



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

This week in school, each Year group has performed an Easter Assembly to retell the events of Holy Week, and they have been a pleasure to watch. It has been great to hear the Easter songs and watch the different parts of the Easter story being told by the children. A big thank you to all the teachers and staff who have worked really hard, along with the children, teaching them and practising their songs and drama performances. Thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who came to school and watched their children in the Easter performances. It was lovely to see so many of you here supporting the children; we hope that those who came along to watch enjoyed them as much as we did.

We were due to attend church next week to have an Easter service. We are unable to do this now as we have a visitor in taking a whole school worship and Year 6 are doing their Bikeability on that day. We will ensure that the children get to visit the church for a service in the summer term instead. We will be holding an Easter service in school on Wednesday.

A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend by an hour. It is Mothering Sunday this Sunday (30th March), St Michael's Church are holding a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 30th March at 10am and would love to see families there.

A reminder that we have one more Inset day this academic year, where the school is closed for teacher training. This is on Friday 20th June. We have also finalised the Inset days for next academic year 2025-2026: 3rd September 2025

24th October 2025

5th January 2026

26th June 2026

22nd July 2026

This is the last newsletter that I will write as headteacher of St Michael's CE Junior School. It has been an absolute privilege to work at the school. It is a really special place with an incredibly talented and supportive staff team, amazing children and a lovely, wider community. I leave with so many fond memories. I want to thank the parents/carers who have always been so supportive and kind, telling me about something thoughtful or supportive that a member of staff did for their child, or about something their child has loved at school. It is these moments that make the role so enjoyable. Teachers are hard to find in the current climate and it is important to show kindness and respect to the teachers we have in schools, so that they choose to remain in post and are there to give your children the best possible experiences in school.

We break up next week on Friday 4th April and school re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April (after Easter Monday). We wish you a wonderful Easter break.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Holy Week

This week the children have participated in assemblies to show the events of Holy Week. The children have watched each year group present what happened on each day according to The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Next week we will have an Easter service in school, hearing readings from The Gospels and singing Easter songs.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Noelle P in Simmonds who has recently completed her Stage 2 in swimming. Well done Noelle!



Last weekend, Chloe K in Hawking took part in the The Rushmoor Binfluencers litter pick to help keep Aldershot clean and tidy. Well done Chloe!

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: Dance - Thursday 20th March 1.30-3.00pm

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that took part in the Year 4 Parent Event. We hope you enjoyed the different styles of dance the children demonstrated and also enjoyed taking part in some dancing yourselves!

YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre Virtual Reality - Friday 4th April

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Viking 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 signed permission slip is required and a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided.

Payment is now required as soon as possible 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

BIKEABILITY TRAINING: 31st March - 3rd April 2025

This is a reminder that you have signed your child up for Bikeability training, provided by Hampshire Outdoors, which is taking place at St Michael's Junior School from Monday 31st March - Thursday 3rd April.

- If you have indicated that your child has a bike and helmet, please can we remind you to bring the bike and helmet into school on Monday 31st March.
- For those of you who have requested to borrow a bike or helmet, these will be provided by Hampshire Outdoors for your child to use on the Monday.
- If children wish to leave their bike at school for the duration of the training, it will be securely locked inside school.
- Please could bikes not be left in the bike shed overnight as we cannot guarantee its safety overnight.

Please note that your child will need their bike and helmet in school every day, as they will be on the playground on Monday, and then moving out onto the road Tuesday onwards.

YEAR 6 VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP: Friday 4th April

As part of the Year 6 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a 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.

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YEAR 6 THINK SAFE: WEDNESDAY 30th April 8.55-11.45am

On Wednesday 30th April, Year 6 will be participating in the 'Think Safe' Rushmoor Junior Citizenship Scheme. This is a very popular, interactive session led by the Emergency Services and local community groups.

The children will be leaving school at 8.55am, travelling by coach to Rushmoor Borough Council Civic Offices, Farnborough and returning to school at 11.45am. The party leader will be Miss Streek. The children are required to wear their school uniform. There is no cost associated with this visit.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

UNIFORM

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, we are starting to see a few girls in cycling shorts – very tight black shorts of varying lengths. These were never on the uniform information sheet. Children can wear leggings, skorts, shorts (the usual PE short design) or tracksuit trousers. We didn't include cycling shorts for various reasons, one of these being that they are often worn very short and do not show below the t shirt.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind you to send your child in to school with a named water bottle.

Water is crucial to being healthy and ready to learn and children have access to their bottles at regular intervals throughout the day. As the weather turns warmer it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. Please do not put anything other than water in your child's bottle. We ask children to take them home everyday in order that they can be cleaned.

FUNDRAISING - THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

Just a reminder that we have signed up to a clothing recycling scheme, called The Little Recyclers. We are pleased to say that we can now accept clothing donations at any time - please bring any bags of unwanted clothes to the school office.

CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol outside school next week (Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April).

PARKING AT APEX COURT

It has come to our attention that a number of our parents and carers are parking at Apex Court, which is private land belonging to Hampshire County Council.

Apex Court on Church Lane East is a supported living service for young adults with Autism and Learning disabilities. Some of the people supported there can display challenging behaviour that could pose a risk to people parking uninvited on site including children.

Staff at Apex Court have asked people to not park on the driveway and in the car park multiple times and we're sad to say that the staff have been met with flippancy or rudeness.

Please can all parents and visitors to our school note that parking is not allowed at Apex Court.

COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all the staff and children who dressed in red on Red Nose Day and made donations. We are delighted to announce that we raised an absolutely fantastic amount of £218.10 for Comic Relief this year - Thank you for all of your support!

PTFA CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA Cake Sale after school - they raised a total of £131.95!

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DIARY DATES 2025

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.

Monday 31st March - Thursday 3rd April	YEAR 6 - BIKEABILITY	School	
Tuesday 1st April	ROCKSTEADY Concert	Hall	9.45-10.15am
Friday 4th April	LAST DAY OF TERM Normal 3.20pm finish		
	YEAR 4 - VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP		
	YEAR 6 - VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP		
Monday 7th - Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS <i>School shut to all pupils</i>		
Tuesday 22nd April	FIRST DAY BACK OF SCHOOL		
Wednesday 30th April	YEAR 6 - THINK SAFE	Off site	8.55-11.45am
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY <i>School shut to all pupils</i>		