



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into the fourth week of term and the end of the first month of the year. I cannot believe that it has gone so quickly. It really has been an intense, but enjoyable, first few weeks for me learning about our children and school.

My initial plan was to sit back and learn about the school and the culture that already exists with St Michael's, however, I have been concerned with some of the learning behaviour that I have seen across the school. Learning is a right for all children and I am passionate about providing a safe, secure and caring environment in which our children and staff can thrive. As such is the case, in my second week I commissioned a full safeguarding and behaviour audit with the local authority. This highlighted the need for whole school intervention to ensure that all of the support systems enhance and enrich the learning behaviour of many groups of children across our school.

Over the coming weeks we will be focussing on the following:

- Whole school routines and expectations of all children and our team
- Review and revision of the Behaviour Policy (this will be a collaborative project that includes staff, children and parents)
- Review of impact of all current behaviour plans
- Review of all current EHCPs and the need and provision across the school
- Primary Behaviour Service whole school project for the next half term and coaching for our staff team
- Learning environment audit and action plan to support all learners
- Collaborative meetings with parents with a focus on positive learning behaviour
- Review effectiveness of our current communication methods

My first priority was to ensure that the school is a safe and welcoming place for all of us to be. This has meant the changing of routines around school. This week the children have adapted really well to walking on the left around school calmly, respecting the rules of each space that they are in (including new routines to come in from breaks).

I am asking for your support and collaboration in reinforcing these expectations at home. By working together, we can help every child understand the importance of positive behaviour and the impact it has on themselves and those around them. Please speak to your child about the importance of showing respect and following instructions, and encourage them to make choices that contribute to a friendly and productive school environment.

The key to changing a culture around learning behaviour is to remain consistent with high expectations of all children and a very clear vision of what excellent learning behaviour looks like. Over the coming weeks we will share this with both yourselves and our children so that we can work together to make St Michael's the very best that it can be.



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### School Priorities

After my initial weeks in school, I have been able to prioritise the following as our school priorities for the year ahead:

- Embed and sustain a strong safeguarding culture across our school
- Improve behaviour for learning across the school
- Develop and adapt the SEN provision across the school to meet the needs of all learners
- Develop a whole school pedagogy (the way we teach) to match the needs of our children and community
- Establish a consistent staff team to ensure that children have consistent routines and
- Work with Hampshire as a supported school to review our current curriculum offer

### Uniform and presentation standards

Part of successful learning is to follow the rules of the school. Uniform requirements are there to ensure that all children feel a sense of belonging. Please ensure that children are dressed in full school uniform each day. If you require any additional items, please do speak with the school office and they can help you and point you in the right direction. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up and no jewellery (apart from ear studs) to be worn. Make up and face paint is also not permitted at school unless it is an agreed dress up or theme day.

Please see the following link for further details [School Uniform - St Michael's Church of England Junior School](#)

### Medical Update: Scabies

As you are already aware from our communication earlier this week, there have been now 2 confirmed cases of Scabies in the school, in different areas. We are currently waiting for further advice from the UKHSA (UK Health and Safety Agency). Can we please remind you to look for symptoms, and take your child to the GP if you have any concerns. We have reported this to the UKHSA and are awaiting further actions. We will update you further in due course. Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies/>

### Working with Infants

It was a pleasure to meet with Mrs Patton this week and look around the infant school. I was lucky enough to meet a lot of children who will be joining us next year; they already seem quite excited about this. Mrs Patton and I are dedicated to working together over the coming years so that the schools mix more frequently. This will support staff training, transition for our year 2 and 3 children and will hopefully give us more of a community feel together. Our first event together will be World Book Day. We will be working together on this day and children will be mixing across the site to celebrate the day. Please see the additional letter to explain this further. There will be no dressing up this year but there will next year.



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### **Internet Safety – social media and gaming**

As I am sure you are aware, internet safety is high on the agenda for all schools. It has come to my attention that some children are engaging in social media apps (such as WhatsApp) and are not making the most positive choices in things that are being posted in their group chats. Please remember to check your children's phones at regular intervals to safeguard them from any online issues and potential exposure to images and language that they should not be seeing at their age.

