

St Michael's News



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Autumn Term, 19th December

A note from Mrs Gordon:

As the Autumn term comes to an end, i'd like to say a huge thank you to our St. Michael's family and friends for your ongoing support.

We have had a busy few weeks of Christmas events (see the next few pages for a sneak peek at what we have been getting up to!), and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have had a memorable time in school.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful Christmas, however you may be spending it, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in the new year, on Monday 5th January.

Mrs Gordon



St Michael's Food Bank:

Once again, St. Michael's has been able to provide invaluable help to many families this Christmas, thanks to the generosity of the L6 Centre, Cash For Kids and Nugent Care.

This support would not be possible without the dedication of Ms. Cornett, Ms. Duncan, Mrs. Birch and Mr. Smith. We also extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents, carers, and staff, whose contributions built an impressive Food Bank that served many throughout the festive period.

This success is a true reflection of how working together as a community can benefit everyone.

Please continue to support our Food Bank in the New Year.

Clubs next week:

Clubs will begin again in January. Days of clubs may change so please ensure that you check the timetable carefully.

Merry Christmas



Christmas Events at St Michael's



One of our favourite annual events -
pantomime day!



We had a wonderful time yesterday seeing Snow White in
Pantomime. ✨



A group of our KS2 children enjoyed a trip to Liverpool Empire theatre to see Matilda - what a wonderful treat!



The children had a wonderful time at the Cathedral Advent Service. Yet again they were super ambassadors for St. Michael's.



A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful, amazing, and generous parents/carers for your donations. Your kindness has helped make Christmas extra special and allowed us to continue the much-loved St Michael's Christmas hampers tradition. We truly couldn't have done this without you! 🎄 🎁 ❤️



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



Our Infant and Junior Christmas craft afternoons were extremely popular.
Thanks to all who came along!



Christmas Events at St Michael's



Parenting Support: The Nurturing Programme

Parenting is the hardest job in the world, especially during these challenging times, and we are here to help.

Miss Cornett and Claire Hynes from the Parent Inclusion Team will be running **The Nurturing Programme** at our school starting in the New Year. This course is designed to provide practical support and helpful strategies for family life.

Join us for a Coffee Morning

To find out more and ask questions, please come along to our information session:

- **When:** Wednesday, 14th January 2025 at 9:00am

Contact Miss Cornett for further details.

How to get the best out of family life

What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme

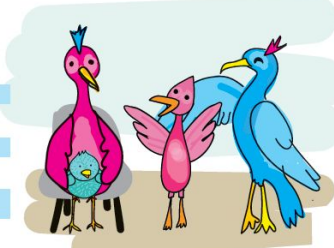
What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical Information

- Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend
- There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break
- 8-10 parents are invited and there are two trained parent group leaders
- Some groups provide a Creche; check with group leaders beforehand
- You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer." "The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

To find out where a group is running near you and to book a place, please go to:

lpoolcouncil.info/ParentProgrammes



Check out: centreforemotionalehealth.org.uk
Registered charity 1062514



The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 22nd December with plenty of exciting activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Winter holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, all at no cost. There's a great range of festive and non-festive activities across the city including trips to pantomimes, festive arts, crafts, cards and decoration making, Santa's Grotto, winter wonderland disco, Roller skating disco, rave dance, cheerleading, tumbling, zorbing, nerf battles, circus skills, lego activities, film and jewellery making, basketball, trampolining and ice skating to name but a few!

A meal is included for every child attending.

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or by using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date.

There is a handy booking help video here - [Quick guide on how to book a HAF session | Eequ Help Centre](#)



- If you are struggling with the cost of living then please go to: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Winter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education. The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards,

Sally Dobbing

Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager

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St Michael's Food Bank

We're really excited to share that we've opened our very own St. Michael's Food Bank to support families who might need a little extra help. It's a simple, friendly space where you can pop in if you need something, and all visits are handled with care and confidentiality. We're also very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food or essentials, which can be dropped off through your child's class or the school office. For opening times, see our school website page below:

<https://stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/parents-and-carers/st-michaels-food-bank/>



Opening Times

Monday -Thursday

8:30-9:00 2:45-3:30

Friday

3:00 - 3:30

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Weekly Attendance:

R Shining Stars	91.5%
R Superstars	98%
Y1 Quick Thinkers	94.2%
Y1 Record Breakers	100%
Y2 Golden Wonder	88.3%
Y2 World Beaters	93.1%

Y3 Heroes	94.2%
Y3 Olympians	100%
Y4 Hotshots	95.8%
Y4 Inspirations	90.8%
Y5 High Achievers	99.1%
Y5 High Flyers	95%
Y6 Whizz Kids	92.9%
Y6 Champions	94%

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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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
 - **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