



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 20th December 2024



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Dear Parents/Carers



### Advent Assembly Three

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended our Third Advent Assembly on Monday in school. This beautiful service was led by year 5 (High Flyers and High Achievers) in the junior hall. The third candle which is pink, is a symbol of **Joy and it represents Mary the Mother of Jesus**. The assembly was filled with acting, prayers and joyous singing. When the children sang the last Christmas Carol they all lit up a candle (battery) which created a festive and holy atmosphere. The children were all wonderful and participated with reverence, joy and happiness.

*Thank you to the team of staff in year 4 who prepared this service so thoughtfully, skillfully and with creative flair.*

### Advent Assembly Four

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended our Fourth Advent Assembly on Thursday in school. This magical service was led by year 6 (Whizz Kids and Champions) in the junior hall. The fourth candle which is purple, is a symbol of **Love**. The assembly was filled with acting, prayers and joyous singing. The children acted out the Christmas story in superb costumes and created a beautiful Nativity Tableau – creating awe and wonder for all in the audience. The children were all wonderful and participated with enthusiasm, joy and happiness.

*Thank you to the team of staff in year 6 who prepared this service so beautifully, skillfully and with creative flair.*



### Pantomime Visit – Peter Pan

On Wednesday we all had a very exciting visit to see the pantomime. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it! All being well we hope to make this an annual Christmas trip. Thank you to all the helpers that care to support us and parents/carers supporting us with the later pickup.



### Family Christmas Social Event

Last night we had a fun filled family Christmas social in the Irish Centre. It was well attended by many school families who enjoyed the dancing, bingo, tombola, refreshments and raffle. Thank you too to the parents who made the Christmas packs of hot chocolate with marshmallows and Reindeer Food ready to sell at this event. All funds raised will go into the 'Friends of St Michael's' account to help fund activities and resources for our children. Thank you also to all the staff who supported this event.



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### Happy Christmas to all

We truly have had a wonderful Advent and festive season in school. Thank you for all your support – our home and school partnership is so important and we value it greatly.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you and all your family a very 'Happy Christmas and joyful New Year'.



**School RE-OPENS on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Have a lovely Christmas– Best Wishes

Mrs. Alyson Rigby Headteacher





## Nursery Christmas Performance

On Tuesday our wonderfully talented nursery children performed some festive songs (accompanied by some fabulous dance moves!) for their parents and carers.

Thank you to all who came and supported.





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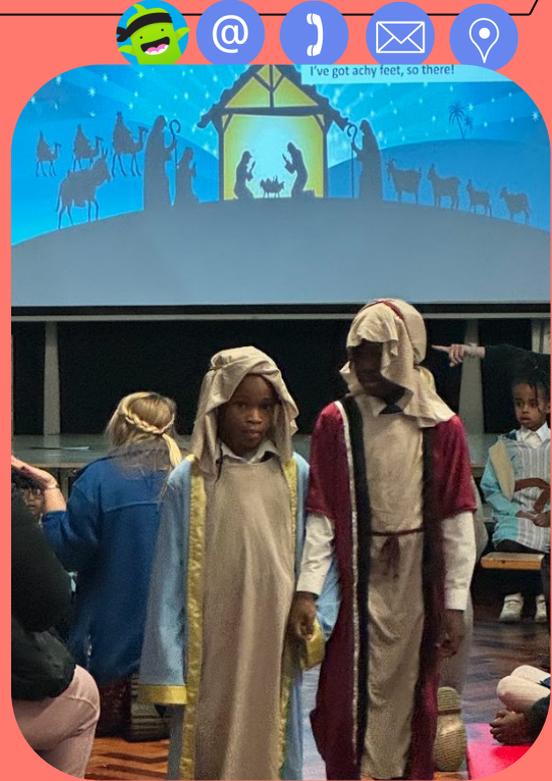


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## Infant Nativity





## 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 9LR

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](#)



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**Guaranteed  
1:1  
Interview**  
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**6 Week  
FREE  
Course**

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



## Parenting, SEN and other support



10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

# SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media apps such as TikTok and Instagram are immensely popular among children and young people: Ofcom found that 96% of children have their own profile on at least one of these platforms by the age of 17. These apps feature short-form, algorithmically tailored content 📱 ensuring that their users spend as long as possible viewing posts and videos 👁️

As parents and educators, it is vital for us to safeguard the children in our care if – or more likely, when – they use social media 🛡️ However, the question then becomes “what exactly can we do?” This week’s expert-led guide is here to answer precisely that, offering top-level advice on keeping children and young people safe as they navigate the digital landscape.

👉 [DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE GUIDE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) 🖱️



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

go to the PARENT page

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	<b>25 NOV</b> <b>20 JAN</b>
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.



## 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

### 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



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## St Michael's Catholic Primary School Term

### Dates 2025-2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

Term: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Pupils: Autumn Term <sup>0</sup> – Wednesday 3rd September to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Half term: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 3rd November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Terms ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Spring Term 2026

Term: Monday 5th January – Wednesday 1st April

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April Term ends: Wednesday 1st April 2026

#### Summer Term 2026

Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Term Ends: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July



## Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Six extended twilight sessions