



ST MICHAELS JUNIOR SCHOOL

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25/09/2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

It has been another week of learning at St Michael's and the children are settling in well to their classrooms and their new routines.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the meet the teacher event. The class powerpoints has been sent to you via email so that if you missed the event that you will have all of the information.

School Improvement

Over the last two weeks we have been working very closely with the SEN and Teaching and Learning advisors from Hampshire. This has been a great start to our school improvement for this year and we are excited by the training and support that we are receiving as a school.

This week our team received high praise via the County School Improvement Manager. We were visited by Vicky from the Primary Behaviour Service who reported the following:

'It is safe to say that Vicky is still buzzing following her visit last week. She has reported that the environment looks and feels amazing, clean, fresh and tidy. It is really clear that much effort has gone in to creating a safe environment through careful allocation of space, arrangement of furniture, management of stimulation levels and a sense of pride in the school. The drive to develop relational practice was evident and all staff spoken to were really enthusiastic.

Vicky has been a constant in the school for a number of years and has seen the successes and challenges over time. It is safe to say that her experience on Friday has led her to feel that the school is now completely different and in such a great place. There is no doubt that the staff team are on the bus and the bus is on the motorway racing forward! They must be working exceptionally hard to have achieved this in such a short period of time.'

While we are extremely proud of this report, we know there is still more to do, and we need your support at home.

This week, there have been a few occasions where children have been unkind to each other in the playground, both in their words and their physical behaviour. This is not acceptable in a school where we work hard to build a culture of respect and belonging. Our behaviour policy is clear and the children understand there are consequences, but our aim is to stop these incidents altogether.



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Please talk with your child about how they behave in the playground and why kindness matters to everyone. We are a hands-free school, so children must not touch each other during play. Reinforcing this at home means we are all giving the same message.

Disagreements are a normal part of learning to build friendships. If your child feels someone has been unkind, please encourage them to tell an adult straight away so we can help sort things out together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Every Day Counts at St Michael's

At St Michael's, we know that being in school every day is one of the most important things we can do together to help our children flourish and be the very best they can be. Small amounts of missed time soon add up: a child with 90% attendance may sound as though they are doing well, but over a school year of 190 days they will have missed 19 days, which is almost four weeks of learning. Across their four years with us, that becomes around 15 weeks, nearly half a school year. Even arriving 10 minutes late each day adds up to almost a week of lost learning over the year.

National research shows a clear link between attendance and achievement, and pupils who were persistently absent (missing more than 10% of sessions) had lower average attainment. The Department for Education's guidance also highlights that attendance habits form early, and patterns of absence established in primary school often persist into secondary education.

We understand that illness and genuine difficulties happen, and our door is always open. If something is making it harder for your child to come to school, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office in the first instance, so that we can work together to help. Thank you for your continued support in helping every child be here, on time, every day.

Travelling Safely to and from School

It is wonderful to see so many of our children walking, scooting and cycling to school. It's a healthy and happy way to start the day! We would kindly ask that children take care on their journeys and are mindful of other pedestrians, particularly younger children, parents with pushchairs and elderly members of our community. Scooting or cycling at a sensible speed, slowing down on busy stretches of pavement and giving way to others all help to keep everyone safe.



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Please remember that once children arrive on the school grounds, scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the playground. We ask that children dismount at the school gate and walk them to the storage area. We would be very grateful if you could take a moment to talk with your child about moving responsibly and respectfully between home and school. This is a lovely way to show our school value of respect for others beyond the school gates. Thank you for your support in keeping our whole community safe.

Working Together on School Grounds

At St Michael's, we are proud of our warm and welcoming community, and we know how much you care about your children's happiness and wellbeing. From time to time, friendship difficulties or disagreements between children may arise, and it is completely natural to feel concerned when your child is upset. However, we ask that parents and carers do not approach other children or their families on the school grounds to discuss or resolve these issues.

Such conversations, however well meant, can quickly become upsetting for everyone involved, especially the children who may witness them. Instead, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to listen and work with you to find a positive way forward. Our staff are experienced in helping children repair relationships, and by working together we can make sure every situation is handled fairly, calmly and with care. Thank you for helping us keep St Michael's a safe, respectful and welcoming place for all our children and families, in keeping with our vision to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

Could you be our next Parent Governor?

We are looking for a parent or carer to join our Governing Body, and we would love to hear from you.

Governors play a vital role in the life of our school. They work alongside the Headteacher and staff to set the school's direction, support and challenge us to keep improving, and make sure every child receives the best possible education, rooted in our Christian vision and our values of Respect, Courage and Resilience.



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You don't need any previous experience or specialist knowledge. What matters most is a genuine interest in our school, a willingness to ask thoughtful questions, and a commitment to working as part of a team. Full training and support are provided, and our current governors are always happy to help new members settle in. Parent governors bring a valuable perspective, and we particularly welcome applications that reflect the rich diversity of our school community.

The role involves attending 7 meetings a year, plus occasional school visits. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office at admin@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Kingham.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a real difference to our children and our school.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kirsty Kingham
Headteacher



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Attendance

Attendance is everyone's business - Every Learning Minute Counts								
This Week Whole School 95.8%		Year to Date Attendance						
		Whole School	National		Persistent Absence		National	
		95.8%	95.6%		14.5%		14.8%	
Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)								
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
96.9%		96.8%		95.7%		91.8%		
Daley	97.1%	Abbott	97.6%	Keller	94.8%	Attenborough	92.5%	
Lewis	96.3%	Hawking	95.9%	Malala	97.7%	Earhart	90.4%	
Simmonds	97.3%	Johnson	96.9%	Mandela	94.8%	Henson	92.7%	

Mobile phones on school premises

We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that filming or recording on school premises, including the playground during drop-off and collection times, is not permitted.

