

# Headteacher's Message

Friday 9 May

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely warm and sunny week we have enjoyed here in school. Let's hope this great weather is a positive sign of good weather over the summer months.

**VE Day Celebrations – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> MAY**



Yesterday we celebrated this important day across school. It was a really great day. The highlight for me was the 'street party' style lunch we had outside with a special lunch to mark the occasion. We all waved our flags as we shared three cheers for all those we remember on this day! A special thank you to Graham our school chef for making over 400+ celebration cupcakes for all children to take home. Please look at all the gorgeous photos that capture this memorable day.

## **Month of May – Mary Mother of Jesus**

In the month of May we dedicate our prayers and private intentions to Mary the Mother of God. As a family you may wish to use this traditional prayer:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**





## Headteacher's Message Continued

### New Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV celebrated his first Mass on today in the Sistine Chapel where he was elected less than 24 hours earlier.

I know you will all join me keeping our new pope in your prayers as he begins this very important role.

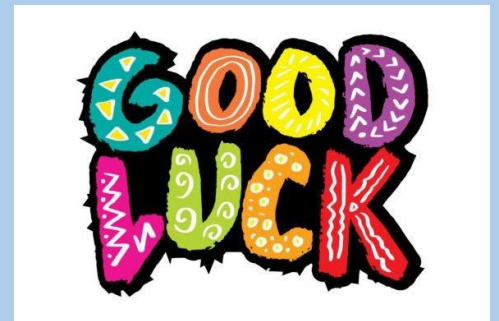


### Good Luck year 6

On Monday our children in year 6 will sit the end of Key Stage Two tests in:

English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and Mathematics (arithmetic and reasoning). In total the children will complete **6 papers.**

The children have worked conscientiously all year supported superbly by the year 6 team of staff. We know the children will all try their best –that is all we ask. We are all exceptionally proud of all our children in year 6.



### Dates for the Summer Term

I am in the process of putting together our usual termly date planner of all the events and activities we have planned for the term. I hope to share this very early next week.

For now one date:

**First Holy Communion Celebration** in church and school (children and families who will make their Holy Communion later this month and June)

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.*

Best Wishes and have a lovely weekend

Mrs Alyson Rigby

Headteacher

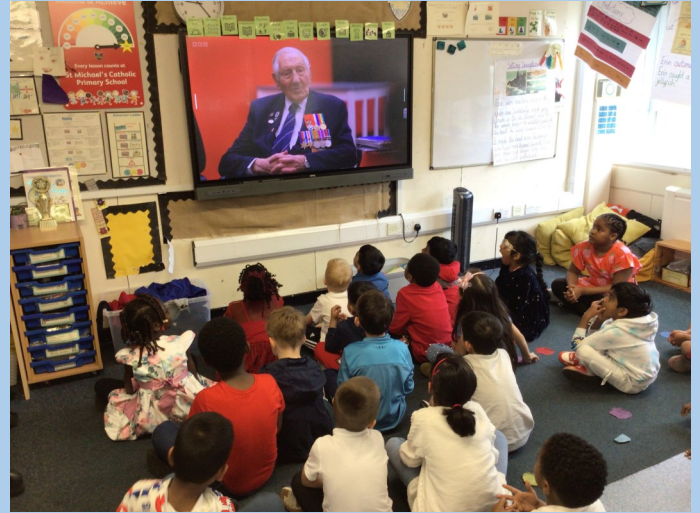




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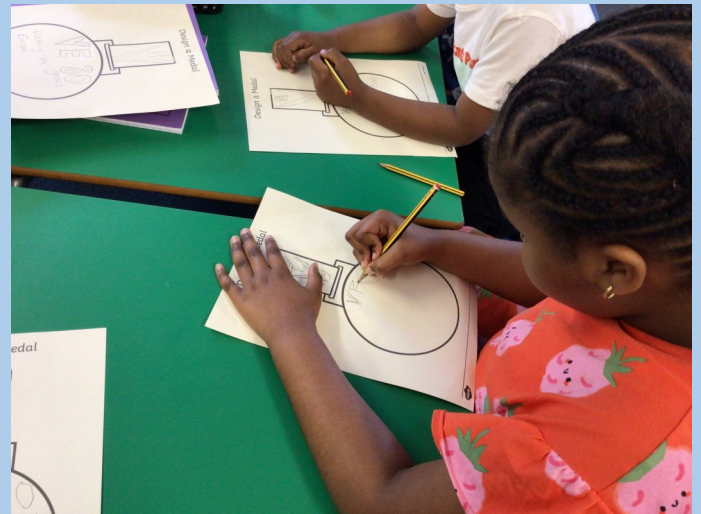




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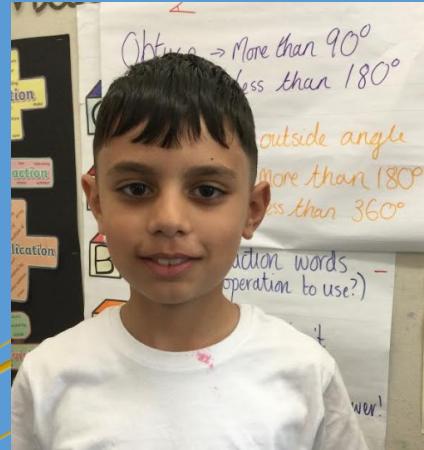
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## Celebration

