



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MR HARTLEY

Dear Parents & Carers

It's been an exciting week with plenty of things going on in school including year 4 swimming, SMILE club starting and two year groups going on trips. I was very pleased with the parent turn out at the year 5 curriculum event, it looked great fun. On Thursday I held a coffee morning and 12 parents attended. Thank you to those parents who came. It was good to listen; I will pass on your thoughts on to the new headteacher Mrs Kingham when she arrives.

However, the most important thinking that has been done this week has been around the subject of Remembrance Day. We take it very seriously at St. Michael's and we will finish our Remembrance work on Tuesday with a minute's silence.

On a personal note: I have just turned 60 years old. However, I am feeling no more than 59, so will have plenty of energy as we lead into the exciting Christmas times ahead. I am looking forward to that already.

Enjoy your weekend.

Usborne Book Fair reminder

We hope that your children had a great time browsing the Book Fair this week. Usborne will donate an incredible 60% of the total Book Fair sales value in FREE BOOKS to our school!

If you'd like to order any books, please visit this link: [St Michael's Junior School Book Fair](#) which is open until 10am on Monday morning.

You can choose to pay £3.50 to have your order shipped directly to an address of your choice (great for Christmas shopping!) or opt for free delivery via your Usborne Partner, which will then be bagged up and delivered directly to the school for you.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair and helping us to earn some wonderful new books for all our children to enjoy!

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is from 10-14th November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is "Power for Good", and our school will proudly join the nation in raising awareness about bullying among young people. This initiative focuses on prevention & effective responses to bullying, and we believe it's a crucial opportunity for us to make a positive impact on our students' lives.



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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.

WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

PLEASE NOTE that our school policy states that the only jewellery a child is permitted to wear is a plain small wrist watch and/or plain small studs for earrings. Other items are not permissible in school. Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE. Taping of earrings is not an option.

CROSSING PATROL

Please note that there is still no School Patrol Crossing until further notice. It is important to note that School Crossing Patrols are a non-statutory service and from a legal perspective, responsibility lies with parents to get their children to and from school. Please can we remind all parents and carers to please take appropriate measures to ensure your child's safety while travelling to and from school.

Parking responsibly

As with the majority of junior schools, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on ziz-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3: 'THROUGH THE AGES' THEATRE WORKSHOP

As part of our topic 'Through the Ages', we will be having a theatre workshop in school run by Theatre Exchange. During the workshop, the children will take part in different activities to build their understanding of what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This is an interactive way for the children to learn facts about this period in History.

The workshop will take place in school on Monday 10th November with each class taking part in a workshop during the day. In order for these workshops to go ahead, a voluntary contribution of £4.40 is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and delivering this unique experience.

Payment can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the visit may have to be cancelled.

PARENT EVENT

Year 3 parents and carers are invited to join their child and take part in a Parent Event on Maths and Timetables on Wednesday 10th December 2025.

This event 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 close at 1.40pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Year 4 started swimming this week as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Thursday morning until 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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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS



To celebrate Diwali Kristina, Rushika, April and Amira performed a dance during assembly wearing traditional clothing. Thank you for a wonderful performance.

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

Our school are taking part in this wonderful community event. We have four giant gift boxes which will be decorated by all of the children at our school.

If you are unable to see the full display in Farnborough, we will have our boxes in the school reception area from Monday 8th December.



Start date and time: Sunday 07 December
12:00 PM

End date and time: Sunday 07 December
4:00 PM

Location: The Landing, Queensmead,
Farnborough, GU14 7RT

Cost: Free

Explore a magical community arts installation of giant gift boxes, decorated by local schoolchildren.

Step into a sparkling winter scene and explore a magical community art installation of 40 giant gift boxes, decorated by local schoolchildren from 15 local schools.

Get hands-on at The Artroom's creative craft station, where children can make their own festive treasures to take home.

Then gather round for enchanting tales from Merry-go-round Storytelling, sharing Christmas and winter stories from around the globe - with a delightful twist you won't want to miss!

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 10th November	Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop	In school	1:30-3pm
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance day	In school	All day
Thursday 13th November	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Friday 14th November	Children In Need - Mufti for a £1 donation	In school	All day
Friday 14th November	Girls football at Alderwood (selected children)	Alderwood	3:30-5:15pm
Thursday 20th November	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Thursday 27th November	Year 6 Parent Event - Muffin Tasting	In school	1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 27th November	Year 4 swimming lessons	Aldershot pool	9:30-11:00am
Thursday 4th December	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Tuesday 9th December	Nasal flu vaccines	In school	All day
Tuesday 9th December	Rocksteady Concert	In school	9.30-10.00am
Wednesday 10th December	Y3 Parent Workshop - Maths /Times tables	In school	1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 11th December	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 swimming lessons	Aldershot Pool	9:30-11:00am
Friday 19th December	Christmas Lunch day and wear Christmas clothing	In school	All day
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term	In school	All day
Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	Christmas Holidays		
Tuesday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS		
Wednesday 6th January 2026	BACK TO SCHOOL		

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