This request helps us safeguard the privacy and wellbeing of all children, staff and families. While we understand that parents may wish to capture special moments, videos can unintentionally include other children or adults who have not given consent to be recorded.

We therefore ask that mobile phones and other recording devices are not used to film or record whilst on the school site.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our school community.



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REMINDERS

Jewellery

Please can parents and carers note that the only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a plain small wrist watch (no smart watches) and/or one pair of plain small studs for earrings.

- Children are **not permitted** to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE lessons. Staff are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home before children come to school.
- If a child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove their earrings, they will **not be permitted** to take part in PE lessons for 6 weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. Children who are not able or permitted to take part in the physical element of lessons will be required to take on a coaching role or take part in theory-based activities.

Uniform

Please see below our uniform policy, we have noticed that children are wearing brightly coloured socks, can we please highlight that socks need to be grey, black or white plain socks.

- ¼ zip sports top (black with red stripe) with school logo
- Red t-shirt/polo t-shirt with school logo or plain red t-shirt/polo t-shirt
- Black jogging bottoms with red stripe or plain black jogging bottoms*
- Black leggings with red stripe or plain black leggings*
- Black shorts with red stripe or plain black shorts*
- Black skirt with red stripe or plain black skirt*
- Grey, black or white plain socks
- Trainers

*Plain black items must not contain any logos



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PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

We are pleased to let you know that our Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall during October.

The evenings will be held on:

- Tuesday 20th October 2026 – 3.40pm to 6.00pm
- Wednesday 21st October 2026 – 3.40pm to 7.00pm

Each appointment will be 10 minutes long.

Bookings are open on Scopay and will close on **Sunday 11th October 2026 at 11.45pm.**

Appointments can be booked online using the Scopay booking system.

If you have any difficulties making a booking online, please contact the school office.

Our team will be happy to help and can arrange an appointment for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultation Evenings.



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YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

Applications for children transferring to secondary school in September 2027 are **open now**.

Hampshire residents need to apply through Hampshire County Council (even if the school you are applying for is in Surrey)

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Applications can be submitted online or parents can request a paper application form in exceptional circumstances by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026.

Surrey residents need to apply through Surrey County Council (even if the school you are applying for is in Hampshire)

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Applications must be made online. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026.

Please consider the following when making an application:

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See travel to school to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

If you require assistance with an application, please contact the school office team.



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YEAR 3

Please see below a table of the upcoming events for the Academic Year, all trips are available on Scopay.

Year 3		Trip/Event	Date	Cost
Autumn Term 2026	TRIP	Stone Age Theatre Workshop	Monday 9th November 2026	£6.10
Spring Term 2027	TRIP	Butser Ancient Farm	Thursday 4th March 2027	£26.50
Summer Term 2027	TRIP	VR Workshop - Egyptians	Friday 30th April 2027	£5.65

YEAR 4

Please see below a table of the upcoming events for the Academic Year, all trips are available on Scopay.

Year 4		Trip/Event	Date	Cost
Spring Term 2027	TRIP	Upton Court Viking Trip	Friday 26th February 2027	£16.60
Summer Term 2027	TRIP	VR Workshop - Mayans	Friday 30th April 2027	£5.65



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YEAR 5

Please see below a table of the upcoming events for the Academic Year, all trips are available on Scopay.

Year 5		Trip/Event	Date	Cost
Autumn Term 2026	TRIP	Winchester Science Museum	Friday 27th November 2026	£23.00
Spring Term 2027	TRIP	VR Workshop	Monday 1st February 2027	£4.20

Swimming Lessons will be starting in the Spring Term, further details to follow.

YEAR 6

Please see below a table of the upcoming events for the Academic Year, all trips are available on Scopay.

Year 6		Trip/Event	Date	Cost
Autumn Term 2026	TRIP	Gilbert White - Explorers	Tuesday 29th & Friday 30th September 2026	25
Spring Term 2027	PARENT EVENT	SATs Workshop	Thursday 14th January 2027 3.30pm onwards	
	TRIP	VR Workshoop - Earthquakes & Volcanoes	Monday 1st February 2027	£5.00
	TRIP	Guildford Cathedral Leavers Service	Monday 14th June 2027	
Summer Term 2027	TRIP	Residential - Grittleton	Monday 24th-Friday 28th May 2027	£361.00 + coach costs TBC
	TRIP	Think Safe	June 2027 (dates to be confirmed)	
	TRIP	Bikeability	July 2027 (dates to be confirmed)	
	PARENT EVENT	Leavers Party	Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 2.00pm	



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DIARY DATES

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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 28th September	Whole School Flu Vaccinations	
Tuesday 29th September	Year 6 Trip - Gilbert White Explorers Trip (Earhart Class)	All Day
Wednesday 30th September	Year 6 Trip - Gilbert White Explorers Trip (Attenborough & Henson Class)	All Day
Friday 2nd October	GB Athlete Visit	
w/c Monday 19th October	NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK	
Monday 19th October	Individual School Photos	
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evenings	3.45-6.00pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evenings	3.45-7.00pm
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils	
Monday 26th October	HALF TERM WEEK	
Monday 9th November	Year 3 Stone Age Theatre Workshop	School Hall
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 27th November	Year 5 Trip - Winchester Science Museum	All Day
Friday 18th December	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils	
Tuesday 5th January	BACK TO SCHOOL	

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