



## St Michael's CE Primary School

Creating a community where we learn together through:

Respect, Kindness, Curiosity and Faith

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

It has been a fantastic start to the year! Our new Reception class have settled in very quickly and each year group has started positively in their new classes. We are having a big focus on maths and writing this year and have some exciting events planned throughout the year to boost the profile of these subjects.

### Homework

Our new Maths homework was launched at the start of this year for children in Year 1 to Year 6 and we appreciate your support in encouraging your child/children at home to complete it. Please remember the Maths homework is to be marked at home with the children using the answers provided. 'In the moment' marking is the most effective form of marking as it gives instant feedback and the opportunity to correct work. The learning can become lost when there is too much time between marking and correcting. A letter was sent out with further information on the structure of the homework this year and there is further information on the 'parents' part of the website.

### Events

Our first event is our Harvest Service at Church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, please note the time has changed from 9:30am start to 1:30pm. The service will be led by Year 5 and parents are welcome to attend. This year, our Reception children will be staying in school and not attending this Church service. 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.

A list of events has been compiled at the bottom of this newsletter. This year we are introducing a few new events, starting, with a Mathsethon, followed later in the academic year with a short story competition and a spelling bee. More information will follow on these events in due course.

### 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. Please refer to the school website for up-to-date information on our uniform.

### Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is a key focus and from July 2024, all schools have been required to work to meet certain targets and follow the updated Government guidance on attendance. 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 target is 95% and this is closely monitored by our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). At the end of each half term, the EWO attends school to discuss the attendance of any child who has attendance that has fallen below 90%. We are also now required to consider issuing 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. For the second offence, within three years of the first offence, a penalty notice will be issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance. The amount will be £160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for early payment. For the third offence onwards, within three years of the first offence, a notice will not be given and the case instead will be presented straight to the magistrate's court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child and can be shown as a criminal record.



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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 8:50am will be marked down as late and is recorded against attendance.

## Current attendance 04/09/25 – 29/09/25

**Whole school: 96.2%**

Year R	98.1%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	96.3%

## 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 2025-26	
Date	Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos – all day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at Church 1:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9:15am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of term 3:15pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	STAFF INSET DAY
Half Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	STAFF INSET DAY
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service am (led by year 6)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunninghill Street Fayre 12-4pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9:15am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Tree Trimming KS1 9am KS2 10am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Assembly 9:30am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Elfridges and Grotto
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception/Year 1 Nativity 9:30am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service 9:30am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Jumper day



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<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>End of term 1:30pm</b>
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>STAFF INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9:15am
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Parent meetings 2-5pm
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 5 Class Assembly
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>PTA Mufti-day and end of term 3:15pm</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Young Voices
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Work Viewing Afternoon 2-4pm
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Residential
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Easter Church Service 9:30am
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 Class Assembly
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA Mufti-day and End of term 1:30pm</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>STAFF INSET DAY</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parent Meetings 2-5pm
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Whole class and whole school photos
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY & Sunninghill Wheelbarrow race
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>PTA Mufti-day and end of term 3:15pm</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Royal Ascot Week
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Class assembly 9am
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS1 Sports Day 9:30am
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Sports Day 9:30am
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Charters Transition Day
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	In School Transition Day and new starters
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Back up KS1 Sports Day KS1 9:30am
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Back up KS1 Sports Day KS2 9:30am
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 play 2pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers Church Service 9:30am
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term 1:30pm</b>

\*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 £35. However, parents can support the 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

Hello,



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL PTA

On behalf of the PTA, a warm welcome back for the start of a new academic year.

Last year *St Michael's Parent & Teacher Association* raised just shy of £10,000 for the school.

This can't happen without your amazing support, so thank you.

That money is already being invested in *Interactive Whiteboards* for the classrooms, an *Accelerated Reader* program, an *I-Sing Pop* workshop and a new slide and climbing frame for the playground's soft play area (aka "the squishy").

This academic year we will be fundraising for 30 new laptops to help improve the school's IT resources.

If you would like to know more about the PTA, or get involved, please speak to your Class Rep. Help is always needed and appreciated.

Please also take a look at the calendar of events for the coming year and be sure to save the dates.

First up: The Scarecrow Trail at half term. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmichaelssunninghill/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102415>

### SEPTEMBER

**WED 17<sup>th</sup>: PTA AGM & SOCIAL**

### OCTOBER

**FRI 17<sup>th</sup>: MUFTI DAY**

**SUN 19<sup>th</sup>: WINDSOR LIONS SWIMATHON**

**MON 27<sup>th</sup> – SUN 2<sup>nd</sup>: THE SCARECROW TRAIL**

### NOVEMBER

**SUN 16<sup>th</sup>: SUNNINGHILL STREET FAYRE, (1200-1600)**

**MON 17<sup>th</sup>: ORDER YOUR XMAS PUDDINGS**

**FRI 28<sup>th</sup>: XMAS WREATH MAKING, CORDES HALL**

### DECEMBER

**FRI 12<sup>th</sup>: SANTA'S GROTTO & ELFRIDGES**

**WED 17<sup>th</sup>: SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH (KIDS WEAR A FESTIVE JUMPER)**

### FEBRUARY

**FRI 13<sup>th</sup>: MUFTI DAY**

**SAT 28<sup>th</sup>: CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT**

### MARCH

**FRI 27<sup>th</sup>: MUFTI DAY**

### MAY

**MON 4<sup>th</sup>: THE SUNNINGHILL WHEELBARROW RACE**

**FRI 22<sup>nd</sup>: MUFTI DAY**

### JUNE/JULY

**TBC: THE COLOUR RUN**