



Newsletter

ST. MICHAEL'S C.E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together

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A message from Mrs Perry

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to St Michael's and to see the school full of smiles, excitement and the familiar hustle and bustle. The children have settled incredibly well into their new classes, and we have been so proud of the kindness, courage and enthusiasm they have shown during these first few days.

In our New Beginnings worship, we reflected on The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse and its gentle reminder that beginning something new can feel both exciting and a little scary. We talked about being brave enough to take the first step, asking for help when we need it and supporting one another along the way.

This year, we will also be asking for the support of our families to help us raise funds for some much needed new tables for our hall. School budgets continue to be incredibly stretched, and replacing essential furniture is a significant expense. Any support you can offer through our fundraising activities will make a real difference. We will share further details about how you can get involved very soon.

Thank you also to those parents who donated to get us an air con unit for Nursery!

Key Dates

9.9.26 Year 3 start Samba Band

21.9.26 – 25.9.26 Year 6
Bikeability

23.9.26 Phonics Meeting for YR,
Y1 and Y2

25.9.26 European Day of
Languages

28.9.26 Year 5 and 6 Football

29.9.26 Harvest Festival – 9.10am
in school

October – Black History Month

2.10.26 Year 6 Vape Talk

5.10.26 Year 5 and 6 Girls Football

21.10.26 Parents Evening

23.10.26 Finish for Half Term

2.11.26 Return to School

Next Week

Next week children will begin their curriculum learning and start all their lessons, including PE. Make sure you have checked with your child's class staff when PE is.

We will also be sending information about the clubs in school so that you can sign your children up for some opportunities and we will be introducing the children to a range of new initiatives in school! It will be an exciting week!

Attendance

This week's attendance is **97.6%** with **1** late mark.

That is the equivalent of 4.5 missed learning days.

Star of the Week

Welcome back everyone!

Next week will be our first celebration worship of 2026-2027



Parents Evenings

Following feedback from both staff and parents, we have made a few changes to our parents' evenings this year.

Our first parents' evening will take place on 21st October. This will be held over one evening and will provide an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class.

In the spring term, we will hold parents' evenings across two evenings in the same week. You will have a ten minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their learning, progress and next steps. You will also be able to look through your child's books.

As we did last year, we will also share pupil data reports during the year, followed by a full written report at the end of the summer term.

Talk to the children

Every week I am going to share what we have looked at in our Collective Worships and pose a question for you all to talk about at home. This week's question to think about:

What do you want to achieve this year?

Skateboarding

This morning we had an assembly with 'Projekts', they are an independent Skateboarding Company based in Manchester. We have the opportunity to run a club in school, they are initially looking for anyone who may be interested in attending a skateboarding club. Watch out for the information!



Agents of Change

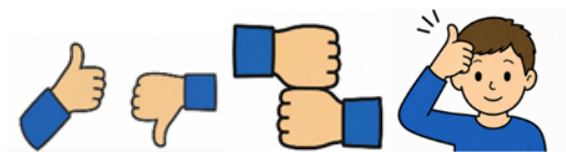
We are remaining on our mission this year to show all children that we can all be Agents of Change. If your child does anything in the community that makes a difference please let us know!

Other Good News

If your child has done anything outside of school that earns them a trophy, medal, badge, certificate etc please bring it to school on a Friday. We will share this in worship and celebrate everyone's amazing achievements together!

Oracy Project

This year, we are taking part in an exciting Oracy Project to help children become confident and respectful communicators. Children will learn hand signals, sentence starters and collaborative skills that will help them listen carefully and build on the ideas of others across all areas of learning. So, if you notice your child using a hand signal for "In summary..." or saying, "I would like to build on that...", you'll know why!



New Phonics

This year we are moving to Little Wandle. Little Wandle is a way of teaching phonics which includes fluency and comprehension for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Those children who still find reading tricky in KS2 will be able to access an age appropriate intervention.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 there is an information briefing for you on Wednesday 23rd September at 5.15pm. Please attend if you can!

Congratulations Mrs Holmes!

Over the holidays, Miss Lynch got married and became Mrs Holmes. She had an amazing day and we have loved hearing about it in school. Congratulations Mrs Holmes, you looked beautiful and we are so pleased you had a lovely time!



Birthdays

There is also one important change this year regarding birthdays. Following the new allergy safety requirements for schools, children must not bring sweets, cakes, food or other edible treats into school to share with their class for their birthday. If food or sweets are brought in, unfortunately we will have to send them home again.

We still want birthdays to feel special, though! Instead, children can come to school in non-uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at a weekend or during a school holiday, they can choose the closest Friday or Monday to celebrate.

Reading Logs

This year we are moving from paper copies of reading logs to online reading portfolios on Class Dojo. This will minimise the chance of them getting lost and provides a succinct record of reading between home and school. Every time you read with your child at home, you will be able to add it into their portfolio by creating a new activity. There is a how to guide for you to try this at home when your child brings their books home on dojo.