

Current Nursery children can now apply for Reception places starting in September 2025.

Please note: MIND Breakfast postponed until Autumn 2

Headteacher's Message

Friday 8th November 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new half term that will take us up to Christmas. I hope you and your families had a lovely autumn half term holiday.

Open Night – Thursday 14th November 2024 3.30 –6.30pm.

Today and Monday letters will go home about our first Parents/Carers Evening for this school year. This letter will include a designated time for your appointment with your child's/children's teacher.

At this meeting the class teacher will share with you the following information:

- The progress and achievements your child has made to date in English, Maths, other curriculum areas and the things they need to do to improve their current progress.
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- Their overall behavior, school attitude, personal achievements and their involvement in the wider school life.
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- The attendance and punctuality record for your child.
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Please enter school through the main pedestrian gate.

We feel it is more beneficial to have this pupil progress conversation with just the parent/carer. So we just inviting parents/cares to attend this meeting and ask if you can organize childcare if you are able to. School is unable to provide Crèche facilities during these meetings.

We would like to give you an opportunity to taste our lunch menu through a section of food samples. These will be available in the infant hall prepared and cooked by our wonderful school chef – Graham.

School Photographs – Wednesday 13th November

The photographer will be in school on this day. Please ensure your child/children are in full uniform. There will be an opportunity to have sibling groups too. *If for any reason you do not want your child/children to have the photo please contact the school office or let the class teacher know. Please remember there is NO obligation to purchase these photos.*

National Anti-Bullying Week





Headteacher's Message

In school we will be participating in this week **Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November**

Monday – Launch Assembly and school song for week

Tuesday – Odd Sock Day (All children and staff to wear Odd Socks!)

Wednesday – Class based activities around the theme of 'Choose Respect'

Thursday KS2 Anti-Bullying Drama performance and workshops/Poster making in KS1

Friday National 'Children in Need' – Pudsey Bear. Staff and children welcome to get dressed up or wear non – uniform.

Friends of St Michael's (PTA) Meeting at 9 am – Tuesday 12th November

Please come along and join us for a cuppa and biscuit to plan some events for our children and families for Christmas in the junior hall. All welcome

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 18th 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. A letter with more information will be shared on Monday.



Advent and Christmas

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

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Feast or Special Event	Year group	DATE	Parents
Advent 1	Year 3	Monday 2 nd December	9.15am parents/yr4&5 11am yr1/2/6
Advent 2	Year 4	Monday 9 th December	9.15am parents/yr3&5 11am yr1/2/6
Advent 3	Year 5	Monday 16 th December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/6
Christmas Lunch for Children	Whole School	Friday 13 th December	Children Only



Headteacher's Message

Advent 4 and Nativity	Year 6	Thursday 19 th December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/5
Nativity	Nursery	Tuesday 17 th December	9.15am parents 2.30pm parents
Nativity	Reception	Tuesday 10 th December	9.15am parents
Nativity	Infants (1&2)	Thursday 12 th December	9.15am parents 2.15pm parents
Christmas Pantomime Trip	Reception-Yr6	Wednesday 18 th December	Children and volunteer parents/ carers

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December.

Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs Rigby



Focus on: Record Breakers

Record Breakers have settled very well after our half term. We have had such a busy week! We have been trying really hard in being respectful to each other when working in groups this week. Miss Gannon has been super proud of us this week for this!

In English, we have begun our new story 'Rapunzel' written by Bethan Woolvin. At the beginning of the week we were left some clues about our new story ... a witches hat, rope, hair, a leaf and a spell book. We predicted there would be a witch in the story so we did some drama pretending to be a witch around the classroom, walking, talking and cackling like a witch. We have some brilliant actors in the Record Breakers.



This week we started our new Science topic, the Human Body. We sang Heads, Shoulders, knees and toes and drew around our friends body and labelled each body part. We had so much fun with this!





Focus on: Record Breakers

We have been enjoying our afternoon phonics lessons.



In Dt we have been making moving parts by creating our own slider. We made our own level to be able to pull left to right. We had so much fun!



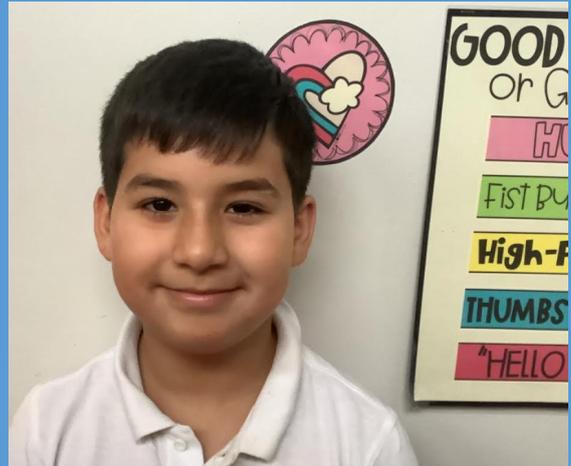


Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



ABOVE AND BEYOND



They have been rewarded with a certificate and a not to celebrate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!

PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



Reader of the Week



Our chosen reader of the week is rewarded for her hard work in reading lessons and almost doubling her fluency score since September





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

Respect & Remember: Matthew 5:4
Remembering



In the month of November we remember those who have died and pray for their peace with God in heaven.

When we remember our family and friends who have died, we might feel sad and miss them. We can pray to God and ask him to help us through these sad times.

At the end of this prayer time – think of a happy memory you have of the person you lost, hold that memory in your mind.

Class prayer time – 2nd November All Souls



God of life,
We give thanks for all the holy men and women who have lived throughout the world.

Help us to live as you would like us to by showing love to all, bringing peace and always trying to do what is right.

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

Ask at reception for more details

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Alveena
Claudio
Vanessa

Kehinde
Taye
Fred
Ms Haynes



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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	94.3 %
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	94.5 %
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	99 %
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	98.5 %
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	98.7 %
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	96 %
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.1 %
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	96 %
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	98 %
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	96 %
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	97 %
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	94 %
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	98.7 %
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96.1 %
Totals	97.2 %

Well done to the **QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1** and **WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6** 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 (with criteria: Until...)

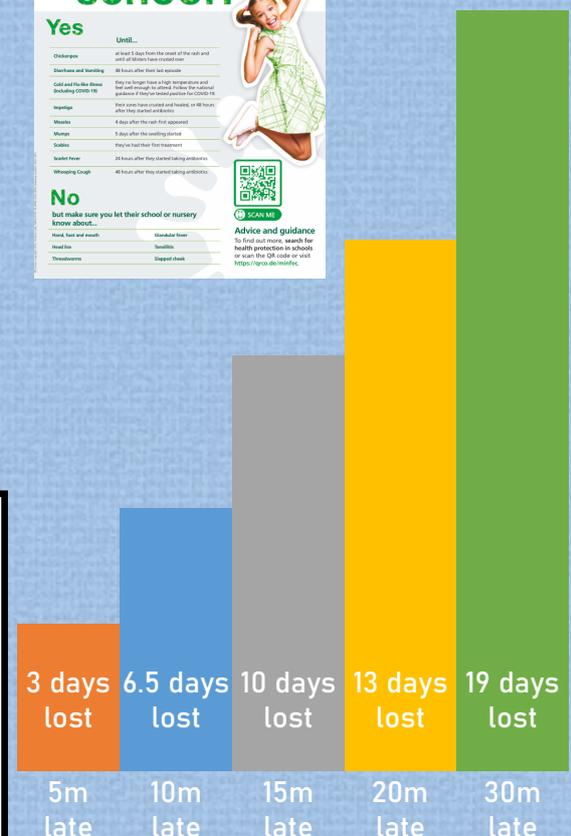
No (with criteria: but make sure you let your school or nursery know about...)

Advice and guidance (with QR code and URL: <https://go.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

FREE SESSIONS	
Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
Decreasing Depression	25 NOV
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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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.

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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



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Who are Foster4?

Foster4 is 8 Local Authorities working together with one aim:



To **recruit** and **support** a strong community of local foster carers who can provide safe, stable, high-quality childhoods for children who can't live with their families.



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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 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

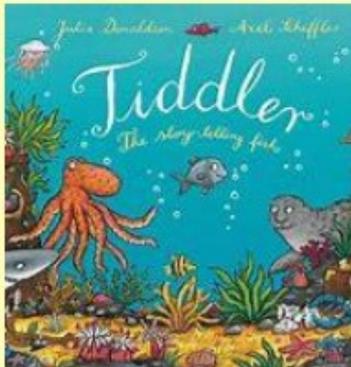
CASS- 0151 459 2606



Storytime @ St Michael's

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

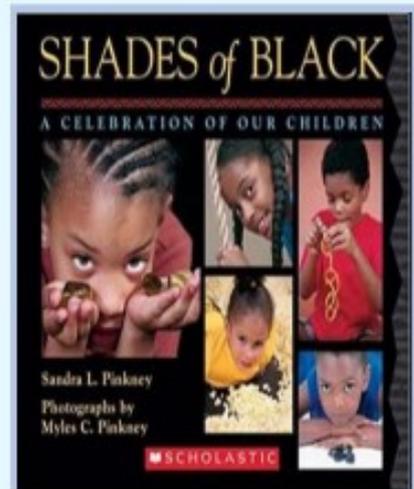
The Tiddler by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children"

By Sandra L. Pinkney
Photographs by Myles C. Pinkney





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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