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MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great few weeks at St Michael's as the weather starts to turn and autumn settles in. Here is a round-up of what we have been up to, along with some important information for families.

Crazy Hair Day

Today's Crazy Hair Day brought some fantastic hairstyles into school, and the children were rightly very proud of their creations. It was lovely to share the day alongside our friends at St Michael's Infant School. Thank you for your support.

Olympian Day

Last week the hall was full of energy for our Olympian Day, as Kelly Simm put the children through their circuits, class by class. The laughter and energy were tangible as everyone worked hard together. Amazingly, we raised over £3,000. A proportion of this will go towards Team GB training, and the rest will provide additional sports equipment for our school. It was a fantastic event for all involved - a big thank you to Mr French for organising it.

Harvest at St Michael's Church

This week we made our first whole-school trip of the year to St Michael's Church for our Harvest celebration. We are very lucky to have such strong links with the church and the opportunity to visit during the children's time with us. The children did us proud, singing beautifully during a service led by the Diocese.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped us walk the children safely to and from the church. Thank you also to every family who donated to the foodbank - the stage is full of your generous donations, a wonderful example of our school vision to 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

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Join Our Team - Lunchtime Assistants

We are currently recruiting lunchtime assistants. This is an important role in school, making sure our children have excellent supervision and provision at lunchtimes. If you are interested in joining our excellent team, please ask for an application form at reception.

Healthy Snacks at Breaktime

We have noticed that many children are bringing sweets and crisps in for breaktime. We encourage all children to bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, vegetable sticks, plain crackers or breadsticks. Healthy snacks help to keep blood sugar levels steady for longer, so children can concentrate well until lunchtime - sweets and crisps will not do this.

Please note that sweets are not allowed to be eaten on the school site. Over the coming term we will be working together with parents and children towards healthy breaktimes and lunchtimes, and we thank you in advance for your support.

Keeping Children Safe Online - AI and Images

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools can now create and edit pictures very quickly and easily. While AI has many positive uses, we want to make you aware that these tools can be misused to manipulate ordinary photos of children - including everyday family pictures shared on social media - into harmful and abusive images. Images like this are illegal in the UK whether or not they have been made using AI, and they can cause real harm.

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have published a helpful guide for parents and carers. It explains the risks in clear language and suggests simple steps you can take, such as checking the privacy settings on your social media accounts, reviewing who can see photos of your child, thinking about who else (family, friends, clubs) shares images of your child, and talking with your child about AI and asking permission before sharing pictures.

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You can read the guide here: Stopping AI Child Sexual Abuse Imagery: Advice for Parents and Carers

If you have any concerns about your child's safety online, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kirsty Kingham
Headteacher

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Attendance

Attendance is everyone's business - Every Learning Minute Counts							
This Week Whole School 96.4%		Year to Date Attendance					
		Whole School		National		Persistent Absence	National
		95.4%		95.4%		11.4%	14%
Year Group Breakdown (last 5 days)							
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
98.3%		97.1%		97.4%		93.7%	
Daley	98.9%	Abbott	99.3%	Keller	99.7%	Attenborough	94.8%
Lewis	96.7%	Hawking	95.9%	Malala	96.3%	Earhart	93.1%
Simmonds	99.3%	Johnson	96.1%	Mandela	96.3%	Henson	93.4%



CRAZY HAIR DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Crazy Hair Day!

The children looked absolutely fabulous, and it was wonderful to see so many fun and creative hairstyles!

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your fantastic support and generosity, we have raised an amazing £170.00 for our PTA.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed and helped make the day such a success. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children had a wonderful time visiting the church yesterday for our Harvest Celebration. It was a lovely opportunity to come together, reflect on the importance of harvest and celebrate the spirit of giving and helping others in our community.

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations. Your kindness and support are very much appreciated, and all donations will be gratefully received by The Grub Hub, helping to support those in our local community.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for helping to make our Harvest Celebration so special!

PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

This is a reminder that our parent consultations are taking place 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.

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PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT WORKS

We would like to inform you that landscaping improvement works will be taking place on the school playground during the Autumn Term.

The project involves replacing the existing rotten log roll edging with a new brick wall edging to improve both the safety and appearance of the area. Work is scheduled to commence on **Monday 19 October** and is expected to last for approximately **nine weeks**.

Please be assured that the contractors undertaking the work are **Hampshire County Council approved**, and all relevant **health and safety** and **safeguarding** requirements have been reviewed and are in place. The working area will be securely fenced off throughout the project to ensure there is no risk to pupils, staff, or families.

All usual drop-off and collection arrangements will remain unchanged during the works, and access to the school site will continue as normal.

Thank you for your understanding and support whilst these improvements are carried out. We are looking forward to enhancing this area of the school for the benefit of our pupils.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the school office.

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REMINDERS

UNIFORM

We are seeing an increase in pupils coming into school not in the correct uniform, please see below our school uniform policy:



Black/red fleece with white trim



Red cotton PE top



Red polyester/cotton Polo Top



Black joggers with red trim



Black/red shorts



Black leggings with red trim



Black/red panelled skort

Only the black/red 1/4 zip top can be worn (as seen above) - no plain zip tops or hoodies
Plain black trousers, leggings, shorts and skorts can be worn, rather than the red/black branded items above
No logos will be allowed on any item of clothing (eg Nike, Adidas)
No cycling shorts are to be worn

Socks must be grey, black or white



Trainers (any colour)



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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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ACHIEVEMENTS

We are delighted to share that Daisy V in Lewis has recently had the amazing opportunity to walk the runway at House of iKons Fashion Week London which has also been featured by Vogue Monaco, where she appears in the main image of their feature on the Malongwena Pride "DME" collection.

We are very proud of Daisy - what an achievement!







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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
Autumn Term 2026	Trip	Temple Visit	November - dates to be confirmed	
Spring Term 2027	TRIP	Ufton 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
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
Summer Term 2027	TRIP	Guildford Cathedral Leavers Service	Monday 14th June 2027	
	TRIP	Residential - Grittleton	Monday 24th-Friday 28th May 2027	£361.00 + coach costs TBC
	TRIP	Think Safe	June 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.		
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	Rememberance Day	
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	
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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