

# Headteacher's Message

Friday 28th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children have returned school very settled.

Well! It really is starting to feel a lot like spring! The weather today especially has been beautiful and all the daffodils around school are starting to bloom. It looks like we are going to have a pleasant weekend too.

## Year of Jubilee – 2025

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church.

We are invited to be a pilgrim in the Church Year of Jubilee.. Pilgrims of Hope

***In a world that is growing more unjust and unequal, we invite people, schools and communities to experience the joy and strength in coming together as we respond to God's call for a reset, a renewal of faith and a recommitment to a just world.***

In school we will be thinking about how we can be Pilgrims of Hope to help create a world of justice, peace and love. This week we have been thinking about Peace and how we can be a peacemaker.

**St Michael's official launch of the Jubilee Year in school – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** There will be a range of activities for the children to participate in and enjoy. On this day the children are invited to wear the Jubilee colours of yellow, green, red and blue.

Over the next few weeks and months we will keep you all updated about events, activities and assemblies about this special Jubilee Year we are having in school.

### **Bring your Parent/Carer to lunch in school**

Here is the schedule: Please note new date for year 5. Rescheduled to accommodate year 5 Swimming lessons.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 5	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	12.15pm
Year 6	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	12.15pm
Year 2	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	11.45pm
Year 1	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	11.45pm
Reception	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	11.45pm

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

***A google sign up form has been sent to year 5 group parents/carers. 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 included the menu for the day and we have also asked you if you have any allergies etc;

### **Use of Mobile Phone on the playgrounds at drop off and pick up**

Can I please strongly discourage parents/carers and adults not to enter school using their mobile phones. This is a time to mix and chat with other parents, but most importantly be ready to welcome your child/children and chat to them about their day – they are always so excited to see you.

Thank you





## Headteacher's Message Continued

### Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Next marks the beginning of LENT with Ash Wednesday. Father FitzGerald will be joining us for an Ash Wednesday Service for the junior children.



### Dates for Spring Term 2025

DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUP	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Launch of Jubilee Year of Hope	All school	Own clothes – dress in colours of Red,Blue ,Green and Yellow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bring your parent/carer to lunch	Yr5	YR5 Parents/Carers invited
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Whole School	Own clothes – with red theme'
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Bring your parent/carer to lunch	Yr6	YR 6 Parents/Carers invited
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's DAY assembly	Year 2	Parents/Carers invited
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evening	Whole School	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday Assembly and Spring Songs	Year 1 (Palm Sunday) Easter and Spring Songs (Reception)	Parents/Carers invited
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Supper Assembly	Year 4	Parents/Carers invited
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross	Year 5	Parents/Carers invited
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Alive Assembly	Year 3 Year 6	Parents/Carers invited
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade	Infants	Parents/Carers invited

School Closes **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 1.30pm

Dates for Easter Craft Workshops and Easter Discos will be shared next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes,

Mrs Rigby



## Focus: Chess Club



The Year 6 Chess Club is proving to be a huge success, with many students eagerly taking part each week. The club is incredibly popular, and the children are really enjoying the challenge of competing against their classmates. Matches are always competitive, with players thinking carefully about their next moves and improving their strategies. Chess is a fantastic way to develop important skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and patience. It also helps to improve concentration and teaches players how to plan ahead. Whether they win or lose, the students are learning valuable lessons that will benefit them both in and out of the classroom.





## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



# Tobie

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



### Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Maya	Jamie C
Year 2	Dati	Kai
Year 3	Aleena-Rose	Aiman
Year 4	Emediong	Ovinaash
Year 5	Nikyle	Mya

### 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!



### Reader of the Week

### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK





After School Clubs	
Monday	Tutoring Y6- Mrs Sillitoe Ball Skills - Y3 and Y4
Tuesday	Tutoring Maths Y6- Mrs Sillitoe Craft Club for KS2- Miss Cornett
Wednesday	Chess Club for Y6- Mr Smith Yoga & Mindfulness- KS2 Around the world / Arabic for Y5 & Y6
Thursday	Y6 Tutoring - C Howard Maths Club for Y4- Miss Sharpes
Friday	Y5 Basketball

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

**Equality: Psalm 82:3**  
Doing the right thing for others

Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans; be fair to the needy and the helpless.

How can we help to make the world a fairer place?  
What can you find out about Fairtrade?



Class prayer time

Dear God,  
We pray for people around the world who grow and produce the things we eat and buy.  
We pray that they get a fair price for the things we buy from them.  
We pray that buying Fairtrade goods helps to create a better and fairer world.  
Amen

Read the Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters' and The Wednesday

**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](mailto:erin.devereaux@liverpool.gov.uk)

Ask at reception for more details

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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| Samuel     | Etimbuk       |
| Matthias   | Zerlina       |
| Harinakshi | Yotam         |
| Emmanuella | Kauã          |
| Mazeed     | Oluwatiresimi |
| Adan       | Jeremy        |
| Dixie Lou  | Sara          |
| Lira       |               |



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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	95.5%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	98.7%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	93.7%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	97.3%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	96.4%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	96.7%
HEROES - YEAR 3	93.3%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	94%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	95.8%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	99.2%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	99.2%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	91.5%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	100%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96%
Totals	96.2%

Well done to the **Whizz kids and the Superstars** 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,

tionships with other positive behaviour. It good habits for when enter into work and

regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better rela-

tionships with other children and also sets up young people 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.

### 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



**St Joseph's Prayer Centre** is a retreat and spirituality centre located within the National Trust Nature Reserve at Freshfield on Merseyside.

We are available for day visits and residential stays for individuals or groups, seeking a quiet and peaceful place to pray, reflect or meet.

We also offer a number of retreats and events.

### COMING EVENTS

**Lent Each Friday 7.00 p.m.** Way of the Cross, pray and reflect

**April 26 – 27** Retreat: Behold and Capture ( Photography and prayer)

**May 2 - 4** 12 Step Spirituality

**June 16 – 20** Guided Retreat led by Fr. John Mc.Cluskey MHM

**27 – 29** Retreat: Diving Deeper led by Peter and Michelle Moran

**Sept. 7 – 13** Guided Retreat led by Fr. John Mc.Cluskey MHM

**19 - 21** Retreat Living your life in the Power of the Holy Spirit.  
Led by Ros Powell

**Healing Service and Healing Mass** Each Month May – September.

See flier for details

***"Come aside to a quiet place, and rest awhile" Mk 6:31***

St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, Liverpool L37 IPH

Telephone - 01704 875850 Email - [theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk](mailto:theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk)



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## Opportunities

The 11th series of *Junior Bake Off* is now open for applications. The show, airing on Channel 4, seeks young bakers aged 9-15. Applications can be submitted online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk) before the deadline on **Sunday, March 23, 2025**. Filming begins in **July 2025**. For more information, contact **0207 067 4833**.

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.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



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](mailto:YoungArts4Us@edgehill.ac.uk) for more information **or** scan the QR code to show your interest.





## 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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### 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

### Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Monday 1st and 2nd September 2025

Six extended twilight sessions

