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Autumn Term, 21st November 2025

A note from Mrs Gordon:

Gate times - a gentle reminder

Morning gate: **8:40am until 8:50am**

Afternoon gate: **3:20pm until 3:30pm**

Please ensure your child is in school on time, every day, to make the most of their learning time!

Arriving
On Time
For School



Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending our Autumn term Parents' Evening on Thursday. Working in partnership with parents is very important to us, and we value your ongoing support.

Sparkles - After School Club

Come and join the fun at our Sparkles After School Club!

Sparkles runs from Monday to Friday, 3:30pm until 5:30pm, at a cost of £7 per child. A reduced, hour-long session (3:30-4:30pm) costs just £4!

If you wish your child to attend, this must be booked and paid in advance via the Parent app.



Upcoming events:

3/12 - 12/12 - Book Fair

1/12 - Y3 Advent Assembly

4/12 - Whole school book breakfast

8/12 - Y4 Advent Assembly

St. Michael's Food Bank



We are kindly asking for food donations for our very own St. Michael's Food Bank:

Tinned goods - soup, beans, vegetables

Dry goods - pasta, rice

Biscuits

Cereals

Long-life milk, juice

Teabags and coffee

Please hand in to class

teachers or the school office.



Clubs this half term:

Monday	Chess Club Y5&6 Running Club - KS2
Tuesday	Fun Friends Club Rec Happiness Heroes KS2
Wednesday	Colouring Club Y1 & Y2 Running Club Y6 Girls Football Y5 Creative Writing Clubs Y6 Christmas Book Club Y3 Film Club Y5 Arts and Crafts Club Y2
Thursday	Minnie Vinnies Y5/6 Choir 4/5/6
Friday	LFC Games Y2

School Council



Members of the school council team went along to Liverpool Town Hall for this terms Liverpool Schools Parliament meeting. Today they looked at how we can support emotional health and well-being in school. The children spent time networking with other schools by gaining and sharing ideas of what promoting good mental health looks like in our schools.

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Weekly Attendance:

R Shining Stars	91.5%
R Superstars	89.6%
Y1 Quick Thinkers	90%
Y1 Record Breakers	95.3%
Y2 Golden Wonder	97.9%
Y2 World Beaters	96.6%

Y3 Heroes	96.3%
Y3 Olympians	97%
Y4 Hotshots	94.7%
Y4 Inspirations	98.7%
Y5 High Achievers	97.9%
Y5 High Flyers	99.3%
Y6 Whizz Kids	94.7%
Y6 Champions	95.9%

Attendance Ladder



Safeguarding:



Mrs Birch

Safeguarding Lead



Miss Sillitoe

Safeguarding Team
Member



Mrs Gordon

Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Jeanette Riley

Safeguarding
Governor



Sarah Reilly

Co- Designated
Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to a member of the team

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ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket to post in our school attendance post box every Friday commencing:

Monday 24th November ~ Friday 19th December

At the end of the term pupils can win some fantastic prizes including:



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Family Cinema tickets
Shopping Vouchers
Christmas Stockings
Selection Boxes

WE HAVE 4 WEEKS REMAINING FOR THIS TERM. THE MORE WEEKS YOU ARE IN SCHOOL THE MORE TICKETS, THUS CHANCES YOU HAVE OF WINNING ONE OF THESE AMAZING PRIZES.

COME ON ST MICHAEL'S LET'S SEE HOW MANY WEEKS WE CAN ACHIEVE 100 % ATTENDANCE Ms Hayes & Mr Smith



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL



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Save the date:

Autumn term 2 dates – 2025/2026

Date	Activity/Event	Time and Location
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu vaccinations	During school day
Thursday 20 th November	Parents' Evening	3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 1 st December until Monday 8 th December	Book Fair	3:30pm – 3:50pm in Junior Hall – card payments only
Monday 1 st December	Year 3 Advent One Assembly	9:15am in Junior hall
Thursday 4 th December	Whole-school Book Breakfast	8:15am in Junior hall
Monday 8 th December	Year 4 Advent Two Assembly	9:15am in Junior hall
	KS1 and Reception disco	After school until 4:30pm in Infant hall
Tuesday 9 th December	KS2 disco	After school until 4:30pm in Junior Hall
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	9:15am in Junior hall
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day EYFS & KS1 Father Christmas visit	During school day
Friday 12 th December	Reception Nativity	9:15am in Infant hall
Monday 15 th December	Year 5 Advent Three Assembly	9:15am in Junior hall
	KS2 Christmas Craft workshop	2:15pm in Infant hall
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole-school Pantomime visit No afternoon nursery on this day	1:15pm at Echo Arena, returning to school around 4:15pm (time tbc)
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 and Reception Christmas Craft Workshop	2:15pm in Infant hall
Thursday 18 th December	Year 6 Advent 4 and Nativity	9:15am in Junior hall
Friday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays	1:30pm

Please note the change in date for the Pantomime. This will now be on the afternoon of **Tuesday 16th December**.

[Click HERE to give permission and pay](#)



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to "prove" ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or the third-party app "AirGuard" to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



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- * answer in full sentences
- * feel good in themselves
- * improve confidence & enthusiasm
- * increase self esteem
- * act in plays
- * work in group situations
- * meet new friends
- * discuss social issues
- * improve listening skills
- * encourage English language

ABOUT US:

- * Established worldwide for 45 years
- * Curriculum specially written by experts in child development
- * All teachers DBS cleared and trained
- * Operating in 30 countries
- * Over 30 years in the UK with 50 branches

Kind regards,
Tracy Shirley - Principal

What our Parents say
"My daughter has come on in leaps and bounds this year at school with her communication skills and it has been noted by her teachers. I do feel a lot of it is down to the Drama Kids and can't thank you enough in helping her to become a more confident and sociable child."

Find Out More!



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Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025 Term: Wednesday 3rd September–Friday 19th December

- **Pupils: Autumn Term 1** – 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