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! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. It has been a busy first week back at St Michael's, with lots going on and the children settling back into their routines. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning and to hear the buzz around school as we begin another exciting half term together.

The weather has certainly turned colder! Please ensure your child brings a warm, named coat every day so they can enjoy their playtimes and outdoor learning comfortably. We will continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces throughout the colder months, so being prepared for the weather makes a real difference.

Thank you for continuing to support good attendance and punctuality. A gentle reminder that term time holidays will not be authorised and that arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session. Being in school on time helps children enjoy a calm, settled start and ensures they do not miss valuable learning. Thank you, as always, for your support we look forward to sharing all this half term brings!

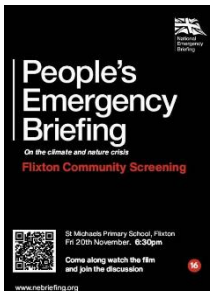
Have a lovely weekend.

Key Dates

10.11.26 Flu Immunisations
12.11.26 Y6 Class Assembly 9.10am
12.11.26 Year 1 Hat Party 2.30pm
16.11.26 Karate Day Y1-6
18.11.26 VR experience Y5
19.11.26 Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
21.11.26 Church Christmas Fair
23.11.26 – 26.11.26 Book Fair
1.12.26 Follow up flu immunisations
1.12.26 Panto
3.12.26 UA92 Girls Football
4.12.26 Trafford's Got Talent
7.12.26 KS1 and Reception Nativity 2pm
8.12.26 KS1 and Reception Nativity 9.15am
9.12.26 Rocksteady Concert
10.12.26 Christmas Dinner Day
10.12.26 Christmas Bingo
11.12.26 Buddy Concert
15.12.26 KS2 Christmas Service
16.12.26 EYFS Waterside Trip
18.12.26 Finish for Christmas
4.1.27 Return to school

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy for remembrance. We have raised an amazing £371.25 for The British Legion.



Next Week

Next week is assessment week for years 1 – 5.
Monday – Children are invited to wear odd socks for anti-bullying.
Tuesday – The first round of Flu Immunisations, please make sure you have completed the consent.
Wednesday – Remembrance Day
Thursday – Year 6 class assembly 9.10am (year 6 parents welcome)
Thursday – Year 1 Forest School, Autumn Forest School.

Half Term Heroes

Year 1 – Adalyn H
Year 2 – Heidi S
Year 3 – Victor P
Year 4 – Ollie T
Year 5 – George G
Year 6 – Charlotte R

Mrs Cooper

It is with sadness we let parents know that Mrs Cooper will be leaving St Michael's at the end of November. Mrs Cooper has been a part of the St Mike's family for 12 years and will be missed here in school. We wish Mrs Cooper lots of luck in her role outside of teaching.

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:

Why is working together better than working alone?

Staffing

As many of you will know, we have had to move staff around due to illness and needs of children across school. Miss Smith remains off this half term and therefore Miss Nuttall will continue to do the SENDCo role in school. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith back when the time comes.

Attendance

This week's attendance is **94.8%** with **10** late marks.

That is the equivalent of 47 missed learning days.

NSPCC Workshops

This week year 2, 5 and 6 have had a workshop with the NSPCC. During the sessions the children talked about how to stay safe, when to report things and learnt the number for child line. They were given the opportunity to talk through scenarios and identify people who can help. The children were really well behaved and they interacted and shared ideas beautifully.





Toys and Fidgets

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of "squishies," fidget toys, and other personal items being brought into school. While popular, these items are currently causing classroom distractions and fallouts between children.

There is some misunderstanding about these tools. In school, fidget aids are strictly learning resources meant to support concentration for children with a recognised need. When brought from home as toys, they disrupt learning.

To keep our classrooms focused, please ensure your child does not bring any fidget toys or personal toys to school.

If a child needs a concentration aid, the school will provide a suitable resource and teach them how to use it properly.

Phonics Books

We have recently invested heavily in our phonics resources to support the children's reading. However, we are currently missing some books that haven't been returned from home.

Because certain sets are incomplete, we are unable to use them in class. Please could you have a quick look at home and send any outstanding school books back with your child as soon as possible?

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our reading resources complete!

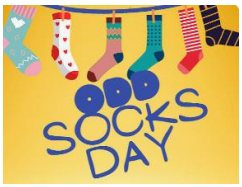
Miss Finney

Congratulations to Miss Finney and her partner Connor who have become parents in half term. Miss Finney gave birth to the beautiful baby Harlow on 26th October. Harlow weighed 8lb 11oz, everyone is doing well and are all enjoying the new born bubble!




Anti – Bullying

Next week we will be taking part in activities for Anti-Bullying Week, the children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate differences and spark conversation about being kind and respectful.



Attendance Celebration

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from the Department for Education's 2025–2026 attendance report for Years 1–6:

- 🏆 1st Place: St Michael's ranked first for attendance out of 21 similar schools across England.
- 📈 Record High: Our attendance rose from 96.8% to 97.2%, beating our pre-pandemic levels and placing us well above the national primary average (94.8%) and Trafford average (95.9%).
- 🖐️ Low Absence: We ranked second in our group for the lowest persistent absence rate at just 2.6% (compared to the group average of 6.5%).

These achievements reflect the incredible commitment of our children, families, and staff. Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils attend regularly and thrive.

We know attendance can sometimes be challenging; please speak to us if your family ever needs support. There is so much to be proud of! 💜