### 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	Y5/6 Games - KMC Y6 Reading Tutoring - All Y6 staff Cheerleading - Miss Sharpes Lego Club - Miss Gannon & Ms Gibney Maths Club - Mrs Forbes & Miss Butterworth Photography Club - Mrs O'Brien Y3 Football - Mr Ferry
Tuesday	Choir Y6 Tutoring - Miss Sillitoe Irish Dancing - Miss McEntee Art Club - Miss Steiner Outdoor Learning - Miss Potter & Ms Jones Y4 Football - Mr Ferry
Wednesday	Chess Club - Mr Smith Y6 Tutoring - Miss Ghazali & Miss Norman
Thursday	Mini Vinnies - Mrs Roscoe & Mrs Birch Y6 Tutoring - Mrs Howard
Friday	Athletics Club - Coach Sam

Primary School

Team and Bible

	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

Mary the Mother of God

Mission Together



Class prayer time

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From Our Lady 5 Fact Assembly by Mission Together

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou amongst  
women  
and blessed is the fruit of  
thy womb, Jesus.

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!

Ahmad

Destiny

Ali

Luke

Ire-Anu

Mia

Oliver

Mrs. Gordon

Rubie-Rose

Kenechukwu

Sergiu-Carlos





**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Well done to the **World Beaters and Inspirations** for achieving the highest attendance this week. Let's keep on pushing for 100% attendance, 100% of the time!

## Attendance Ladder



<p>190 DAYS 100%</p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p>183 DAYS 96%</p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p>179 DAYS 94%</p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p>175 DAYS 92%</p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than 18 days absence less than 90%</p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

Unltd...

<b>Diarrhoea</b>	at least 5 days from the start of the rash and until all sores have crusted over
<b>Chickenpox and Warts</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Goldilocks and the Three Bears (including Coughs)</b>	10 days after their last episode and until they have no fever, no cough and no sore throat
<b>Impetigo</b>	until they have crusted or healed, or 48 hours after their last episode
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scarlet</b>	until the rash has disappeared
<b>Scrub Typhus</b>	20 days after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Scrubbing Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about it

<b>Head, hand and mouth</b>	48 hours from
<b>Head lice</b>	until clean
<b>Throatswell</b>	check



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more about health protection in schools or colleges visit our website at <https://go.ukhsa.nhs.uk>

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.

**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.**

3 days lost	6.5 days lost	10 days lost	13 days lost	19 days lost
5m late	10m late	15m late	20m late	30m late





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## Parenting, SEN and other support



## Enjoy a hearty, cooked meal on us!

Join us for tasty food  
and great chat every  
week across Liverpool  
and Merseyside!

No need to book, just turn up!

(And it's free!)

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Registered Charity Number 1134423



## FIND A MEAL



### Bootle

**Tuesdays 7pm**  
St Matthew's  
410 Stanley Road  
L20 5AE

Hornby Road  
bus stop  
(2 min walk)



### Dingle

**Wednesdays 7pm**  
St Cleopas Church  
400 Mill Street  
L8 4RF

Bessemer Streer  
bus stop  
(1 min walk)



### Old Swan

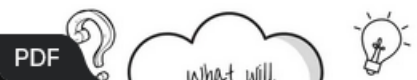
**Thursdays 7pm**  
The Old Library  
Green Lane  
L13 7EB

Tynwald Hill  
bus stop  
(2 min walk)

## Booklet to prepare for year 6

### STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL

A BOOKLET WITH HINTS, TIPS AND  
SPACE FOR YOUR OWN NOTES AND  
DOODLES



Starting\_Secondary\_School\_5\_

This booklet has been developed  
by Liverpool Learning partnership





## Parenting, SEN and other support

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# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

## SCREEN TIME BALANCE – MANAGING HEALTHY SCREEN HABITS

ISSUE 4

### MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Children are naturally drawn to using devices—such as tablets, phones, and laptops—whenever they get the chance. Managing how much time they spend on these devices can sometimes feel like a challenge.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends:

- **1 and under:** Screen time is discouraged.
- **2–4-year-olds:** Limit screen time to no more than one hour per day.
- **Older children:** Limit screen time to no more than two hours per day.



### HEALTHY SCREEN HABITS

Healthy screen habits help your child get the most from their device while maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Here are some tips to help:

- **Content matters:** Be specific about what your child can do during their screen time.
- **Smooth transitions:** Prepare a follow-up activity to ease the shift when their screen time is over. This helps prevent potential outbursts and makes it easier for your child to disengage.
- **Be a role model:** Limiting your own screen time will set a positive example for your child and choose to do offline activities together.

### APP SPOTLIGHT - TIKTOK



This week's app spotlight is **TikTok**. TikTok is a popular short-form video sharing platform. Like with all apps, children using TikTok can be exposed to distressing and inappropriate content, risk receiving messages from strangers and develop unhealthy screen time habits. It is important, as a parent or guardian, to monitor your child's TikTok use.

- TikTok requires users to be at least **13** to make an account and use the app, though **16** and older is suggested.
- Keep on top of your child's 'For You Page' (FYP) to ensure that the content they are viewing is age appropriate.
- Make sure their account is set to private.

Scan the QR code to learn more:







## 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 19<sup>th</sup> December

Pupils: Autumn Term ° – 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

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

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