Children are also enjoying gaming – which is a real positive for them when this is controlled in the home environment, however, sometimes children mention games that have a higher age rating that that appropriate for primary school children. Please check the age ratings on the games that your children are playing – if you are in doubt regarding gaming and age limits, please follow the link below which will give you some further information [How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

### **Mobile phones on site**

Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they must be handed in as soon as they arrive at their classroom door. Please can I remind parents and children that children's mobile phones should not be used on the school site, even in the playground. This is down to safeguarding for all children; it is our role to ensure that children are not photographed and are not exposed to non-filtered and monitored devices within the school site. We will confirm this with the children next week in Monday assembly and this will go into full effect from Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate the changes that are required for our school improvement journey – I am proud to be part of this community and will endeavour to work along side you to make this the very best school that it can be.

I will see you on the playground on Monday.

Kirsty Kingham  
Headteacher



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### ATTENDANCE

At St Michael's Junior School, we are committed to:

- Promoting good attendance and reducing absence, including persistent absence
- Ensuring every pupil arrives at school on time and ready to learn
- Ensuring every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled

| Attendance is everyone's business - Every Learning Minute Counts |       |                         |       |          |       |                    |       |          |  |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------|--|
| This Week<br><br>Whole School<br><br>95.2%                       |       | Year to Date Attendance |       |          |       |                    |       |          |  |
|  |       | Whole School            |       | National |       | Persistent Absence |       | National |  |
|  |       | 95%                     |       | 94.6%    |       | 14.6%              |       | 16.4%    |  |
| Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)                               |       |                         |       |          |       |                    |       |          |  |
| Year 3   |       | Year 4                  |       | Year 5   |       | Year 6             |       |          |  |
| 95.3%  |       | 95.9%                   |       | 94.5%    |       | 95%                |       |          |  |
| Daley  | 96.5% | Abbott                  | 94.8% | Keller   | 91.5% | Attenboroug<br>h   | 97.5% |          |  |
| Lewis  | 96.9% | Hawking                 | 96.8% | Malala   | 96.9% | Earhart            | 92.5% |          |  |
| Simmonds   | 92.4% | Johnson                 | 96.3% | Mandela  | 95%   | Henson             | 95.2% |          |  |

- Reminder: We ask for all children to be in class by **8.45am**. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter via the main entrance and sign in at the office. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring every child starts their day ready to learn.

### PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February 2026. Bookings are for 10 minutes at a time, if you require longer, then please liaise with the School Office to arrange for a longer appointment.

**Tuesday 10th February 2026: 3.40pm - 6.00pm**

**Thursday 12th February 2026: 3.40pm - 7.00pm**

We are using the Scopay booking system. Bookings will close on the 1st February at 11.45pm.

A document to help guide you through the booking process has been sent out separately. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you.

### COMIC RELIEF - Friday 20th March

A much-anticipated date in our calendars is coming...Red Nose Day 2026! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Red Nose day brings the entire nation together to raise money and change lives. This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 20th March.

To do our bit and raise money for people around the world who have incredibly tough lives, we are asking children to come to school on Friday 20th March dressed in red clothes and to bring a suggested donation of £1.



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## YEAR 3

### **YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: Sewing - NEW DATE— Tuesday 17th March 1.30-3.00pm**

We have had to reschedule the Year 3 Sewing Event, but we are pleased to confirm that this will now take place on Tuesday 17th March.

The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school. Other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

Please note, this is not a drop in Parent Event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 1.25pm and close at 1.40pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **YEAR 3 TRIP: Butser Farm - Tuesday 3rd March**

Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm as part of this term's work on The Roman Empire. The children will be taking part in various activities including archaeological excavation, Roman maths, Flint wall building and Villa tour.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 3rd March, leaving school at 9.00am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.40am to enable a prompt departure. The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat, and will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £2.75.

**The cost of the trip is £24.50, and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Butser Ancient Farm. Payment is required no later than Friday 6th February and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the trip may have to be cancelled.**

**Please are still looking for Parent Helpers for this trip, if you are able to volunteer, please let the Office know.**

### **YEAR 3 WORKSHOP: Egyptian Theatre Virtual Reality - Thursday 16th April**

As part of the Year 3 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Egyptian Theatre virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is required no later than Thursday 26th March and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the**



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### **YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre - Thursday 12th February**

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Viking Theatre workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school.

