



# St Michael's CE Junior School

## Newsletter - Issue 9 16.01.2026

### MESSAGE FROM MRS KINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another week of learning all about our lovely school. This week, I was pleased to welcome the local authority inspectors to the school to have a look around. They were full of praise for our children and their manners as they opened doors and welcomed them into our school.

This week, we have really been focusing on being in the right place at the right time throughout the school day. Children have risen to the challenge extremely well, and I have had the pleasure of walking into classrooms and seeing some of the beautiful work they are producing as a result of being in the 'right place at the right time'. Every minute of learning counts at this age, and it was lovely to hear how some children can't wait for their next lesson in subjects they love.

It has also been great to meet with many parents this week and learn more about the community of St Michael's. It is so important to me that, as a team and as a community, we share values and aspirations for our children, and this was strongly evident in all of my meetings. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to meeting more families over the coming weeks.

Please take your time to have a good read of the newsletter as there is a lot of information this week. I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning on the playground.

Congratulations to Alaska A in Hawking for her fantastic achievement of Boxer of the Month! She has only been practicing for 4 months and we are all very proud of the progress she is making, and this trophy and medal show that all her hard work is paying off!



**Well done Alaska!**



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### PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February 2026. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

**Tuesday 10th February 2026:** 3.40pm - 6.00pm

**Thursday 12th February 2026:** 3.40pm - 7.00pm

We are using the Scopay booking system. Bookings will close on the 1st February 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.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 5th March

On Thursday 5th March it is World Book Day. This year we are giving the children different options for dressing up. Children can either:

- dress up as a book character
- wear their own clothes/school uniform and bring in some clues about their favourite book character so that other children can guess who it is, from the clues
- dress up in pyjamas/comfy clothes that are good for snuggling up and reading in

The theme for World Book Day this year is 'Reading For Fun' with the aim of getting all children loving books and reading. Research shows that half a million children in England do not own a single book; we will be giving out World Book Day tokens so that children can either get one of the 12 free books with their token or put it towards buying a more expensive book.

We look forward to seeing what the children decide to wear!

### COMIC RELIEF - Friday 20th March

A much-anticipated date in our calendars is coming...Red Nose Day 2026! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Red Nose day brings the entire nation together to raise money and change lives. This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 20th March.

To do our bit and raise money for people around the world who have incredibly tough lives, we are asking children to come to school on Friday 20th March dressed in red clothes and to bring a suggested donation of £1.

### INSET DAYS

This is a reminder that we have two more inset days in the Academic Year, where the school is closed for Teacher training. These are:

26th June 2026

22nd July 2026



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### 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.

### UNIFORM

Just a reminder that children can wear plain, non logo black leggings, skorts, shorts (the usual PE short design) or plain, non logo black tracksuit trousers. We do not allow cycling shorts for various reasons, one of these being that they are often worn very short and do not show below the t shirt.

### COATS

As we are still in the depths of winter and the weather is still rather cold, please can you ensure that your child is bringing a coat to school, as they will be out on the playground at break and lunch times.

### WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

Please can all parents/carers be aware that Hampshire County Council's guidance on wearing jewellery in PE lessons has now changed based on national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and The Association of Physical Education (AfPE).

It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

The new guidelines state: **All jewellery should be removed prior to a physical education lesson due to the increased risk of it becoming caught or causing injury to the wearer or fellow learner. The wearing of any jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly.**

**PLEASE NOTE that our school policy has been amended to reflect this. From March 2025, the main points to note from the policy are:**

- The only jewellery the school permits a child 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.

### WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind you to send your child in to school with a named water bottle.

Water is crucial to being healthy and ready to learn and children have access to their bottles at regular intervals throughout the day. As the weather turns warmer it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. Please do not put anything other than water in your child's bottle.



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### NO SWEETS IN SCHOOL

Please can we advise that sweets are not allowed to be given out in school, at the end of the day for birthdays or celebrations, or in packed lunches due to allergies and the encouragement of a healthier life style.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice is often a recurring problem in primary schools and we would encourage parents and carers to please check their child's head regularly. Though head lice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. If head lice are found, please treat as soon as possible and inform the school office.

Go to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits> for more details.



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### What should I do if I need to take my child out of school for medical appointment?

Standard medical or dental appointments should be made outside school hours. If a child is absent for a medical appointment, it is still regarded as an absence from school.

Please make sure the school are notified of any medical appointments in advance. Parents/carers will need to fill in a **medical appointment form and also provide proof of the appointment**. If we do not see proof of the appointment, then it will be unauthorised. Any optician appointments taken during the school day will be unauthorised.

Where there is no alternative for an appointment outside of the school day, children should only miss a short period of time and return to school as promptly as possible.

### What should I do if my child is absent from school?

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school **daily**. This can be done by calling 01252 322933 and selecting option 1, or by email to [adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk) with the following information; child's name, year group and reason for their absence (for example high temperature or sickness bug).

If a child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must stay off school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours.

All absences must be reported to the school office on each day of illness by 8.50am. If we do not receive a message regarding a child's absence, we will telephone and if necessary, text to ask for an explanation. If we are unable to contact you, we will keep trying and also contact other emergency contacts.

