



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is finally beginning to break through the clouds, and the warmer weather is a welcome sign that a wonderful Easter break is just around the corner. It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by and just how much has been achieved in such a short space of time.

The children have shown tremendous effort and confidence in preparing and delivering their services. Watching them speak so proudly in front of their peers and parents has been a real highlight. Across the school, classes have been working hard to reach the end of their learning journeys, and it has been fantastic to see so many creative homework projects arriving each morning. The imagination and enthusiasm on display have been inspiring.

We have also enjoyed welcoming new members of staff during our transition period. Both children and adults have been building positive relationships quickly, and the sense of teamwork has been wonderful to see. This period of leadership transition has brought renewed focus and a real buzz of excitement around the school, with everyone pulling together to make the most of the opportunities ahead.

As we look ahead to the summer term, we are placing a strong emphasis on strengthening reading and daily routines across the school. Over the past few months, we have been working closely with advisors and subject leaders to design a whole school reading development project that we are excited to launch when we return. This initiative will include engaging, focused reading lessons taught every day by class teachers, ensuring that reading remains at the heart of our curriculum. This work will form a key part of our school development plan and will help us build consistency, confidence, and a real love of reading throughout the school community.

Mr French, Mr Saunders and Mrs Christman have been working very hard to design a more structured breaktime, which we will implement after Easter. We know that breaktimes and lunchtimes can sometimes be challenging for children, as these are often less structured parts of the day.

In line with our focus on learning, we have redesigned lunchtimes so that children are better supported in their play and in developing positive relationships during these times. We have already shared the plan with the children and look forward to introducing this new approach.

As we head into the Easter break, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to returning refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term filled with new learning, new routines, and renewed enthusiasm.



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### Goodbye and Good Luck

We will also be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Bundy and Mrs Ellis-Davis today. On behalf of the whole school and wider community, I would like to express our sincere thanks for their dedication, commitment, and service over the many years they have been part of St Michael's. Between them, they have given an incredible 24 years to the school, supporting countless children and families along the way. They would like to say a big thank you to the children and adults for their kind gifts and words.

Both have been a consistent and reassuring presence for parents, and I know how much their kindness, guidance, and reliability have been appreciated. I would also like to personally thank them for their humour, professionalism, and the thoughtful handover they have provided over the last few months. Their contributions have shaped the school in so many positive ways.

St Michael's will always hold a special place in their hearts, just as they will remain firmly in ours. We wish them every happiness in the next chapter of their journeys.

### Staffing - Recruitment and Roles for Next Term

As we look ahead to the next term, we are pleased to share an important update regarding staff recruitment within our school.

Following careful planning and collaboration with our governors, we have agreed on a new staffing structure that will strengthen our capacity and provide greater support as we continue on our journey of improvement. This structure has been designed with a clear focus on ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

We are delighted that this process is already generating interest, with prospective staff visiting the school to learn more about our community and vision. It is encouraging to see such enthusiasm from professionals who are keen to be part of our future.

We will, of course, keep you updated as recruitment progresses and appointments are made over the coming months.

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For the next half term the interim leadership will be the following:

**Headteacher** - Kirsty Kingham (Monday to Friday)

**Interim Deputy Headteacher** - Mr Steve French (Wednesday to Friday)

**Interim Assistant Headteacher** - Mr Sean Vincent (Monday to Friday)

Our Interim **SENCo** team will be as follows:

Mrs Natalie Emery (Monday and Tuesdays)

Mrs Carley Barrat (Thursdays)

Miss Emma Baker (Thursdays and Fridays)

Both Mrs Ellis- Davis and Mrs Bundy have completed a thorough handover to their interim replacements. Please do not hesitate to contact the team if you have any questions by contacting the admin email address.

We hope that you have a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing you all in two weeks.

Kind regards

Kirsty Kingham



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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		Year to Date Attendance							
Whole School		Whole School		National		Persistent Absence		National	
93.5%		94.8%		94.6%		13.1%		15.7%	
Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)									
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6			
93.6%		94.4%		92%		94%			
Daley	92.1%	Abbott	93.5%	Keller	91.4%	Attenborough	96.6%		
Lewis	97.8%	Hawking	98.1%	Malala	94.8%	Earhart	90%		
Simmonds	91%	Johnson	91.6%	Mandela	90%	Henson	95.5%		

- 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.

As a school we want all children to have a positive experience of school life and be able to reach their full potential. One way in which parents can help their child to do this is by ensuring they attend school everyday.

The classroom doors are open from 8.35am-8.45am, if you arrive after this time, you will have to come in through the office to be signed in and it will be marked as arriving late.

Irregular attendance can result in a penalty notice, if your child is absent for 10 or more sessions. Each day is made up of 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

### 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 non logo 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.

We are noticing an increase in children wearing normal shoes or boots, and these are not part of the school uniform policy, please ensure your children are wearing trainers to school.

Please can you ensure that every item of uniform is named. Any uniform that is left in the lost property at the end of the half term will be recycled.



