

Headteacher's Message

Friday 7th March

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had in school – and lovely, sunny weather to go with it. From Cross Country to World Book Day, we've had such a lot of exciting things going on in school this week.

'Year of Jubilee' school launch day – Tuesday 11th March 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.

St Michael's official launch of the Jubilee Year in school is **Tuesday 11th 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.

Bring your Parent/Carer to lunch in school

Please see below the updated schedule - please note the new date for year 5:

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 5	Wednesday 12 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 adult is free. One adult per child (parent/carer/family member 18+)

A google sign up form will be sent to year 5 group parents/carers. You must that 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.



Ash Wednesday service

On Wednesday, our KS2 pupils participated in a beautiful Ash Wednesday service, led by our Year 4 pupils, to mark the beginning of Lent. Father FitzGerald joined us for the service and blessed the ashes. All staff and children were welcomed to receive ashes in the traditional way if they wished to.



Headteacher's Message Continued

World Book Day 2025: One of Mrs Gordon's favorite days of the year, and 2025 did not disappoint! We had so much fun dressing up as our favorite book characters, our in our pajamas for a bedtime story, along with visits to the library, designing 2026 World Book Day tokens for a competition, getting lost in a good book, getting creative with some art activities and much, much more. We had a whole-school focus on the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers – a beautiful text with the most stunning illustrations. If you'd like to have a read of this book with your children, please follow this link: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/ngnmc/uzgt/#p=28>

Keep an eye out on Class Dojo (and later on in this newsletter) for lots of pictures of our day.

Do you recognize any of the faces below? They may seem familiar!



Diary dates for the Spring Term, 2025:

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

School Closes **Thursday 10th April** at 1.30pm.

Dates for Easter Craft Workshops and Easter Discos to be shared shortly.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend – enjoy the beautiful weather that we have been promised!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Gordon





Focus: Y4 Levi Tafari Library Trip

Year 4 had an exciting trip to Kensington Library for World Book Day, where they had the opportunity to meet poet Levi Tafari and watch him perform. Levi is a legendary poet from Liverpool, whose witty and thoughtful poems can make you laugh and think deeply at the same time. The children were captivated throughout and talked about how much they enjoyed it all day.

We walked from school to Kensington Library and the children were sensible and mature throughout. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who helped make our journey safe.



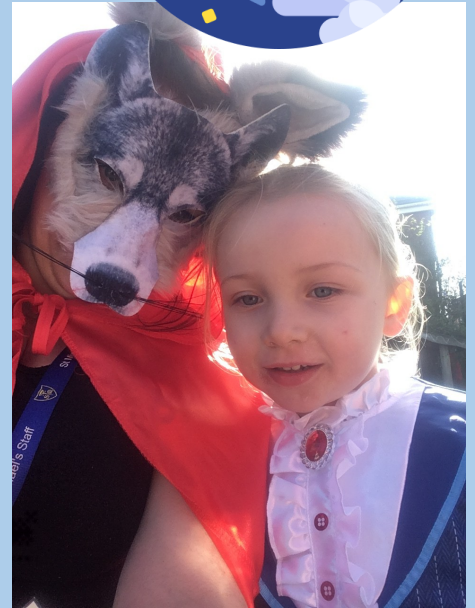
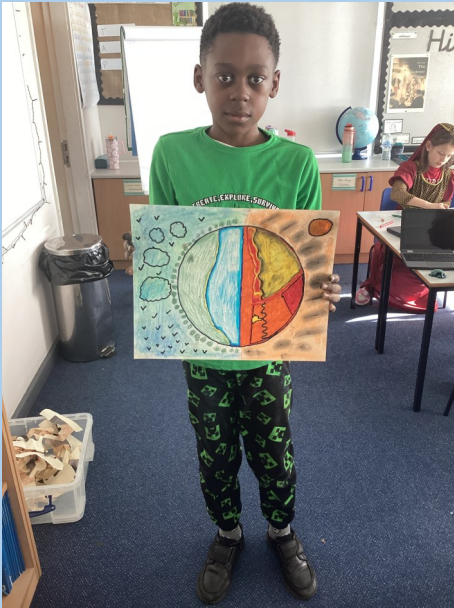


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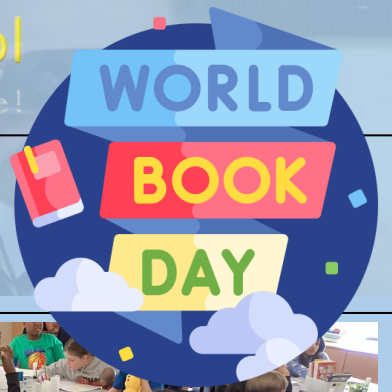
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Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



ABOVE AND BEYOND



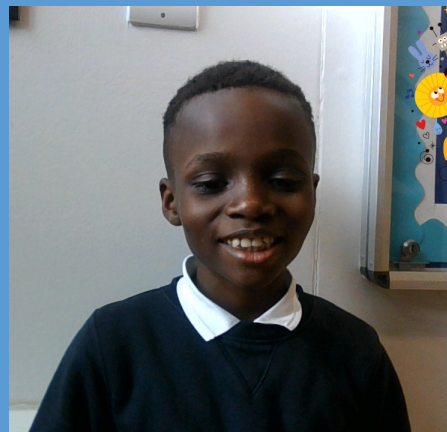
These Children have gone Above and Beyond this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!



