



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MR HARTLEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have been off work with an injured lower back after a massive failure at home involving some bags of cement. I will be back at school on Monday albeit with even less mobility than usual.

Enjoy your weekend,
Jim

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October 2025. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 21st October: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 23rd October: 3.40pm - 7.00pm

Bookings are already open at and will close on Sunday 12th October at 11.45pm. We are using the Scopay booking system. The document attached will help guide you through the booking process. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you.

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 13th October	Year 2 Prospective Parents Afternoon		2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 15th October	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements	In school	
Thursday 16th October	Year 2 Prospective Parents Morning		9.30-10.30am
Monday 20th October	No school run lunch and after school clubs this week		
	Individual School Photos		
Tuesday 21st October	Parent's Evening	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
Thursday 23rd October	Parent's Evening	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS		
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half Term		
Thursday 6th November	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
	Year 5 Parent Event - Model Boating	Hall	1.45-3.00pm
Friday 7th November	Year 4 - Aldershot Buddhist Temple Trip		
	Year 5 - Winchester Science Museum Trip		
Monday 10th November	Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop	In school	
Thursday 13th November	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Friday 14th November	Children In Need		
Thursday 20th November	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Thursday 27th November	Year 6 Parent Event - Muffin Tasting		1.30-3.00pm



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

NASAL FLU VACCINATION - Tuesday 9th December

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Name: St Michael's Church of England Controlled Junior School

School Code: SH116333

Session Date: 09/12/2025

Year Group: 3 to 6

Link to website: Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please complete the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

COATS / WATER BOTTLES

As we move into Autumn please send your child to school with a named hooded raincoat and a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name) to school each day. Children will have the opportunity to refill if they need to.

SMILE CLUB

SMILE Club is due to start again after the half term holidays. It will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes and will be run by Mr. Hartley and Mrs. Pearson who is the Volunteer School/Church Liaison Officer from St. Michael's Church.

As part of SMILE club, we will be rehearsing a Nativity play. The aim will be to perform it to the whole school at the end of term and all club members will need to be prepared to participate in this.

We will be meeting in the library, therefore the number of children in the club will be limited to 12. In signing up your child to this club parents/carers should be aware that it is a Christian club where Christian themes will be discussed and explored.

If you wish your child to take part in SMILE Club, please sign your child up through your Scopay account, under the heading Trips/Events.



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3		TRIP / EVENT	DATE	COST
Autumn Term 2025	TRIP	Stone Age Workshop	Monday 10th November	£4.40
	PARENT EVENT	Times Tables / Maths	Wednesday 10 th December 2025 1.45-3.00pm	-
Spring Term 2026	TRIP	Butser Farm (Romans)	Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	£22.00 approx
	PARENT EVENT	Sewing Workshop	Friday 6 th February 2026 1.30-3.00pm	-
Summer Term 2026	TRIP	VR Workshop with Y4 (Egyptians)	Thursday 16 th April 2026	£3.70
	PARENT EVENT	Outdoor Learning	Monday 18 th May 2026 9.00-10.30am	-

YEAR 4

YEAR 4		TRIP / EVENT	DATE	COST
Autumn Term 2025	TRIP	Buddhist Community Centre	Friday 7th November 2025	-
	TRIP	Gurkha / British army to visit school	December 2025	-
		Swimming Lessons	Thursday 6 th November - Thursday 18 th December 2025	
Spring Term 2026	TRIP	Viking Drama Workshop	Thursday 12 th February 2026	£6.55
	PARENT EVENT	Sound	Friday 20 th March 2026	
Summer Term 2026	TRIP	Marwell Zoo	June 2026	TBC
	TRIP	VR Workshop with Y3 (Mayans)	Thursday 16 th April 2026	£3.70
	PARENT EVENT	Rivers	Friday 10 th July 2026 1.30-3.00pm	

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Year 4 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 6th November, with the last session being held on Thursday 18th December. 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



