

Headteacher's Message

Friday 06 December 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers



Advent Assembly One

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended our first Advent Assembly on Monday in school. This beautiful service was led by year 3 (Olympians and Heroes) in the junior hall. The first candle which is purple, is a symbol of **HOPE**. The assembly was filled with dance, acting, prayers and wonderful singing. The children were all wonderful and participated with reverence, joy and happiness. Thank you to the team of staff in year 3 who prepared this service so thoughtfully and skillfully.

Advent Assembly Two

On Monday (9th December) at 9.15am we have our Second Advent assembly in the junior hall. **Year 4** (Inspirations and Hot Shots) are leading this service. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. A mince pie and drink will be available before the service begins.

A visit to Alder Hey Hospital

On Monday myself, Ms Ghazali and our school Head and Deputy Pupils visited the Charity Centre at Alder Hey Hospital to present a cheque for £404 from our school. If you remember we raised this money before half term to support the children's cinema in the hospital.

We have received a thank you letter from the hospital – here are a few quotes from the letter dated 3rd December 2024:

'By supporting Alder Hey Children's Charity, you are helping us to go above and beyond for babies, children and young people and your generosity has a lasting impact on our families who need our care.'

'St Michael's Catholic Primary School, your gift means the world to everyone at Alder Hey and makes such a difference to what we can do for our brave young patients.'

Thank you to all and well done to our Head and Deputy pupils who represented our school so well.



Parent and child/children CHRISTMAS CRAFT workshops

Wow! These workshops were hugely successful and so well attended by parents/carers and children. What an incredible selection of Christmas crowns, party hats, tree decorations, and Christmas cards were made. The array of crafts filled with Christmas sparkle, glitter and wonderful creativity. Everyone had a great time and left with a handful of homemade crafts for all the family to enjoy over Christmas.

A big thank you to Ms Cornett and Ms Duncan (our wonderful Learning Mentors), for preparing and leading these two workshops for all to enjoy



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Year 3 visit to the Liverpool World Museum.

On Tuesday year 3 children went by coach to a 'Bee Exhibition'. It was very interactive and the children took part in a super interesting workshop where the children got access to many practical resources. Ms Duncan, (Learning Mentor) who led the trip was thrilled how well all the children got involved and behaved so well throughout the educational visit. Well done Olympians and Heroes! Thank you to Ms Duncan and yr3 staff team for leading and managing this great day out!

Advent Service at the Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool

Ms Roscoe and Ms McMahon took a group of children on Thursday afternoon to the cathedral to watch the annual Advent and Christmas children's service. We also took some gifts (toys) that are presented during the service by all attending schools across the archdiocese. These toys are given to the Nugent care charity who share these with families who may need some extra support at Christmas. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school and enjoyed the service.

Friday 13th December 2024- Christmas Dinner

On this day we will be having our school Christmas dinner. On this day the children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper** instead of their school jumper. Children will make party hats in school to also wear. Further information will go out about this on Monday.

On this day we are hoping Father Christmas will drop in to see our Nursery – year 2 children.





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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 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
Choir Singing at St Bede's	Choir	Friday 13 th December	Children Only
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
Christmas Family Social and Disco	All School	Thursday 19 th December @ 5-7pm in Irish Centre	School Families and staff

Reminder:

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December

Nursery Closes on Tuesday 17th December at normal time (3.20pm)

Sparkles will close on Tuesday 17th December

Have a lovely weekend – Best Wishes

Mrs Alyson Rigby Headteacher



Focus on: Year 4 Hotshots

What a fantastic first term in the Hotshots!

Every day is a chance to learn, achieve and thrive! We have immersed ourselves in high-quality texts in our English lessons, such as *The Whale and Leaf*, producing spectacular pieces of writing. We have tackled multiplication and division in our maths lessons, approaching challenges with resilience and determination.

In music, we love our ukulele lessons with Mr Rowe, we have learnt how to strum each of the strings and how to use the frets to make chords.

Every science lesson is an opportunity to hypothesise, predict, test and evaluate. We have looked at States of Matter and experimented with melting point and freezing point.

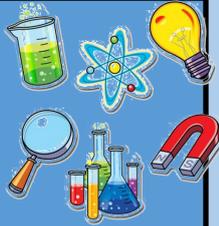
What an amazing term we have had!





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



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!

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

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



Pray

Wednesday 23rd 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
 Ask at reception for more details

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nathan Kaaviya
 Philip Aliyu
 Aiman Asma'u
 Yusef Serah
 Evelin Oluwadarasimi
 Moromoluwa Ella-Rose
 Ali Miss Lafferty
 Miracle Mr Smith
 Aziel Mrs O'Kane



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	92.80%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	83.40%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	92%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	98.50%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	90.70%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	91.30%
HEROES - YEAR 3	95.40%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	99.30%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	98%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98.60%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	91%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	94.70%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	98.70%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	92.30%
Totals	95%

Well done to the **Record Breakers and Olympians** 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

Attendance Ladder



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 (with conditions)

No (with conditions)

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



School Activities

ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket,
You have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes on a Friday including

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Asda Shopping Voucher



Christmas Stocking



Selection box Suprises

**WE HAVE 2 WEEKS REMAINING FOR THIS TERM.
COME ON ST MICHAEL'S LET'S SEE HOW MANY WEEKS WE CAN
ACHIEVE 100 % ATTENDANCE**

Ms Hayes & Mr Smith



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

"Welcome to the December Special, of Liverpool's Parenting Newsletter.