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### 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.

### JEWELLERY

Please can parents and carers note that the only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a plain small wrist watch and/or one pair of plain small studs for earrings. Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE. Other items are not permissible in school.

### NO CHOCOLATE OR SWEETS IN SCHOOL

Please can we advise that chocolate or sweets are not allowed to be given out in school, at the end of the day for birthdays or celebrations, or in packed lunches due to allergies.

Please ensure that if your child has a snack for snack time that it is a healthy option to encourage a healthier life style.

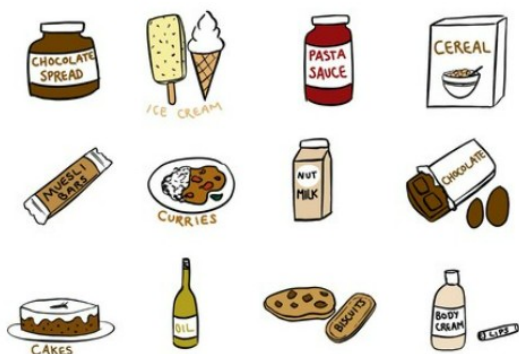
### NUT FREE ZONE

Please can you ensure that your child does not bring anything with nuts in it into school as there are children with severe nut allergies in the school, this includes chocolate hazelnut spread (brands like Nutella, chocolate crepe pancakes, Kinder Bueno chocolate bars and pesto pasta to name a few examples)

## Peanuts & Tree nuts



Some of the places  
nuts like to hide...





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### 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. Please do not put anything other than plain, still water in your child's bottle. **Fizzy drinks and squash are not permitted.**

We ask children to take them home everyday in order that they can be cleaned.

We are finding that a lot of children are coming to school without a bottle, which means that they are missing valuable lesson time, when they are coming to the office to get a drink.

### CLASS PHOTOS

We have booked the class photos to take place on Wednesday 15th April 2026. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including the school jumpers as photos will be taken with these on.

### FUNDRAISING - THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

Just a reminder that we are signed up to a clothing recycling scheme, called The Little Recyclers. The next collection will be on Thursday 16th April.

We can accept clothing donations at any time - please bring any bags of unwanted clothes to the school office.

 **SCHOOL FUNDRAISING**

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.  
**1 kg = £0.45**

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

**16 APRIL**  
THURSDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING  
AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

hello@thelittlerecyclers.co.uk • 0330 043 0550 • thelittlerecyclers.co.uk



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### FOOTBALL KITS

If your child is taking part in football after school, please ensure that they bring their football kits to school. If they forget their kit, unfortunately we do not have any spares for them to borrow.

### SEND INBOX

If you have need to contact our SEND team, please send all communication to:

[SEND@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk)

### SCHOOL MENUS

The current school menu will remain in place until the 1st June, from the 13th April we will be offering a fourth option on the menu of picnic lunches. Please see a picture below:

## Hampshire Summer Picnic Lunch

Monday - Egg Sandwich

Tuesday - Ham Baguette

Wednesday - Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap

Thursday - Laughing Cow and Cucumber Pitta

Friday - Cheese Roll

Served with Vegetable and Salad Sticks, Fresh Fruit  
and Dessert





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### SCHOOL CLUBS

SCHOOL CLUBS April – July 2026					
	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS			EXTERNAL PROVIDER	
	LUNCH CLUBS 12.30-1.00pm		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 3.30-4.00pm	MORNING / AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
MONDAY	COLOURING CLUB All Years Mrs Skelly-Regis		DRAMA CLUB All Years Miss Bourne & Mr Andrews	<i>MSPORT ACTIVE</i> FitKidz Morning Club All Years 8.00-8.35am	<i>MSPORT ACTIVE</i> Girl's Football Club All Years 3.20-4.20pm
<a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>					
TUESDAY	ART CLUB All Years Miss Wren & Mr Andrews		UKULELE CLUB Year 3/4/5 Mr Wilson	<i>MSPORT ACTIVE</i> Football Club Boys & Girls Y5/6 3.20-4.20pm	<i>MSPORT ACTIVE</i> Multi Sports Club Boys & Girls All Years 3.20-4.20pm
<a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>					
WEDNESDAY				<i>MSPORT ACTIVE</i> Football Club Boys & Girls Y3/4 3.20-4.20pm	
<a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>					
THURSDAY	GAMES CLUB All Years Mrs Johnson & Mr Andrews	SEWING CLUB All Years Miss Streek	SERVICE CHILDREN CLUB Miss Monnery & Mrs McCabe		
FRIDAY				<i>HOLLY KING PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY</i> After School Club 3.20-4.30pm Junior/Inter Performers 7-14 Years 4.30-6.30pm <a href="http://hkpaacademy.co.uk">hkpaacademy.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk">holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk</a>	

We are pleased to advise that Summer Term school run lunch time and after school clubs start from Monday 20th April. If your child would like to join a club, please log on to your Scopay account and sign your child up for their chosen club. If you are unable to sign up online, please contact the School Office and we can sign up your child for their chosen club.

