



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now more than halfway through the half term, and there is a real buzz of learning in the air throughout the school. It's wonderful to see our pupils so engaged, taking every opportunity to explore, discover, and grow.

This week, the children have been making full use of the field, enjoying all the space and playing together beautifully. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been a joy to watch, and it's clear that the outdoors is bringing out the best in everyone.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. It's important that they have access to water all day to stay hydrated and comfortable during these sunny spells. Thank you for your continued support.

Next week brings the SATs for our year 6 children. We are extremely proud of them and how well they have been revising and getting ready for the tests next week. They are ready to show off their learning over the week ahead after a lovely SATs breakfast. We will be changing the timetable slightly for children next week but will keep them all well informed.

Staff Recruitment and Updates

We have been incredibly busy preparing for next term, and we're delighted to share some exciting staffing news. We have now successfully appointed our new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, Mrs Natalie Emery, who many of our parents may already have met. She will be working closely with Miss Emma Baker, who will continue in her role as SENCo as we move into the next academic year.

We are also thrilled to have recruited a fantastic new class teacher, who will be joining us in September. In addition, this week we held interviews for our Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning. We look forward to introducing all of our new team members over the coming weeks, once their current schools and communities have been informed.

Finally, a huge and very well deserved congratulations to Mrs Skelly Regis, who has worked tirelessly over the past eighteen months to complete her Apprenticeship qualification in Leadership. This is a tremendous achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and success.



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Reading Update

As many of you are aware, we have been placing a strong focus on developing our guided reading approach across the school. Children have been speaking incredibly positively about the new structure, and several parents have shared how engaged and enthusiastic their children have felt as a result. We have been fortunate to work alongside highly skilled specialists to help us embed this inclusive approach to reading.

This week, Mr Edwards, our English Leader, and myself were invited to join a national steering group alongside the creators of *Master Readers*, and our school has already been identified as a potential leading school for this work. Over the coming terms, we will continue to refine our implementation and evaluate the impact of guided reading to ensure we are fully ready to become a model school - an opportunity I am confident we can achieve with the dedication of our team and the passion of our children.

We are also delighted to share that we have received additional funding from the Department for Education to further strengthen our phonics and reading provision, helping us secure the very best outcomes for our pupils. I look forward to sharing more about this exciting development in the weeks ahead.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday morning.



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ACHEIVEMENTS

Congratulations to Martha H in Mandela who won Gold in Hampshire Athletics U11 girls Quadrathlon competition at Winchester Athletics Track on the 4th May 2026.

Representing Aldershot, Farnham and District Athletics Club, Martha competed in Vortex Javelin, 75m sprint, Long Jump and 600m.

Martha topped the tables accumulating 309 points across the 4 disciplines and beat off stiff competition from 14 other athletes from across the county including: Portsmouth, Winchester, New Forest, Southampton, Basingstoke and Isle of Wight.

Her medal was presented by the President of Hampshire Athletics.



Well done Martha!

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



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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.

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.



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VICTORIA DAY - 6TH JUNE

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

There will be a host of activities from street entertainers, market stalls, arts and crafts and even a circus!

The parade starts at 11am and this year's theme is fairy tales and folklore.

VICTORIA DAY 2026

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 10AM TO 4PM

ALDERSHOT'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, STALLS, STREET THEATRE & MUCH MORE

CARNIVAL PARADE 11AM FROM PRINCES HALL

FREE!

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PARENT WELLBEING HUB

Please see below for information on a local group which started in February for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

The group is on every Monday in term time at the Lighthouse on Andover Way. It is an opportunity for parents and carers to just gather and chat. Every month they have a special guest who has a different area of specialism to help guide the conversation and help signpost for further support.

Wellbeing
PARENT HUB
CREATE & CONNECT

MONDAYS
1PM - 2.30PM
(Term time only)

A safe, creative space for parents and carers of children with additional needs to connect, unwind and exhale.

The first week of every month we welcome a special guest to offer gentle guidance, support and helpful signposting in relation to their expertise.

INFORMATION

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The Lighthouse,
8 Andover Way,
Aldershot GU11 3RJ

Guest speakers at
Wellbeing
PARENT HUB

	Monday 11th May 2026 1pm-2:30pm Nikki Fletcher (Growing Hope, Farnham)
	Monday 8th June 2026 1pm-2:30pm Mustard Seed Autism Trust
	Monday 6th July 2026 1pm-2:30pm Jazz Crowne (Trauma Therapist)

At The Lighthouse,
8 Andover Way, Aldershot GU11 3RJ

For more details contact: rachel.setterfield@emmausrd.com



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School Disco - Thursday 25th June

Tickets are £5.00 each, and payment must be made in advance in cash to the School Office.
Payment **can not** be made on the door.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL DISCO

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED
NIGHT OF MUSIC, DANCING
& GOOD TIMES!

AT
**ST MICHAELS C OF E
JUNIOR SCHOOL, ALDERSHOT**

**THURSDAY
25TH JUNE
16:30 - 17:30
YEARS 3 AND 4**

**THURSDAY
25TH JUNE
18:00 - 19:00
YEARS 5 AND 6**

£5 A TICKET
THAT NEEDS TO BE
PAID TO RECEPTION



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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.

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.



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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

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Please note that there will not be any swimming lesson on Tuesday 9th June due to Bikeability Training that week.

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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.

Please ensure that you sign your child up **by the 22nd May**, via the link in the letter that was sent previously. Please note that if you do not sign up by the 22nd May, your child will not be able 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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YEAR 6

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SERVICE AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL - Thursday 18th June

The Year 6 children have been invited to attend the Diocesan Leavers' Service which is held at Guildford Cathedral. It is a traditional event that enables all of the Year 6 children from the Diocese to join together in a final act of worship before they move on to secondary education.

The service will take place on Thursday 18th June 2026. We will be travelling to Guildford by coach, leaving school at 9.00am and returning to school by lunch time.



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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 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 4nd 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		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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