



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MR HARTLEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I was a proud headteacher. As I walked around the school with our education partner from Hampshire LEA, she commented positively on the calm and purposeful atmosphere and noticed the focus on care, pride and neat presentation which has been one of the areas that I have been talking to the children about in Collective Worship. My favourite moment of the week was during a visit we had from a mobile zoo keeper who brought in some African animals as part of the curriculum work that year 4 were doing. I enjoyed watching the looks on the children's faces when they were introduced to large lizards, an elephant and snakes etc.

Next week is SATs week. The Year 6 children and staff have been working hard this year to prepare for secondary school. This will be an opportunity for the children to show what they can do. We will be there to support and encourage them. The administration of SATs is considerable and will mean that school staff are busier than usual next week.

This week I went to the parent's coffee morning at the church. I intend to do this frequently as one of the ways of developing good relationships with families. I must say that it was a very welcoming environment and I will attend again next week. (Although a little later due to SATs).

I'm slightly embarrassed to say that I won't be in school next Wednesday as I am attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with my wife. I accepted an invitation to represent the LEA at the event before I got this job. If there are any messages that you would like me to pass on to the King and/or other royals, you could catch me in the playground and I'll do my best to pass them on.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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.

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Breakfast (<i>pre-booked breakfast only</i>)	8.00-8.30am	School Hall
	Year 6 SATS Week		
Tuesday 13th May	Year 6 (Selected) League Cricket Match	4.00-5.00pm	Aldershot Cricket Club
Wednesday 21st May	Year 6 Girls & Boys (Selected) Football Tournament	10.00-2.00pm	Aldershot FC
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	HALF TERM <i>School shut to all pupils</i>		
Monday 2nd June	FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL		
Tuesday 3rd June - Tuesday 22nd July	Year 5 Swimming Lessons	10.00-11.30am	Aldershot Pool
Monday 16th June	Year 6 Leaver's Service	12.00-2.30pm	Guildford Cathedral
Wednesday 18th June	School Sports Morning	9.00-12.00midday	School field
Thursday 19th June	Year 4 Parent Event: Rivers	1.30-3.00pm	School
Friday 20th June	INSET DAY <i>School closed to all pupils</i>		



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: OUTDOOR LEARNING & PROBLEM SOLVING

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to school and took part in the Year 3 Parent Event. It was great to see so many parents and carers taking part in problem solving activities and going on scavenger hunts with their children. A big thank you to the Year 3 team for organising such a great event!

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: RIVERS - Thursday 19th June 1.30-3.00pm

Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join their child and take part in a Parent Event on Rivers on Thursday 19th June.

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

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Year 5 are going swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Tuesday morning commencing Tuesday 3rd June, with the last session being held on Tuesday. These swimming sessions will replace one of your child's PE lessons.

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. Parents should be aware that the school staff are not responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

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. Children should bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear and swimming hat. (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 swimming pool each Tuesday. The times are:

Group 1: 9.30am-11.00am / **Group 2:** 10.00am-11.30am / **Group 3:** 10.30-12.00midday

Please contact the School Office if you are able to volunteer, and confirm which group you can help out with.



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YEAR 6

YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 Assessment Tests starting on Monday 12th May. The Year 6 children and staff have been working very hard all year for their SATS and we wish them the best for next week.

It is vital that all Year 6 children are on time and in school during this week to take their tests. If your Year 6 child is having a SATS breakfast, please 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.

Following SATS week, the test papers are sent away for marking and the results are received in school on Tuesday 8th July. School reports and SATS results will be sent home with children on Friday 11th July.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S HOODIES

We are excited to announce that we are now taking orders for the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies. They will have the St Michael's Junior School logo on the front left together with your child's initials. On the back is a large '25' including all the Year 6 student names (Christian name plus initial of surname eg: John Smith = John S).

If you do not want your child's name to appear on the hoodies then please email the school office as soon as possible. The hoodies are available in a range of colours and sizes. A sample of each size will be available to try on in the School Office from Monday 12th May afternoon.

The cost per hoodie is £20.00. Payment must be made via Scopay, or by cash to the School Office. To secure your order please complete and submit this form by Friday 23rd May. This is a wonderful memento for the children, they are always so excited and proud to wear them. Hoodies will be given out on Friday 11th July, so they can wear them into school for the two weeks of term.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

CROSSING PATROL

Please note that there is still 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.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind you to send a named water bottle every day with your child. We are still seeing lots of children that do not have a water bottle. As the weather turns warmer it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. If you would like a water bottle, you can purchase one from the school office for £1.00.

SEATBELT SAFETY

The Road Safety Team are shocked to hear how many children don't always wear their seatbelt, even as young as Year 5 pupils. Below is link that highlights information about the use of booster seats as well as seatbelts and reminds parents of the seatbelt laws. This is such an important message and could save children's and families lives.
<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/W2NiLIKEtN5lyqms?ref=Link>

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