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

Integrity: Psalm 24:1
Doing the right thing for others






'The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and who live on it are his.'

In 1992 CAFOD and many other charities helped to form the Fairtrade Foundation.

By giving those who make and produce food, cotton and other products fair pay, the Fairtrade Foundation helps to protect people's lives and gives them a better future.

Find out all about it at:
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/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

Ask at reception for more details

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tyago

Antonia

Leo

Habeeba

Nathan

Hassana

Austin

Nicola

Jamie

Jacob





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Attendance



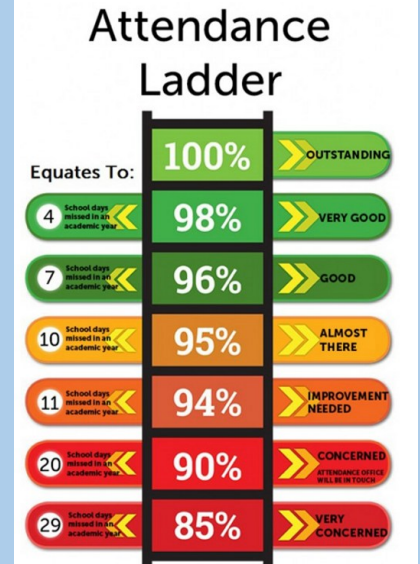
WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	90.7%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	97.9%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	90.3%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	98.6%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	98.6%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	92.7%
HEROES - YEAR 3	98.7%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	94.5%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	94.3%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	96.1%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	93.9%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	98.4%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	96.8%
Totals	95.9%

Well done to the **Record Breakers, Golden Wonders and the Whizzkids** 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.



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.

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes (with QR code)

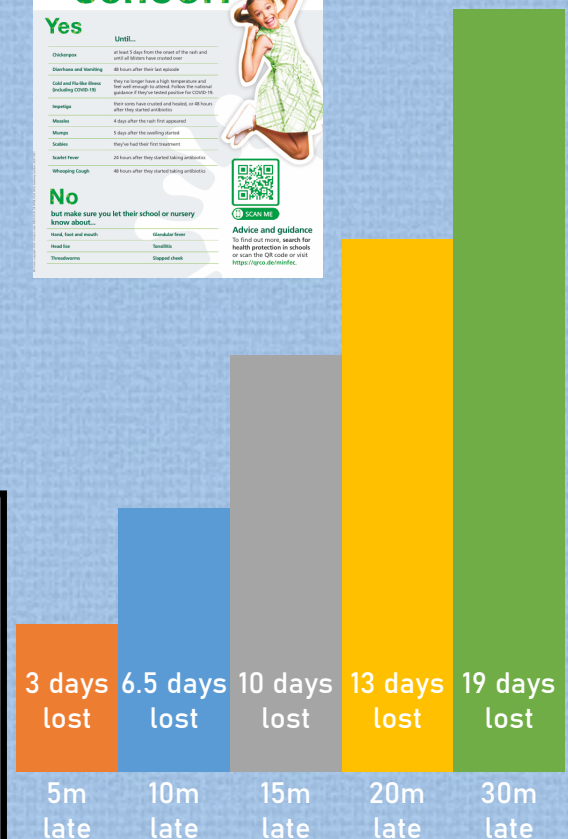
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Advice and guidance

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.





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Online Safety Newsletter

RESPECTING OTHERS ONLINE: DIGITAL KINDNESS AND ANTI-CYBERBULLYING



Welcome

Welcome to our first Online Safety Newsletter.

This fortnightly newsletter will include helpful information, advice and tips for parents and educators, focusing on different themes of online safety to ensure that everyone knows how to keep children safe online.

Teaching Digital Kindness Resources

Scan these QR codes to find resources to help you understand cyberbullying and help to teach your child about its dangers and encourage them to be kind online:

MGL Online Safety Hub: Advice and guides for online safety.



Parentkind: Online safety toolkit for parents to protect children.

Activity

Design a poster about how to be kind online for your school's corridors, classrooms or your home.

Understanding Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is a growing concern, affecting children of all ages and young children are becoming increasingly exposed to the risks.

It is important to recognise the signs that your child may be experiencing cyberbullying:

- Changes in behaviour – Becoming withdrawn, or upset after using their phone or computer.
- Avoiding social interactions – Reluctant to go to school.
- Secretive online behaviour – Are they hiding their screens or not talking about their online activities?

Approaching Digital Kindness

Here are some tips to teach your child digital kindness when they're online:

- Before posting or responding online, encourage your child to pause and think:
 - Would I say this in person?
- Is what I am saying...?
 - True?
 - Helpful?
 - Kind?
- Show your child how to be respectful online by modelling positive behaviour in your own posts, comments, and messages.



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 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

Liverpool City Council
@lpoolcouncil

- Parent of little ones?
- Driver?
- Is your car seat safe?

Meet our Road Safety Team and @carseatladies next week for a FREE car seat check!

From 10am-3pm we're at:

- Wed 12 Mar - @SmythsToysUK, Speke L24 8QB
- Thurs 13 Mar - @SmythsToysUK, Edge Lane L13 1EW

12 & 13 March 25
Liverpool

Free Child Seat Checks

6:27 pm · 4 Mar 2025 · 3,246 Views



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.



Contact

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





Parenting, SEN and other support



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Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Tuesday
4th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

Tuesday
11th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it?
How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Tuesday
18th March
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£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.



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