and Disco	All School	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5-7pm in Irish Centre	School Families and staff

### **Reminder:**

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

**Sparkles will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



Wishing you all a lovely, relaxing weekend as we enter the start of Advent.

Take care,

Mrs Gordon





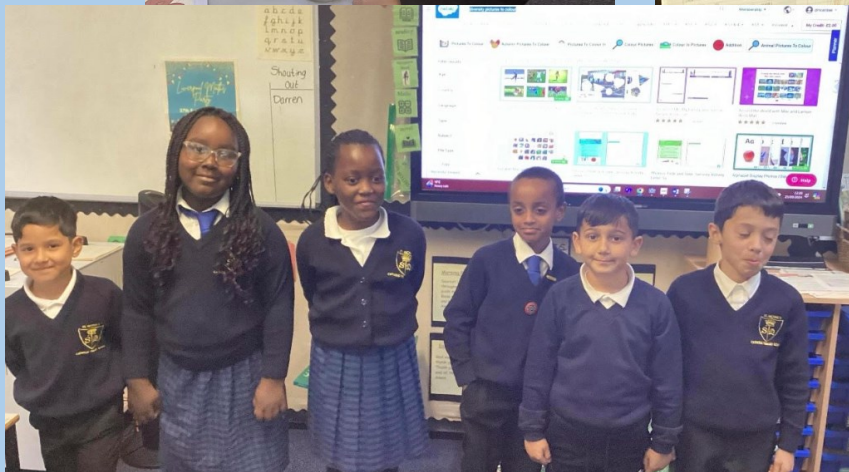
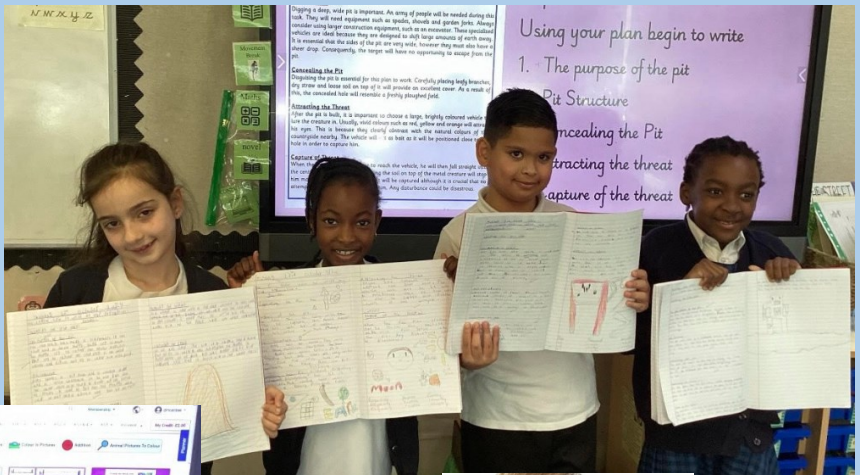
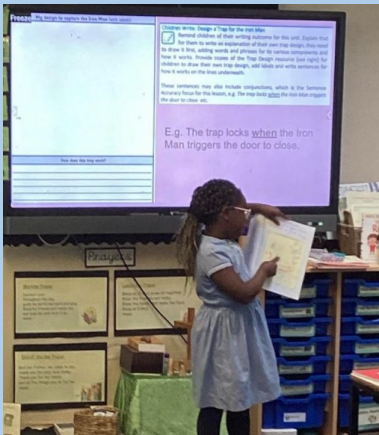
## Focus on: Heroes

The Heroes have made an **OUTSTANDING** start to their life in the juniors. Their attitude, enthusiasm for learning and “Be Ready” attitude shines through each day. Our classroom is a safe environment for all children to flourish in. Miss Mc Entee and Miss Hussain couldn't be prouder of each and everyone of the Heroes.

In English we have explored two high quality texts so far this year including the Iron man and Fox. These texts have ignited children's love for writing. Children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing.

In Maths we have quickly adapted to the challenging year 3 curriculum. We have completed two topics on place value and addition and subtraction. Children have learnt how to regroup crossing the ten and how to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.

The children have enjoyed our history topics on Ancient Egypt and Ancient Civilization. We have learnt about rivers and mountains in Geography and enjoyed some fun plant experiments in our Science lessons. Children engage in a range of subjects including Art, Spanish, Music, PE, DT, ICT and RE lessons. Well done to all the Heroes for their fantastic start in the juniors and we can't wait for our year-together.





