

Headteacher's Message

Friday 13 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Advent Assembly Two

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended our Second Advent Assembly on Monday in school. This beautiful service was led by year 4 (Hot Shots and Inspirations) in the junior hall. The second candle which is purple, is a symbol of **PEACE**. The assembly was filled with acting, prayers and joyous 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 Three

On Monday (16th December) at 9.15am we have our Third Advent assembly in the junior hall. Year 5 (High Flyers and High Achievers) are leading this service. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. A mince pie and drink will be available before the service begins.

Advent Assembly Four and Nativity

On Thursday (19th December) at 9.15am we have our final Advent Assembly in the junior hall. **Year 6** (Champions and Whizz Kids) are leading this service which will conclude with a Nativity tableau. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. A mince pie and drink will be available before the service begins. Nativity! Nativity! Nativity Heaven!

Reception class Nativity

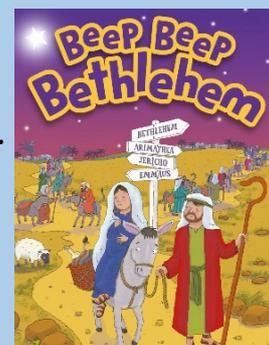
Last Tuesday morning our two reception classes (Superstars and Shining Stars) came over to the junior hall to perform to an audience of parents and carers. It was simply magical! The reception children were dressed in nativity costumes –including Mary, Joseph, and Inn Keepers Three Kings with camels, stable animals, and shepherds with sheep, angels and stars. The singing and acting from the reception classes was incredible - they knew all the words and actions. The children created a beautiful Nativity Tableau –sharing the joy of Christmas day with all. Every single child was a super and shining star! *Thank you to all the children and Reception Class team of staff for supporting the children to create such a happy and Christmassy performance.*



Infant Nativity

On Thursday, our wonderful Year 1 (Record Breakers and Quick Thinkers) and Year 2 (Golden Wonders and World Beaters) children performed a fantastic retelling (with a donkey twist!) of the Nativity for their families.

The story of '**Beep Beep Bethlehem**' told us how the main road out of Nazareth was busy. Very busy. For Mary and Joseph, travelling to the little town of Bethlehem for the census, this meant taking the smaller, bumpy, winding road through the hills. Would they get there safely? Would they get there before Mary's baby is born? And how would the Three Kings fare? Or the shepherds? They wanted to see the baby too!



The children looked fantastic in their costumes, and they knew every single word to the songs! Thank you to all of the staff for organising the performance, and thank you to all of our wonderful parents, carers and wider friends and family members for joining us to support the children.

Thank you to all the children and KS1 team of staff for supporting the children to create such a delightful performance.



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Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

Today we had our delicious school Christmas Lunch. All the children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers, tinsel and party hats.

The school infant hall was beautifully decorated and all tables laid (including Christmas crackers for all) for this special festive lunch. A big thank you to **Graham** our resident school chef and our kitchen staff team who worked tirelessly to ensure the 400+ lunches were all ready. I applaud you all –thank you.



A visit to Father Christmas. (Nursery and Infant Children)

Today all Nursery children and infant children visited Father Christmas in the festive grotto in the junior hall. All the children were very excited to see Father Christmas.

Christmas Selection Boxes for all

All children across the school were given a chocolate selection box – a gift from all governors and staff here at St Michael's.



Beacon fire station project

On Tuesday, after an intense 6-week programme at Kirkdale Community Fire Station, our year 4 pupils who had completed The Beacon Fire Course took part in their pass out parade and presentation.

It was a wonderful event where the children shared some of the drills they had been working on during their sessions, and school, parents and carers were able to celebrate the children's successes. From first aid training to team building, the smoke house to the rat run, the children acquired many different skills during their time on the course, which I am certain will equip them for the future.

Well done to all, and a huge thank you to our parents who came along and joined us for the celebration. **A special thank you to Ms O'Brien who has led and supported this group of children each week.**





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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 nd December	9.15am parents/yr4&5 11am yr1/2/6
Bees Exhibition and Dance Workshop	Year 3	Tuesday 3 rd December	Children Only (Volunteer Helpers)
Christmas Crafts Workshop	Reception/KS1	Wednesday 4 th December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
Christmas Crafts Workshop	KS2	Thursday 5 th December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
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



School Activities: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day





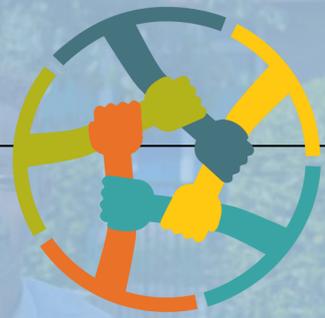
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School Activities: Christmas Craft Day





School Activities

On Friday our wonderful Choir visited St Bede's Church to sing alongside the Liverpool Memory Singers. We had a wonderful time and we were so proud of the children. The staff of the group commented how wonderful the children are in singing and we can't wait to go back again.