**Please note that you must sign your child up for a place in their chosen club each term – your child's place on a club from last term does not automatically carry over to this term.**

Places are offered on a first come first served basis and you will only be able to sign up for a club if there are spaces available. Therefore, if you are able to sign up online then this guarantees your child a place on that particular club. Numbers for most clubs are limited for health and safety reasons

**All clubs will start w/c Monday 20th April 2026 and finish w/c Monday 13th July 2026.**

Please can we remind you that all school clubs are run by school staff in their own time and we want the children to have fun and enjoy themselves. We therefore expect a high standard of behaviour from all children attending school clubs as well as continued commitment. If at any time your child is unable to attend, please inform the club teacher or the school office as soon as possible. Please note that if your child does not attend their chosen club on two occasions without letting the teacher or school office know beforehand, their place will be withdrawn.

Please see the attached list for club provider information. Clubs highlighted in orange and green are school run clubs and clubs highlighted in yellow are provided by an external company. Clubs run by an external company must be booked through the company and not the school.

All after school run clubs are dismissed through main reception at 4.00pm. Please can all parents wait on the playground.



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## YEAR 3

### **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 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 3 Parent Event: Outdoor Learning - Monday 18th May**

Year 3 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at an Outdoor Learning event on Monday 18th May.

The parent event will be held in the school and will take place on the school field from 9-10am.

Please note, this is not a drop in Parent Event so please arrive promptly. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

## YEAR 4

### **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.

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## YEAR 5

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Year 5 are going swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Thursday morning commencing Thursday 4th June, with the last session being held on Thursday 16th July. These swimming sessions will replace one of your child's PE lessons. Please note these lessons are not optional.

The children will develop their water confidence, safety and ability to swim at three different levels of competence.

Swimming instructors have assessed the children during their first session and have grouped them accordingly - school staff are not responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

Children need to bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear and swimming hat in every Thursday.

**Please see below the Clothing and Safety requirements, as requested by Aldershot Pool.**

**Your child will not be allowed to take part in the swimming lesson if they do not comply with the requirements.**

- Goggles optional but advised
- All hair tied back and swimming hats must be worn by all children – this is a compulsory requirement from Aldershot Swimming Pool
- NO jewellery is to be worn at all, including earrings
- No below the knee shorts or loose-fitting t-shirts. Swim rash vests can be worn
- Females are only allowed to wear a one-piece swimming costume – no bikinis / tankinis please



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## YEAR 6

### **LEAVERS HOODIES**

We are opening the order system for the Leavers Hoodies from Monday 13th April. Please look out for the link to order.

### **SATS BREAKFAST**

This year SATs week will run from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th 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. An e-mail link has been sent out with three options for the children to choose from. Please fill in the form online by Thursday 30th April 2026.

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### **BIKEABILITY TRAINING: 8 - 12th JUNE**

Hampshire Outdoors are offering Year 6 children the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training. This is the national cycle training programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport.

The training has three levels;

- Level 1 which is based on the playground and builds confidence in children who can already ride a bike
- Level 2 which teaches children to cycle on local roads
- Level 3 which uses more challenging roads.

Each child will need a fully operational bike with two working brakes and a cycle helmet. If your child does not have access to a helmet or bike but would like to take part, Hampshire Outdoors will endeavour to make the necessary provisions.



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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.

Monday 13th April	Year 6 Leaver Hoodies available to order		
Wednesday 15th April	Class Photos		
Thursday 16th April	Year 3 VR Workshop - Egyptians	School Hall	
Thursday 16th April	Year 4 VR Workshop - Mayans	School Hall	
Monday 20th April	School Run Clubs start this week		
Monday 4th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)</b>		
Monday 11th May	SATS Week (Monday - Thursday)		
Monday 18th May	Year 3- Parent Engagement Event: Outdoor Learning		9-10am
Friday 22nd May	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>		
w/c Monday 25th May	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 6 Swimming Lessons	Every Tuesday until 14th July	Aldershot Pool
Thursday 4th June	Year 5 Swimming Lessons	Every Thursday until 16th July	Aldershot Pool
Monday 8th June	Year 6 - Bikeability Week		
Monday 15th June	Year 5 - Activism Workshop	School Hall	
Thursday 18th June	Year 6 - Leavers Service	Guildford Cathedral	
Friday 19th June	Sports Morning		
Friday 26th June	<b>Inset Day (School Closed)</b>		
Tuesday 7th July	Year 5 Parent Engagement Event: Debate	School Hall	1.30-3pm
Friday 10th July	Year 4 Parent Engagement Event: Rivers	School Hall	Time TBC
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance	School Hall	6-7pm
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance	School Hall	6-7pm
Friday 17th July	Summer Fair		
w/c Monday 20th July	<b>No School Run Clubs</b>		
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Party (Parents invited to join from 2pm)		
Thursday 21st July	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> (Usual Pick Up Time at 3.20pm)		

### CONTACT US

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