The ads are on the TV, the music is playing on the radio. In the city centre, the lights have been lit, shops are bustling and the panto's have started..... this must mean Santa is on his way! Christmas is coming! Liverpool really has lots going on to celebrate the winter holiday season. This newsletter will focus on some of those festive activities you can get involved in, along with some updates on services that can help and support over the festive season, along with top tips for a calmer Christmas.



CLICK HERE



Join in fun sessions with PSS and The Brain Charity

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Children's Day

Wednesday 4th December, 10.30 am - 12.30pm
Eleanor Rathbone House

Free toys, teddies, children's clothes and books

Come along and meet other local parents and babies, play together and take some free toys, books and clothes home. If you'd like to move your body, we'll also have a free circuit training session, especially for parents! Tea, coffee and cakes are on us.

To book a place and let us know of any dietary needs, please contact:
Our front of house team: call 0151 702 5555 or email hello@pss.org.uk
Sarah Dewick: call 07872194822 or email sarah.dewick@pss.org.uk

Family Christmas Craft Sessions

Sunday 8th December
10am - 12noon 1pm - 3pm

Sunday 15th December
10am - 12noon 1pm - 3pm

Free Christmas making workshops for children and young people and their families

The Brain Charity, Norton Street, Liverpool, L3 8ER

If you wish to sign up for a session, please contact christina.beaumont@thebraincharity.org.uk or maria.wilson@thebraincharity.org.uk



Parenting, SEN and other support

Aspire Education offer further education opportunities, providing high-quality destinations enabling positive next steps post-course completion. Due to huge success of the Aspire School Support Course, we have received further funding to further develop school support knowledge. We want to provide the next career progression route by offering the following:

- **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Early Years Foundation Stage - Children and Young Peoples Workforce**

The Level 3 Early Years Foundation Stage Skills Bootcamp enhances school support CV even further, recognizing and developing your knowledge and understanding and establish personal, learning and employment goals within the education sector.

Click below for more information

Early Years Bootcamp

[CLICK HERE](#)



**Guaranteed
1:1
Interview**



**6 Week
FREE
Course**

**Early Years Staff Urgently Needed!
Hybrid learning: Classroom & Homebased
Free DBS check provided
upon successful interview!**



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Arts4Us

Become a Member of our Young Arts4Us Panel

ARE YOU?

Are you currently between the ages of **9 and 13** with previous experiences of challenges with your mental health?

OR?

Are you currently between ages **14-24** but had previous experience of mental health difficulties when you were aged 9-13?

Are you interested in **creative arts** (e.g., drawing, music) and how they can support mental health?



WHY your voice is important?

Young people will help **lead** the project, **work together** with researchers, community groups, and healthcare staff to understand what **arts activities** young people want, and how they support young people's **mental health**.



WHAT would you be asked to do?

As a Young Arts4Us Member you would:

- join a group of young people to **share** your ideas and opinions, meeting up to 6 times a year (either online or in person).
- provide **feedback** on relevant documents
- **co-design** creative research outputs



HOW would you benefit from this?

Young Arts4Us members also receive:

- payment of **up to £25 per hour** or equivalent in vouchers
- **travel expenses** to cover in person meetings at Edge Hill University
- **training, support and mentorship** in research methods, leadership, and other life skills for the future
- **certificates** and other forms of recognition

Arts4Us is a research project which is about **supporting** the mental health of young people aged 9-13 through arts activities such as drawing, music and dancing. These activities can make it easier for young people to handle big challenges as they grow up.

The project will create a **digital platform** (e.g. a website, or App) where young people and their families can easily find and join these arts activities.

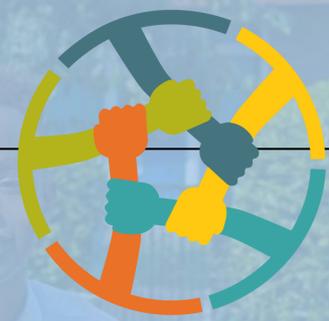


CLICK HERE

Contact

YoungArts4Us@edgehill.ac.uk for more information **or** scan the QR code to show your interest.





Parenting, SEN and other support



WINTER TIMETABLE

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

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
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.



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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



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

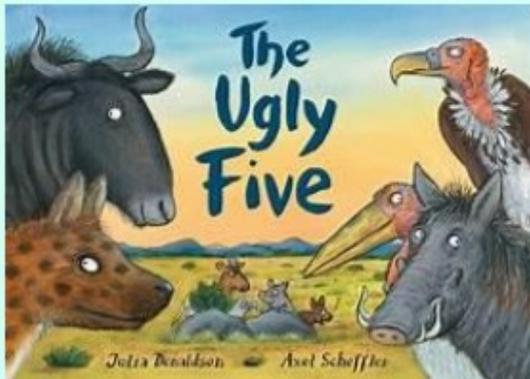
CASS- 0151 459 2606



Storytime @ St Michael's

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

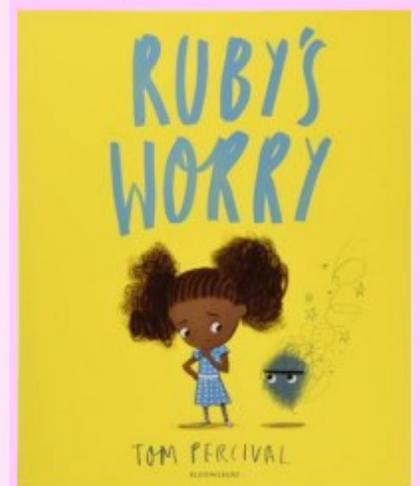
The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to
listen to...

"Ruby's Worry"

By Tom Percival





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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