



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for 2025! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday with your families and friends. As always it was so lovely to see all of the children on Tuesday morning after the Christmas break; so many smiling faces who were keen to share all of their news.

We had some great events just before we broke up in December including the lantern carol service and the church Christmas experience.

A big thank you to everyone who came to the lantern carol service and to those who took part - it was lovely to have you there, supporting your children. It was great to have children from each year group leading the singing of carols and Year 6 children reading Bible passages and a poem. I particularly enjoyed the rousing performance of The Twelve Days of Christmas as the children looked like they were having so much fun (and the adults too!).

We also had the church Christmas experience, which all the children attended. During this time, they learnt about the Christmas story from members of the congregation in an interactive way.

We have started this term really well. Whilst walking around school, it has been lovely to watch the children applying themselves so well to their learning, and experience the calm and purposeful environment in the classes.

Please can I remind parents to make sure that their children bring a named coat to school with them. The weather has been extremely cold this week and is set to continue.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship we found out about Three Kings Day or Epiphany. The children learned about what happens in countries around the world on this date, including leaving shoes out with grass and snacks in them, for the magi's camels.

We then explored what would be the best gift that you could give someone based on a Christmas Carol by Christina Rossetti: *'What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what can I give him. Give my heart.'*

We linked this to the social skill of 'kind words' that we are working on this half term; all staff have enjoyed hearing the children use kind words around the school and celebrated what a good gift this is to give to someone.



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SCHOOL CLUBS

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January - April 2025

	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS				EXTERNAL PROVIDER: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
	LUNCH CLUBS		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
MONDAY	GIRL'S FOOTBALL CLUB Year 5/6 12.30-1.00pm Mr Edwards	WRITING CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Miss Gregory <i>starts Monday 24 February</i>		DRAMA CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Bourne & Mr Andrews	DT CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Mrs Skelly-Regis	MSPORT ACTIVE Girl's Football Club All Years 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
TUESDAY	CHOIR All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Down					MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y5/6 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
WEDNESDAY	UKULELE CLUB Year 3/4 12.30-1.00pm Mr Wilson	SEWING CLUB Year 5/6 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Porter	HOMEWORK CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs McCabe			MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y3/4 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
THURSDAY	ORIGAMI CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Johnson			COMPUTER CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Monnery	NETBALL CLUB Year 5/6 3.30-4.20pm Mrs Jones & Mrs Bundy	
FRIDAY						HOLLY KING PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY After School Club 3.20- 4.30pm Junior/Inter Performers 7-14 Years 4.30-6.30pm hkpaacademy.co.uk holy@hkpaacademy.co.uk

We are pleased to advise that Spring Term school lunch time and after school clubs start next week. If your child would like to join a club, please log on to your Scopay account and sign your child up for their chosen club. If you are unable to sign up online, please contact the School Office and we can sign up your child for their chosen club.

Please note that you must sign your child up for a place in their chosen club each term– your child's place on a club from last term does not automatically carry over to this term.

Places are offered on a first come first served basis and you will only be able to sign up for a club if there are spaces available. Therefore, if you are able to sign up online then this guarantees your child a place on that particular club. Numbers for most clubs are limited for health and safety reasons

All clubs will start w/c Monday 13th January 2025 and finish w/c Monday 31st March 2025.

Please can we remind you that all school clubs are run by school staff in their own time and we want the children to have fun and enjoy themselves. We therefore expect a high standard of behaviour from all children attending school clubs as well as continued commitment. If at any time your child is unable to attend, please inform the club teacher or the school office as soon as possible. Please note that if your child does not attend their chosen club on two occasions without letting the teacher or school office know beforehand, their place will be withdrawn.

Please see the attached list for club provider information. Clubs highlighted in orange and green are school run clubs and clubs highlighted in yellow are provided by an external company. Clubs run by an external company must be booked through the company and not the school.

All after school run clubs are dismissed through main reception at 4.20pm. Please can all parents wait on the playground.



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: Sewing - Thursday 6th February 1.30-3.00pm

Year 3 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a sewing event on Thursday 6th February.

