



St Michael's CE Junior School

Newsletter - Issue 15 24.04.2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic and fast paced start to the term, and the sunshine has certainly helped lift everyone's spirits. The children have really enjoyed exploring our new play equipment, using it respectfully every breaktime and showing wonderful turn taking skills.

Our new breaktime routines, including the introduction of play zones, have worked extremely well. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated team, we have seen far less conflict during breaktimes, which has helped children settle back into learning more smoothly afterwards.

A huge thank you to Mr French, Mr Vincent and our lunchtime team for organising and managing this new initiative so effectively. We will continue to refine the routines to meet the needs of all our children, and we hope to be out on the big field together very soon.

Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding is everyone's business. It is top priority to keep our children safe and this is also our role as a community. We have had a couple of reports of inappropriate behaviour in the Rowhill and North Town areas. Please ensure your children are supervised when out in public places. Please see the attached message from All Hallows School for your information.

Good morning,

I am emailing to advise you of an incident involving one of our students that will be of concern to your students and parents.

A parent has reported to us that whilst walking home on Monday afternoon through Rowhill Nature Reserve, one of our students was approached by an adult male on a bicycle, who touched her inappropriately and then rode away.

We have informed the police as well as our students and parents, and I am sending this information over so that you can similarly inform members of your community, should you wish.

Kind regards,

Mr Ragg



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School Improvement priorities

Over the past two weeks, the children have returned to their learning with real excitement. We have already seen some fantastic drama activities taking place around school, and our virtual workshops have given pupils the chance to experience new and inspiring elements of the curriculum. As a staff team, we are currently developing our whole school approach to teaching and learning. Our main focus for this half term is our new approach to whole class Guided Reading. Both children and staff are thoroughly enjoying exploring their class texts together, and the shared experience is already proving invaluable for our professional development.

We have also begun working with one of the writers of the Department for Education's *Reading Framework* to support rapid improvement in reading and phonics across the school. Our first training session took place this week, and our teaching team left feeling inspired and energised. We are very excited about the impact this work will have.

Please do take a moment to ask your child about the text they are studying in class—you will be amazed by how much they already know.

Staff Recruitment

As you are aware, the start of this term has involved a significant recruitment drive as we work to stabilise our team and build capacity for the year ahead. This week we held our first round of interviews for the role of Deputy Headteacher. I am pleased to share that we have successfully appointed a substantive, full time Deputy Head for September. I look forward to sharing more details with you once their current school has communicated the news to their own community.

Over the next couple of weeks, our recruitment process continues. We have been incredibly fortunate to welcome more than 20 applicants to visit our school and apply for roles. It is a real privilege to have so many talented professionals eager to join us on our journey at St Michael's.

We look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday morning. Wishing you all a lovely, sun filled weekend.



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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	
94.3%		94.8%	94.6%	14.2%		15.4%	
Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)							
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
96.4%		95.7%		94.5%		93.8%	
Daley	99.7%	Abbott	97.1%	Keller	94.3%	Attenborough	91%
Lewis	97.8%	Hawking	96.9%	Malala	98.5%	Earhart	96.6%
Simmonds	91.8%	Johnson	93.1%	Mandela	90.6%	Henson	93.9%

- 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 and adults 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

As the weather is warming up, 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.

USE OF EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to remind all parents and carers that children are not permitted to use school equipment outside of school hours. This includes the Trim Trail and the gym equipment on the field.

We also kindly ask that you ensure your children do not swing on the school gates or climb on the bike shed.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and maintain our school facilities.

SEND INBOX

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

SEND@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk

LITTLE RECYCLERS

We are pleased to advise that the recent collection for the Little Recyclers raised £19.25!

Thank you to all who donated and for your support for this cause.





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VICTORIA DAY - 6TH JUNE

Victoria Day will take place in Aldershot town centre on Saturday 6th June, from 10am-4pm.

VICTORIA DAY 2026

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 10AM TO 4PM

ALDERSHOT'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

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YEAR 3

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 Parent Event: Rivers - Friday 10th July

Year 4 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Parent Engagement event on Rivers, in the school hall on Friday 10th July. Timings to be confirmed.

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 5

YEAR 5 Activism Workshop - Monday 15th June

Year 5 will be taking part in an Activism Workshop on Monday 15th June, run by the One Day Creative Company. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school.

A voluntary contribution of £4.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is required no later than Friday 5th June and can be made via your Scopy account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.

Year 5 Parent Event: Debate - Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Parent Engagement debate, which 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 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

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We would be grateful if any parents/carers would be able to volunteer and help accompany a Year 5 group to and from the swimming pool each Thursday.



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YEAR 6

LEAVERS HOODIES

The order system for the Leavers Hoodies is now open. Please use the link that was e-mailed to you 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 at 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 door at 8am 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 if you would like your child to have a breakfast. Please complete the form online by Thursday 30th April 2026 to enable us to get numbers to the kitchen.

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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.

A letter was sent out on Monday outlining all the details, please ensure that you sign your child up via the link in the letter to enable them to participate.

YEAR 6 TRIP: Chessington World of Adventures - Wednesday 3rd June

Year 6 will be visiting Chessington World of Adventures as part of this term's work on Forces.

The trip will take place on Wednesday 3rd June, leaving school at 9.00am, travelling by coach and leaving Chessington at 4pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.35am to enable a prompt departure.

The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat, and will need a packed lunch, extra snacks 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 £26.00, and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Chessington. Payment 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.

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



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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 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)		
Monday 11th May	SATS Week (Monday - Thursday)		
Monday 18th May	Year 3- Parent Engagement Event: Outdoor Learning		9-10am
Friday 22nd May	LAST DAY OF TERM		
w/c Monday 25th May	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 6 Swimming Lessons	Every Tuesday until 14th July	Aldershot Pool
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 - Trip to Chessington		
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		
Thursday 25th June	PTFA Disco	More info to follow	4.30-7.00pm
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (School Closed)		
Friday 3rd July	Year 4 - Trip to Marwell Zoo		
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	6-7.30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance	School Hall	6-7.30pm
Friday 17th July	PTFA Summer Fair		After School
w/c Monday 20th July	No School Run Clubs this week		
Tuesday 21st July	Rocksteady Concert	School Hall	9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Party (Parents invited to join from 2pm)		
Tuesday 21st July	LAST DAY OF TERM (Usual Pick Up Time at 3.20pm)		

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