



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MR HARTLEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

I have completed my first week at St. Michael's and I am pleased to announce that, on Monday, I will be back for a second! While I am here, I don't intend to sit around waiting for retirement; I will be looking to make an impact and make changes where necessary.

This week, to enable me to get a clear picture of the school, I have spent time in classes and around the corridors and playground and have also started to gather the views of staff and children. I will let you know what I discover in due course along with any changes that we decide to make.

What I can tell you already is that your children have been very hospitable and keen to speak to me. Thank you to those parents who have already introduced themselves to me. I will be outside in the morning again next week should you like to ask me anything or just say hello.

With this lovely hot weather approaching us next week, it is essential that all children have a named water bottle in school with them every day. We would also recommend children bring in a sun hat with them to wear outside and for a high factor sun cream to be applied to your child each morning before school.

Thank you for your support.

Jim

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.

Wednesday 30th April	Year 6 - Think Safe	Off site	9.00-11.45am
	Year 3 PARENT EVENT - Outdoor Learning	Playground	9.00-10.30am
Thursday 1st May	SPORT - Y6 SELECTED GIRL'S FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL	Samuel Cody	
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY <i>School shut to all pupils</i>		
Thursday 8th May	Year 4 - African Animal Experience	School	
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Breakfast (<i>pre-booked breakfast only</i>)		
	Year 6 SATS Week		
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	HALF TERM <i>School shut to all pupils</i>		



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: OUTDOOR LEARNING & PROBLEM SOLVING - WEDNESDAY 30th April

9.00-10.30am

Year 3 Parents & Carers are invited to come and join their children during a session of Outdoor Learning and Problem Solving on Wednesday 30th April, from 9.00-10.30am.

Please can parents be at school for 9.00am. Signing in will take place in the school hall and parents/carers will then be taken to their child's class. Please note, this event will be held outside on the school grounds so please wear suitable clothing and footwear. The event will finish at 10.30am, when parents will be dismissed and leave by the pedestrian front gate. There will be no access through the Infant School.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 AFRICAN ANIMAL EXPERIENCE: Thursday 8th May

Year 4 will take part in an African animal experience on Thursday 8th May.

The children will get the opportunity to look at a variety of African animals, including a meerkat, a tenrec, a python, a skink, a gecko, a millipede, stick insects and a tortoise. These will depend on the health of the animals on the day but there will be a variety of animals in the experience and the children will also get the chance to hold the animals if they want to.

A voluntary contribution of £4.50 per child is requested to contribute towards this exciting African animal experience. Payment is required no later than Tuesday 6th May 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

YEAR 6 THINK SAFE: WEDNESDAY 30th April 9.00-11.45am

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

The children will be leaving school by 9.00am, 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.

YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST

This year SATs week will run from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May. During SATs week we will be offering breakfast to the children from 8.00 am in the school hall. This will be free of charge. It is a great opportunity for the children to spend some time with their friends, have something nice to eat and have time to settle and be ready for the tests.

Children who attend will need to come into school through the kitchen doorway where a member of staff will greet them. Following breakfast, the children will make their way to their classroom ready to begin the paper for that day. There are three options for the children to choose from, indicated on the form sent home with your child. Please fill in the form and return to the School Office by Wednesday 30th April 2025.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Krishna V in Malala participated in the Junior pre-teen division at the International Junior Miss UK Beauty Pageant in April and came 4th in her division. Congratulations Krisha!

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk

SCHOOL INFORMATION

UNIFORM

This is a reminder that cycling shorts are NOT part of the school 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. 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.

MAKE UP & NAIL VARNISH

Please can we remind you that it is inappropriate for junior school aged children to be wearing make-up or nail varnish at school. Pupils will be asked to remove make-up immediately and nail varnish must be removed by the beginning of the next school day. Fingernails should be short, neat and clean.

CROSSING PATROL

Please note that there will be no School Patrol Crossing until further notice.

It is important to note that School Crossing Patrols are a non-statutory service and from a legal perspective, responsibility lies with parents to get their children to and from school. Please can we remind all parents and carers to please take appropriate measures to ensure your child's safety while travelling to and from school.

PARKING AT WARWICK HOUSE & COACH HOUSE

It has come to our attention that a number of our parents and carers are parking at Warwick House & Coach House, which has a private resident car park only. Parents should not be using this car park as an area to park and drop their child off.

We are sad to say that we have had a number of complaints that cars park side by side, which can block resident's cars and that our parents who have parked there have been rude to and sworn at the residents. Please can all parents and visitors to our school note that parking is not allowed at Warwick House & Coach House.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

What should I do if I need to take my child out of school for medical appointment? Standard medical or dental appointments should be made outside school hours. If a child is absent for a medical appointment, it is still regarded as an absence from school.

Please make sure the school are notified of any medical appointments in advance. Parents/carers will need to fill in a medical appointment form and also provide proof of the appointment. If we do not see proof of the appointment, then it will be unauthorised. Any optician appointments taken during the school day will be unauthorised. Where there is no alternative for an appointment outside of the school day, children should only miss a short period of time and return to school as promptly as possible.

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