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

YEAR 3 TRIP: Butser Farm - Monday 3rd March

Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm as part of this term's work on The Roman Empire. The children will be taking part in various activities including archaeological excavation, Roman maths, Flint wall building and Villa tour.

The trip will take place on Monday 3rd March, leaving school at 9.00am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.40am to enable a prompt departure. The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat, and will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.20.

The cost of the trip will be confirmed next week, and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Butser Ancient Farm. Payment is required no later than Monday 17th February.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre - Monday 10th March

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Viking Theatre virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

The cost of the workshop will be confirmed next week, and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of the company coming in.

Payment is required no later than Friday 28th February and 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.



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YEAR 5

YEAR 5 WORKSHOP: Greek Virtual Reality - Friday 14th March

As part of the Year 5 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Greek virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

A voluntary contribution of £7.10 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.

Payment is required no later than Friday 28th February and 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: Greek Museum - Friday 21st March 2.00-3.00pm

Year 5 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Greek Museum event on Friday 21st March.

The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 2.00-3.00pm, 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 1.55pm and close at 2.10pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 PARENT MEETING: SATS Information Evening - Monday 20th January 3.30-4.30pm

Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to attend a SATS Information Evening on Monday 20th January from 3.30-4.30pm. This will be held in the school hall - please could parents/carers wait outside reception until 3.30pm when the hall will be open.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February 2025. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 25th February 2025: 3.40pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 27th February 2025: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

We are using the Scopay booking system. Bookings will close on Sunday 23rd February 2025 at 11.45pm. A document to help guide you through the booking process has been sent out separately. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If you think your child may need Calpol or other medication during the school day, this must be provided by parents and handed to the School Office, together with a completed 'Request for Administration of Medication in School' form and details of any medicine already administered that day. All medication must be in its original packaging.

Calpol kept by the school is for emergency use only, ie. if a child unexpectedly becomes unwell during the day. School should not be relied on to provide this.

PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS ETC

Whilst payment for school trips and workshops is voluntary, we cannot continue to run these without your financial support. We would therefore like to remind parents and carers to check their ScoPay accounts to make sure there are no outstanding balances. Any contribution is appreciated if you feel unable to pay the full amount.

PARKING AT SCHOOL DROP OFF & COLLECTION

We have been contacted by some of the school's neighbours asking parents not to park across driveways or in designated parking bays in private properties.

As with many other schools, we do not have a parent car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child by car, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing our neighbours drives, garages or access to roads.

FUNDRAISING - THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

Just a reminder that we have signed up to a clothing recycling scheme, called The Little Recyclers. We are pleased to say that we can now accept clothing donations at any time - please bring any bags of unwanted clothes to the school office. Look out for a new date in the spring term for more fundraising!

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DIARY DATES 2024

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 January	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS START		
Monday 20th January	YEAR 6 SATS WORKSHOP	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 6th February	YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT - Sewing	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
Monday 3rd March	YEAR 3 - Butser Farm Trip	All day	
Monday 10th March	YEAR 4 - Viking Theatre Workshop	School	All day
Friday 14th March	YEAR 5 - Greek Virtual Reality Workshop	School	All day
Friday 21st March	YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT - Greek Museum	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
Friday 4th April	LAST DAY OF TERM		

OTHER INFORMATION

FAMILY LEARNING



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Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

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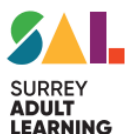
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Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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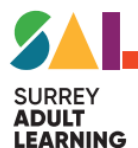
New Sensory Courses/Workshop
Enhance Your Skills to Support Your Child's Sensory Needs

Join our courses/workshops to learn strategies for behavior and learning support, tailored for children with ASD, ADHD, and other needs. Improve your family's wellbeing and learning with our expert guidance.



New Maths Courses/Workshop
Boost Your Math Skills to Support Your Child

Develop your understanding of math, its language, and school terminology to help with your child's schoolwork. Enhance your family's knowledge with our expert guidance.



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