



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

What a great half term it has been for us all. The sun is finally about to shine for a prolonged period, and just in time for a break.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen our children flourish in many ways. Our Year 6 children really rose to the challenge of SATs week and took it in their stride as they worked through four days of tests. They were a credit to their teachers and parents, showing real resilience and determination throughout. We were very proud.

There have been some lovely parent events over the past term, and this week we saw Year 3 joining their parents for outdoor learning on Monday. It was a joy to watch as children ran around finding clues and making shapes from natural resources. The laughter and smiles could be heard and seen from afar.

Last week, we had a new arrival in the hall in the form of a beautiful piano, thanks to a donation from the church. Music is so important to all children, and there is no better sound to me than children's voices joining together in song. The children have enjoyed learning new songs and performing familiar ones in singing practice, and we have also identified some hidden talent among both our staff team and our children. Mr Baptiste and Miss Nandra have played the children into assembly over the last week, and the children have been respectful and complimentary about their talent. Some of our children are also practising so that they can perform for the assembly audience. It really is wonderful to see and lifts our mood on any day of the week.

We are busy getting ready for next year. We have transition events taking place with our new Year 2s and our Year 3 team. Year leaders and their teams are working hard to review the effectiveness of the make-up of classes. There will be some movement between classes next year across the whole school. This is to help balance classes and ensure that children are placed where they will flourish most. We know our children well, and a great deal of thought goes into this process. We will be ready to share new classes and teachers at the end of June. We are also looking forward to working more closely with the infants in the autumn term as I become the interim headteacher over both schools.

6th June brings the Victoria Day Parade in Aldershot town. This is a wonderful event that brings the whole community together. The event has been shared with the children this week, and we are hoping to see many of you there, proudly walking with the parade.

I do hope that you have a relaxing and sunny half term and return refreshed for a summer term packed with events, learning and fun.



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## ACHEIVEMENTS

Congratulations to Elsie C, Sophie F, Amber S and Millie S who won the Premier League Cup for the Aldershot Boys & Girls U11 Football Club!



**Well done girls!**

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



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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

This Week		Year to Date Attendance							
Whole School		Whole School		National		Persistent Absence		National	
92.1%		94.7%		94.6%		12.6%		15.2%	
Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)									
Year 3		Year 4			Year 5		Year 6		
93.1%		92.7%			91.1%		91.7%		
Daley	95.2%	Abbott	92.3%		Keller	93.1%	Attenborough	91.9%	
Lewis	90%	Hawking	95.6%		Malala	95.8%	Earhart	91.6%	
Simmonds	94.3%	Johnson	93.3%		Mandela	84.5%	Henson	91.6%	

- 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).



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### **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.

### **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.

### **BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON THE GROUNDS**

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters are NOT permitted to be ridden on the school grounds. Recently we have had parents cycling across the playground and due to safety concerns and near miss situations we have to remind you that you need to dismount and push the bike or scooter across the playground.

### **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, slide 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.

### **WAITING FOR CHILDREN ON AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

If you are here watching a child who is taking part in an after school club on the field, please make sure that any other children that you have with you are not playing on any equipment on the field. Children are not permitted to use the school equipment outside of school hours.



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### UPDATED CLUBS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Please see the updated Clubs list for the Summer Term, we are now offering a Cricket Club for Year 5 & 6 on a Thursday after school from 3.30pm-4.00pm, details are on Scopay to sign up.

### 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!





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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!**

[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/victoriaday)

**RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL** Proud hosts of the Armed Forces Day National Event 2026

### 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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### NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

Please visit the link below to nominate St Michael's Junior School for a chance to win £1,000 for our library and also a £100 National Book Token for yourself and for the school to win £1,000 for our library.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>

## Win £1,000 for your school's library

Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary with one of our five huge prizes. Plus, you could win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!





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## YEAR 4

### Year 4 Parent Event: Rivers - TBC

Year 4 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Parent Engagement event on Rivers, in the school hall. 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 1st June

Year 5 will be taking part in an Activism Workshop on Monday 1st 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 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 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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### SWIMMING LESSONS

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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

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### **BIKEABILITY TRAINING: 10 - 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.

### **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.**



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### 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.

Friday 22nd May	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>		
w/c Monday 25th May	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		
Monday 1st June	Year 5 - Activism Workshop	School Hall	
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 6 Swimming Lessons	Every Tuesday until 14th July	Aldershot Pool 10.00-11.30am
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 - Trip to Chessington		All Day
Thursday 4th June	Year 5 Swimming Lessons	Every Thursday until 16th July	Aldershot Pool 10.00-11.30am
Wednesday 10th June	Year 6 - Bikeability Week		
Thursday 18th June	Year 6 - Leavers Service	Guildford Cathedral	
Friday 19th June	Sports Morning		
Thursday 25th June	PTFA Disco	Year 3 & 4 4.30-5.30pm Year 5 & 6 6.00-7.00pm	4.30-7.00pm
Friday 26th June	<b>Inset Day (School Closed)</b>		
Friday 3rd July	Year 4 - Trip to Marwell Zoo		All Day
Tuesday 7th July	Year 5 Parent Engagement Event: Debate	School Hall	1.30-3pm
Friday 10th July	Non Uniform Day	Donations of bottles/sweets for the Summer Fair	
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	<b>No School Run Clubs this week</b>		
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	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> (Usual Pick Up Time at 3.20pm)		

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