**The cost of the workshop is £6.55 and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of the company coming in. Payment is required no later than Friday 6th February and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.**

### **YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: Sound - Friday 20th March 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join their child and take part in a Sound Parent Event on Friday 20th March. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you are able to move around in.

The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school. Other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

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### **YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Mayan Theatre Virtual Reality - Thursday 16th April**

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Mayan Theatre virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is required no later than Thursday 26th March and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.**



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### **YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: DT Flatbreads - Thursday 12th March 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 5 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a DT Flatbread event on Thursday 12th March. The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school.

Other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

Please note, this is not a drop in Parent Event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 1.25pm and close at 1.40pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **YEAR 5 WORKSHOP: Greek Virtual Reality - Monday 16th March**

As part of the Year 5 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Greek virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school.

Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 6th March and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.





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### **YEAR 6 WORKSHOP: Volcanoes and Tectonics Virtual Reality - Monday 16th March**

As part of the Year 6 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Volcanoes and Tectonics virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 6th March and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.

### **YEAR 6 PARENT EVENT: Volcano Art - Thursday 19th March 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Volcano Art event on Thursday 19th March. The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school.

Other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

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### **YEAR 6 PARENT EVENT: SATS Workshop - Thursday 26th March 3.30-4.30pm**

Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to attend a SATS Information Evening on Thursday 26th March from 3.30-4.30pm.

This will be held in the school hall - please could parents/carers wait outside reception until 3.30pm when the hall will be open.





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## DIARY DATES 2026

All diary dates for future events are now available on our school website – this will be updated regularly as and when events are added/updated.

|  |  |             |                |
|--|--|-------------|----------------|
| Tuesday 10th February 2026                 | Parent/Teacher Consultations                   | School Hall | 3:45 - 6:00pm  |
| Thursday 12th February 2026                | Year 4 Theatre Workshop - Vikings              | In School   |                |
|  | Parent/Teacher Consultations                   | School Hall | 3:45 - 7:00pm  |
| Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026    | <b>Half Term Week</b>                          |             |                |
| Thursday 5th March 2026                    | World Book Day                                 |             |                |
| Thursday 12th March 2026                   | Year 5 Parental Engagement Event - DT themed   | School Hall | 1:30 - 3:00pm  |
| Monday 16th March 2026                     | Year 5 VR Workshop - Ancient Greece            | In School   |                |
| Monday 16th March 2026                     | Year 6 VR Workshop - Volcanoes and Tectonics   | In School   |                |
| Tuesday 17th March 2026                    | Rocksteady Concert                             | School Hall | 9:30 - 10:30am |
| Tuesday 17th March 2026                    | Year 3 Parental Engagement Event - Sewing      | School Hall | 1:30 - 3:00pm  |
| Thursday 19th March 2026                   | Year 6 Parental Engagement Event - Volcano Art | School Hall | 1:30 - 3:00pm  |
| Friday 20th March 2026                     | Year 4 Parental Engagement Event - Timestables | School Hall | 1:30 - 3:00pm  |
| Friday 20th March 2026                     | Comic Relief                                   |             |                |
| Monday 23rd March 2026                     | Year 3 Easter Performance                      | School Hall | 2:45 - 3:00pm  |
| Tuesday 24th March 2026                    | Year 4 Easter Performance                      | School Hall | 2:45 - 3:00pm  |
| Wednesday 25th March 2026                  | Year 6 Easter Performance                      | School Hall | 2:45 - 3:00pm  |
| Thursday 26th March 2026                   | Year 5 Easter Performance                      | School Hall | 2:45 - 3:00pm  |
|  | Year 6 Parent Event - SATs Workshop            | School Hall | 3:30 - 4:30pm  |
| Thursday 26th March 2026                   | Class Photos                                   |             |                |
| Friday 27th March 2026                     | <b>Last day of term (normal 3:20pm finish)</b> |             |                |
| Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026 | <b>Easter holidays</b>                         |             |                |
| Monday 13th April 2026                     | <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>                          |             |                |

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