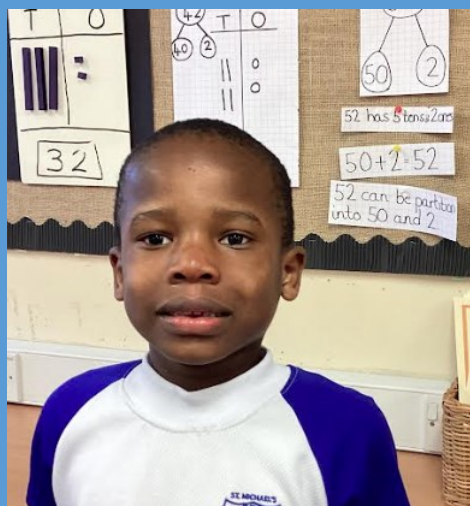


## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE



### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



### 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 1	Princess	Muna
Year 2	Hannah	Pavlo
Year 3	Rubie-Rose	Ivan
Year 4	Raja	Ore-ofe
Year 5	Kryspin	Cecila
Year 6	Eric	

### Reader of the Week



### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK







## 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

**Preparing for Jesus: Psalms 25:8-9**  
**God sent Jesus to lead us to Him**

<sup>8</sup> Because the LORD is righteous and good, he teaches sinners the path they should follow.  
<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.

**Pray**

**Following in his footsteps**

care, good, kind, love, pray, forgive, build, trust

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](#)

### 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!

Alex

Abbie

Achsah

Francis

Mary

Daniel

Ms Lunt

Ms Birch

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## School Activities

### St Michael's Book Fair



St Michael's Book Fair will be running from Tuesday 3rd December to Tuesday 10th December in the Junior Hall.

You can access the Book Fair through the Junior playground at the end of the day.

There will be a variety of books / stationery for sale with prices from £2.00 upwards.

This is a cash-less book fair and all payments will be taken through card / contactless payment.





## 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](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	<b>24 OCT</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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### 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](https://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.



Think pharmacy first



## Fast advice and treatment

When your child is feeling unwell and off school with one of 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.

### 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)



# The Liverpool ASD Training Team

## Virtual group drop-in advisory sessions

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a group setting and who have questions or concerns about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

### **Dates and Times**    1pm – 2.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> November    2024

26<sup>th</sup> November    2024

27<sup>th</sup> November    2024

28<sup>th</sup> November    2024

3<sup>rd</sup> December    2024

6<sup>th</sup> December    2024

To book your place please email [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

With a choice of your date and you will be emailed a zoom link.

For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page /  
Liverpool ASD training team for future training and Workshops





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**go to the PARENT page**

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Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB





## Parenting, SEN and other support



Winter 2024/2025

## Newsletter

FREE  
until  
JAN 25



**Understanding the Teenage Brain**  
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday  
5th Dec  
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  
17th Dec  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Facing Defiance**  
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday  
7th Jan  
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.

Thursday  
9 Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**AUTISM:**  
**Improving Communication**  
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.





## Parenting, SEN and other support

**A FREE local event organised by  
Liverpool City Council's  
Healthy Homes team.**

**A range of organisations offering expert  
advice on various issues including:**

- Fuel poverty
- Healthy eating
- Social/lifestyle information
- Advice on benefits, emergency fuel and food payments
- Free food packs with recipes (zero food waste whilst stocks last)
- Benefit Maximisation checks
- Free health checks
- Eligibility checks for Energy Efficiency Funding
- Energy saving advice
- Fuel debt advice
- Free winter warmer packs (while stocks last)

**And much more ...**

**FREE  
Prize Draw  
with various  
prizes donated  
by local  
businesses**

**FREE  
hot drink  
on arrival**



**FREephone 0800 0121 754  
[liverpool.gov.uk/  
healthyhomesprogramme](http://liverpool.gov.uk/healthyhomesprogramme)**





## 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**





# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

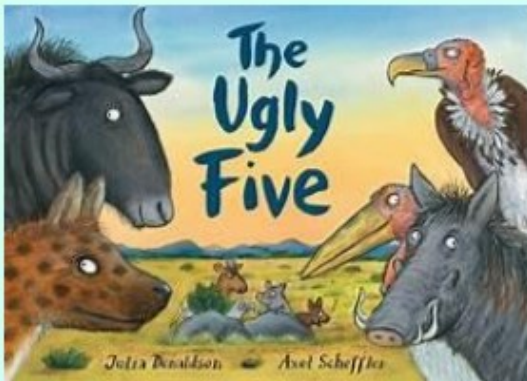
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## Storytime @ St Michael's

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

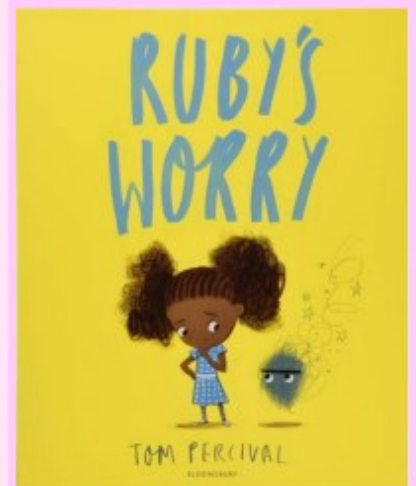
### The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to  
listen to...

"Ruby's Worry"

By Tom Percival







# 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

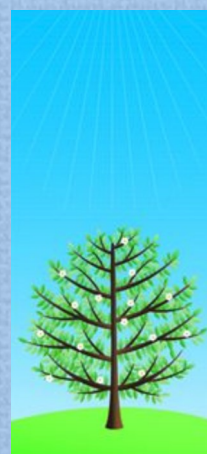
Term: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July (May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May)

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