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YEAR 5

YEAR 5		TRIP / EVENT	DATE	COST
Autumn Term 2025	TRIP	Winchester Science Museum	Friday 7 th November 2025	£15.85
	TRIP	Local Walk / Geography Study	October 2025	-
	PARENT EVENT	Model Boating	Thursday 6 th November 2025 1.30-3.00pm	-
Spring Term 2026	TRIP	VR Workshop	Monday 16 th March 2026	£3.70
	PARENT EVENT	DT - Flatbreads	Thursday 12 th March 2026 1.30-3.00pm	-
Summer Term 2026	TRIP	Creative Workshop	Monday 15 th June 2026	£4.70
		Swimming Lessons	Thursday 4 th June - Thursday 16 th July 2026	-
	PARENT EVENT	Debate	Thursday 9 th July 2026 1.30-3.00pm	-

YEAR 5: Winchester Science Museum - Friday 7th November

We have organised a visit to the Science Museum in Winchester as part of Year 5's Autumn term's work on Space. The children will be taking part in various activities at the museum related to Space.

The visit will take place on Friday 7th November 2025, leaving school at 9.00 am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20 pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.35am to enable a prompt departure. The party leader will be Mr Edwards.

The children are required to wear their school uniform, a waterproof coat, and will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small bag that the child can carry). Please complete the permission form sent home today and state if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.20.

In order for this trip to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £15.85 is requested to contribute towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Winchester Science Museum. If insufficient contributions are received, the visit may have to be cancelled. Payment can be made using Scopay, the online payments facility or cash to the School Office by Thursday 23rd October. If you are not in a position to be able to make a contribution, you can speak confidentially with Mrs Rachel Woodhouse, the School Business Manager, who is available daily at the school office.



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YEAR 6

YEAR 6		TRIP / EVENT	DATE	COST
Autumn Term 2025	PARENT EVENT	Muffin Tasting	Thursday 27 th November 2025 2.00-3.00pm	-
Spring Term 2026	TRIP	Think Safe		-
	TRIP	Bikeability		-
	TRIP	VR Workshop (Earthquakes and Volcanoes)	Monday 16 th March 2026	£3.70
	PARENT EVENT	Volcano Art	Thursday 19 th March 2026	-
	PARENT EVENT	SATs Workshop	Thursday 26 th March 2026 3.30-4.00pm	-
Summer Term 2026	TRIP	Chessington World of Adventures	May 2026	TBC
	TRIP	Guildford Cathedral Leaver's Service	Thursday 18 th June 2026 AM	
	PARENT EVENT	Leaver's Church Service	Monday 20 th July 2026	-
	PARENT EVENT	Leaver's Party	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	-

YEAR 6

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE (YEAR 7) FOR YOUR CHILD

Important Information:

If your child is currently in year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2026. You can name up to three schools on your application.

The closing date for applications for secondary school entry into Year 7 in September 2026 is 31st October 2025. Applications must be submitted via your home Local Authority before this date.

SCHOOL HEALTH REVIEW IN YEAR 6 2025/2026

This is a reminder to all parents and carers of children in Year 6, that a health review of every child in Year 6 will take place this year at school. This will include height and weight measurement as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). You will have been sent an email this week - please remember to sign your child up through the link provided in the email.

CONTACT US

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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Martha H who competed in the 1st Round of the Basingstoke and Mid-Hampshire Junior Cross Country League on last weekend.

Martha runs for Aldershot and Farnham District athletics club and competed in the U11's category. She completed the 2200m course and came 11th out of 62 competitors .

Well done Martha!



If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter

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

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING - THE LITTLE RECYCLERS



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

Thursday 23rd October

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- VVorkwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNVANTED CLOTHES

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Just a reminder that we are signed up to a clothing recycling scheme, called The Little Recyclers.

The next collection is on Thursday 23rd October. We can accept clothing donations at any time - please bring any bags of unwanted clothes to the School Office.