

Headteacher's Message

Friday 17 January 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers



Bring your Parent/Carer to lunch in school

Several years ago, we invited parents/carers to join their child/children for lunch in school. This was very popular and children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their lunchtime experience with a parent/carer.

So, with the support of our wonderful school chef, Graham, we would like to bring this project back. Here is the schedule:



Year Group	Date	Time
Year 3	Thursday 30 th Jan 25	12.15pm
Year 4	Thursday 13 th Feb	12.15pm
Year 5	Thursday 6 th March	12.15pm
Year 6	Thursday 27 th March	12.15pm
Year 2	Thursday 8 th May	11.45pm
Year 1	Thursday 19 th June	11.45pm
Reception	Thursday 3 rd July	11.45pm

The lunch for the adults is free. One adult per child (parent/carer/family member 18+)

A google sign up form will be sent to the year group parents/carers two weeks before the lunch for you to sign up if you wish to attend. You must sign up to join us. We need to have numbers in advance for catering purposes and our safeguarding risk assessment.

The google form will include the menu for the day and ask you if you have any allergies etc;

The year 3 'Bring your parent/Carer to lunch is two weeks away. Please look out for the Google sign up form. Any questions please reach out to staff or give the school a telephone call.

After School Clubs for Spring Term

Early next week we will be sharing our after-school clubs that children are invited to join.

Mass of Thanksgiving at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool at 7pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025.

Please find in this newsletter a letter from the Archbishop of Liverpool – Most Rev Malcolm McMahon.

Date for your diary – Spring Parent/Carer Open Night – Thursday 3rd April 3.30-6pm

Times for your child's/Children's appointment will be sent the week beginning Monday 24th March 2025.



Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes , Mrs Rigby



Letter from Archbishop of Liverpool



13 January 2025

Dear parents and young people of our Catholic schools,

Happy New Year to you all!

Last month, I was able to declare the cure of John (Jack) Traynor a miracle after a very long wait. Jack was a pilgrim on the Archdiocesan first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923, and was cured dramatically of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. Many people at the time considered the cure to be miraculous, but there was never any official Church-recognition because it was felt that there was insufficient medical evidence. Thankfully, some painstaking research over the last couple of years has unearthed evidence of the medical examinations of Jack Traynor at the time of the pilgrimage in 1923 and subsequently. Thus, the cure of Jack Traynor has now been recognised as the 71st official miracle to have happened at Lourdes, and he is the first person from England to have been cured at the shrine.

Though the official declaration of the miracle has come a century after the cure, it is still a significant moment for each of us in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. We will, therefore, have a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 18 February 2025 at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, at 7pm. A drinks reception will follow in the cathedral crypt. It will be an opportunity for people from across the archdiocese and beyond, including representatives from the shrine at Lourdes, to gather in Liverpool to mark this historic moment, and to heed the call of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to be "Pilgrims of Hope".

I wish to invite you **personally**, parents, students and family members to participate in this celebration of the Eucharist, and hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating this joyful event. I include a link to help you book your place in this historic event.

[Booking form for attendance at the celebration of the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor](#)

With my very best wishes and prayers for each of you, your families, and your school communities.

Please pray for me as your archbishop and know that I pray for you each day.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool



Focus on: Nursery

This week in nursery we have been exploring the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been mark making in porridge using different tools to scoop. We've also used porridge for comparing size and made different sized cakes out of playdough. They have been exploring the story through songs, through the book and by role playing using masks.

Lots of new children have joined our class and we've loved welcoming them and making new friends. We're ready to have a great spring term.





Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



Reader of the Week



PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK





After School Clubs

Spring Term 1	
Monday	Tutoring Y6- Mrs Sillitoe Ball Skills - Y3 and Y4
Tuesday	Tutoring Y6- Mrs Sillitoe
Wednesday	Chess Club
Thursday	Y6 Tutoring - C Howard
Friday	Y5 Basketball

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Swimming Thursday PE Friday
Year 6	Monday

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

FOLLOWING in his footsteps

care, good, hard, love, pray, gentle, kind, good

Wednesday 23rd November

Read the [Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters'](#) and [The Wednesday Word](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--------------|-----------|
| Nabeel | Damian |
| Peace | Hope |
| Luz | Antonio |
| Reda | Adhidev |
| Mohammad | Poppy |
| Safwan | Marek |
| Maya | Nathan |
| Nicolas | Riashini |
| Charlotte | Favor |
| Peggy | Rediet |
| Chimjisimike | Evelyn |
| Nima | Solyana |
| Annia | Miradine |
| Duke | Nevaeh |
| Gabriella | Ava-Grace |

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



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**

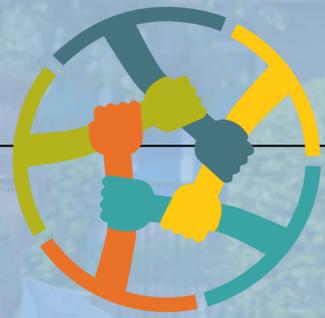


**6 Week
FREE
Course**

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.



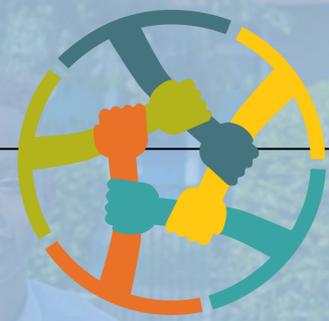
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Contact

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





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



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

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

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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



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Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December

Pupils: Autumn Term ° – Wednesday 3rd September to Wednesday 22nd October

Half term: Thursday 23rd October to Friday 31st October

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

Spring Term 2026

Term: Monday 5th January – Wednesday 1st April

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

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

Summer Term 2026

Term: Monday 13th April to Tuesday 21st July

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

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

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Monday 1st and 2nd September 2025

Six extended twilight sessions

