



St Michael's CE Primary School

Creating a community where we learn together through:

Respect, Kindness, Curiosity and Faith

Wednesday 5th March

I hope you all had a restful half term break. It has been a fantastic year so far with many events and school trips! The PTA curry and quiz night was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming together to support our school.

Events

Our new event for 2025, the St Michael's Poetry Competition, was a huge success. Every child learnt and performed a poem in class, followed by a semi-final and finished with the grand final at St George's. Two children from each year group took part in front of a panel of judges. There was a winner and runner up from each year group, followed by an overall winner and superstar poet award. Finn in Year 6 was the overall winner and Olivia in reception class was our superstar poet award winner. We were extremely proud of every child that took part and looking forward to continuing this event next year. It is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and resilience and develop their oracy skills.

This term we have a number of events coming up. Starting with World Book day on Friday 7th March, where children are invited to come to school in PJs/ comfy clothes. We will be hosting a book breakfast where parents/carers come into school at 8am and enjoy a breakfast and book together. We ask for cash donations on the day to cover costs. Following this, we have work viewing afternoon on Monday 17th March, 2-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to sit with your child and look through the work they have been doing this year so far. Rock Kidz will be in Tuesday 1st April, where children are invited to come in dressed as a rock star and enjoy a motivational rock workshop and concert!

Please note the date of our Easter church service will be on the morning of 24th March; please remember we will lead the children in to church to get seated before we let any parents in. This is for safeguarding and safety reasons and once again we ask that you respect this request. If parents are in the church before we arrive, we will kindly ask that they come outside in order to get the children in first. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Uniform

We are having a big focus on school uniform and starting as we mean to go on with high expectations. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE lessons, hoodies and trainers are to be worn on PE days only. Please do contact the PTA if you require any second-hand uniform and remember to label all clothing.

Attendance and punctuality

As we previously shared in July 2024, school attendance is a key focus and all schools are required to work to meet certain targets and follow the updated Government guidance effective from August 2024. There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of exceptional circumstances. As a school, our attendance is closely monitored by our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and we are now required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Punctuality is also important to ensure children are prepared and ready to start their day. We ask that children arrive as close to 8:35am as possible as every day starts with 'morning motivation', which is selected tasks and activities based upon what they have been or will be learning. Arrival after 8:50 will be marked down as late and is recorded against attendance.

Our Whole school attendance for autumn term was 95.7%, our aim is to be above 95%. Our attendance for Spring term 1 dropped to 94.9%. Below is a table of attendance for each year group:



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Year Group	Percentage
EYFS	96.55%
Year 1	95.75%
Year 2	93.17%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.92%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	91.21%

Sickness Bugs

We have had a number of sickness bugs throughout the year, and as a result we are putting in extra preventative measures and we ask that you follow procedure with sickness bugs. Children need to stay at home until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. This is the best way of stopping the spread.

Dates for your diary

Below is a list of events taking place this term and throughout the year. More events will be added, and this list will be updated with times, plus extra events throughout the year. Some dates/times may change; we will do our best to give plenty of notice.

Headline calendar dates 2024-25	
Date	Event
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 17 th March	Work Viewing Afternoon 2 – 4:30pm
Monday 24 th March	Easter Church service 9:30am
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 1 st April	Rock Kidz
Friday 4 th April	End of term 1:30pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Wednesday 23 rd April	Children return to school
Monday 28 th April	Parents evening 1:30 – 5pm
Tuesday 29 th April	Parents evening 1:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 30 th April	Class photos
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 class assembly 9am
Friday 23 rd May	End of term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Wednesday 11 th June	EYFS/Reception class assembly 9am
Monday 23 rd June – Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 1 st July	Charters Transition day (year 6)
Tuesday 1 st July	In-school transition morning
Wednesday 9 th July	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9:30am
Thursday 10 th July	KS2 Sports Day 9:30am
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Play 3:30pm
Monday 21 st July	Leavers Church Service 9:30am
Monday 21 st July	Reports home
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of term 1:30pm

*Dates and times subject to change and more dates will be added throughout the year.

Parent/ carer optional donations on Scopay

Parent/ carer donations to school are welcomed and greatly appreciated. There is an optional donation that appears in Scopay accounts automatically which is set up with a suggested amount of £30. However, parents can support the



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school by making a donation for the amount they choose, or not pay at all. We understand finances for so many are a challenge and there is no pressure to donate, but we are grateful for any donations that come through, which will be used to further develop and improve provision for children in school. With continuous budget constraints, donations play such an important part in supporting St Michael's and ensuring children have resources and opportunities to ensure they have the best education possible.

St. Michael's PTA Newsletter

We hope you all had a wonderful festive holiday and enjoyed the half-term break! As we step into a new year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of our recent events and share some exciting upcoming activities.

Santa's Grotto

What a magical time it was! Every child had the opportunity to meet Santa, receive a special gift, and take home a lovely keepsake photo of their visit. Seeing the joy on their faces made the event truly special.

Elfridges Christmas Gift Selection

Each child visited *Elfridges* and thoughtfully selected a beautiful gift for a loved one. It was heartwarming to see the excitement and care they put into their choices.

Thank you to all the amazing parents who gave up their time to either set up, pack away, or help on the day for both activities. It is really appreciated!

Curry & Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our *Curry & Quiz Night*. With your generosity we raised more than **£2,600** for the school! We received fantastic feedback and can't wait to host another one later this year. Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Events

Sunninghill Wheelbarrow Race – Volunteers Needed!

We're thrilled that the *Sunninghill Wheelbarrow Race* is back! St. Michael's will be hosting a BBQ & drinks stall in the playground, alongside other local schools and the local church. We are looking for volunteers both in the lead-up to race day and on the day itself.

Come down and support the **Ascot Day Centre** by entering a team, or by supporting our local vendors in the playground.

More details and team entry here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmichaelssunninghill/>

Summer Fair Planning

It may still be chilly outside, but we're already planning for our *Annual Summer Fair*. If you'd like to help, we are forming a support team and would love for you to get involved.

Please let your **Class Reps** know if you'd like to be added to the **Summer Fair WhatsApp group**. Any help is greatly appreciated.


Thank you for your ongoing support—we couldn't do this without you. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Best wishes,


The PTA Team



🏉 MATCH OF THE DECADE! 🏉

 17 **Saturday 29th March**

 **Charters School**


 **Gates open 2PM**

The Mighty Charters Stags

vs

Camberley RFC

**A thrilling clash to delight not just rugby fans, but the
WHOLE FAMILY!**

 **Tickets on sale now!**
£5 Adult - £1 Child



Music - Stalls - Food - Drink