School Activities: Beacon Fire





Focus on: Year 4 Inspirations

Wow! What a great first term we have had in the Inspirations!

In Maths, we have been practicing the times tables and we can recall multiplication facts very speedily.

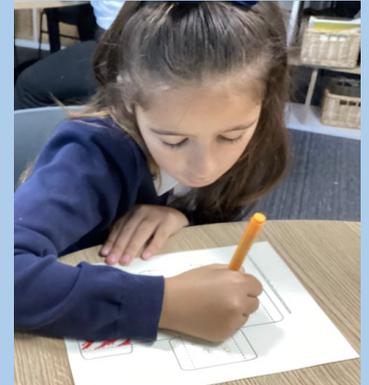
In English, we have been researching facts about polar bears and using this knowledge to plan a non-chronological report. Did you know that a polar bear's fur is not white, but translucent?

In Music, Mr Rowe has been teaching us how to play a variety of songs on the ukulele. This has included 'Riptide' and 'Jingle Bells'. Although it does hurt our fingers, we sound amazing!

We created gift boxes in R.E. to demonstrate how we can share our unique gifts to help others.

A group of very lucky children attended sessions with the fire service. They had a fantastic time and learned lots of new skills.

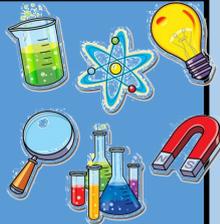
We cannot wait for the Spring term in 2025!





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



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

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!

Aryam **Mrs Lafferty**
Bernice **Miss Norman**
Jaswin
Victoria
Venba
Arthur



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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	94.10%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	93.25
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	94%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	92.30%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	95.70%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	96.30%
HEROES - YEAR 3	94%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	97.30%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	99.30%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	95.50%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	93.70%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	96.70%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	92.60%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	94.20%
Totals	95.10%

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.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes (with conditions)

No (with conditions)

Advice and guidance

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.

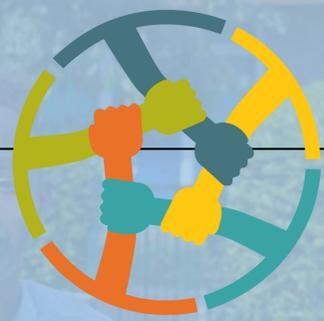
It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



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.



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



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

pss*

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



10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season is fast approaching! 🎅 While we hope you're excited to kick back, relax, and enjoy some well-earned rest with friends and family, it's still vitally important that we do all we can to safeguard the children and young people in our care over the festive period 📺

However, it can be tricky to know what specific steps we can take to ensure our winter break is as calm and risk-free as possible, which is why we've put together this week's free guide. Check out our expert advice on keeping youngsters safe over the festive season ❄️🛡️

👉 [DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE GUIDE](#)



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



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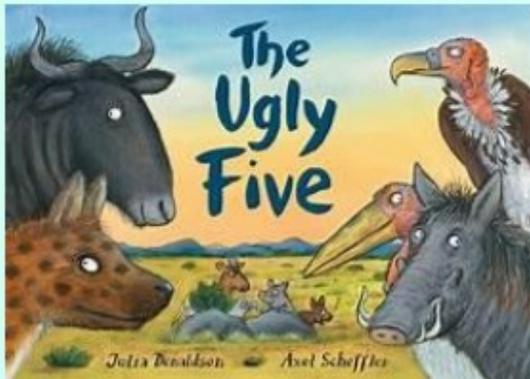
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Storytime @ St Michael's

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

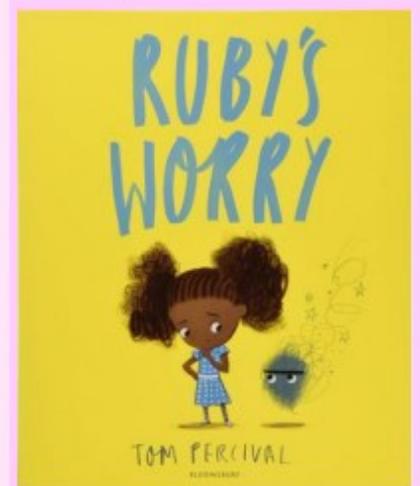
The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to
listen to...

"Ruby's Worry"

By Tom Percival





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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