The absence will be marked as unauthorised until we have spoken to a parent to clarify the reason.



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### EASTER PERFORMANCES

Parents and carers are invited to come into school to watch the Easter Performances, which are being put on by each year group in the school hall. Younger siblings and family members are also welcome to watch.

Please arrive at the school, ready for a prompt 2.45pm start. Please note the dates for each year groups performance.

Monday 23rd March	Year 3 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Wednesday 25th March	Year 6 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Thursday 26th March	Year 5 Easter Performance	2.45pm

Please note, this is not a drop in event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 2.35 pm and close at 2.45pm.

Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

The performances will finish by 3.00pm and 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.



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## YEAR 3

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

Year 3 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a sewing event on Friday 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 - Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 £2.75.

**The cost of the trip is £24.50, 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 Friday 6th February and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the trip may have to be cancelled.**

**Please are still looking for Parent Helpers for this trip, if you are able to volunteer, please let the Office know.**

### YEAR 3 WORKSHOP: Egyptian Theatre Virtual Reality - Thursday 16th April

As part of the Year 3 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Egyptian 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.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is required no later than Thursday 26th March 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 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre - Thursday 12th February

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 is £6.55 and all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of the company coming in. Payment is required no later than Friday 6th 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 4 PARENT EVENT: Sound - Friday 20th March 1.30-3.00pm

Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join their child and take part in a Sound Parent Event on Friday 20th March. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you are able to move around in.

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 4 WORKSHOP: Mayan Theatre Virtual Reality - Thursday 16th April

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Mayan 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.

**A voluntary contribution of £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is required no later than Thursday 26th March 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 PARENT EVENT: DT Flatbreads - Thursday 12th March 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 5 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a DT Flatbread event on Thursday 12th March. 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 5 WORKSHOP: Greek Virtual Reality - Monday 16th 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 £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 6th March 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 6 WORKSHOP: Volcanoes and Tectonics Virtual Reality - Monday 16th March**

As part of the Year 6 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Volcanoes and Tectonics 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 £3.70 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 6th March 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 6 PARENT EVENT: Volcano Art - Thursday 19th March 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Volcano Art event on Thursday 19th March. 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 6 PARENT EVENT: SATS Workshop - Thursday 26th March 3.30-4.30pm**

Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to attend a SATS Information Evening on Thursday 26th March 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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## DIARY DATES 2026

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.

<b>Thursday 29th January 2026</b>	Service Children Meet and Greet for Parents	School Hall	3:30pm
<b>Friday 6th February 2026</b>	Year 3 Parental Engagement Event - Sewing	School Hall	1:30 - 3:00pm
<b>Tuesday 10th February 2026</b>	Parent/Teacher Consultations	School Hall	3:45 - 6:00pm
<b>Thursday 12th February 2026</b>	Year 4 Theatre Workshop - Vikings	In School	
	Parent/Teacher Consultations	School Hall	3:45 - 7:00pm
<b>Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>		
<b>Thursday 5th March 2026</b>	World Book Day		
<b>Thursday 12th March 2026</b>	Year 5 Parental Engagement Event - DT themed	School Hall	1:30 - 3:00pm
<b>Monday 16th March 2026</b>	Year 5 VR Workshop - Ancient Greece	In School	
<b>Monday 16th March 2026</b>	Year 6 VR Workshop - Volcanoes and Tectonics	In School	
<b>Tuesday 17th March 2026</b>	Rocksteady Concert	School Hall	9:30 - 10:30am
<b>Thursday 19th March 2026</b>	Year 6 Parental Engagement Event - Volcano Art	School Hall	1:30 - 3:00pm
<b>Friday 20th March 2026</b>	Year 4 Parental Engagement Event - Sound	School Hall	1:30 - 3:00pm
<b>Friday 20th March 2026</b>	Comic Relief		
<b>Monday 23rd March 2026</b>	Year 3 Easter Performance	School Hall	2:45 - 3:00pm
<b>Tuesday 24th March 2026</b>	Year 4 Easter Performance	School Hall	2:45 - 3:00pm
<b>Wednesday 25th March 2026</b>	Year 6 Easter Performance	School Hall	2:45 - 3:00pm
<b>Thursday 26th March 2026</b>	Year 5 Easter Performance	School Hall	2:45 - 3:00pm
	Year 6 Parent Event - SATs Workshop	School Hall	3:30 - 4:30pm
<b>Friday 27th March 2026</b>	<b>Last day of term (normal 3:20pm finish)</b>		
<b>Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026</b>	<b>Easter holidays</b>		
<b>Monday 13th April 2026</b>	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>		

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## OTHER INFORMATION

### FRIMLEY HEALTHIER TOGETHER WINTER NEWSLETTER

January 2025

#### Winter Healthier Together Highlights

To support you best through this Winter, **Frimley Healthier Together** can provide you and your child with information and advice. Below are some key highlights.



#### Asthma

Useful videos if you suspect your child is asthmatic or you need help to better manage asthma symptoms. [Asthma resources for parents/carers :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



#### Mental Health

If you would like information on how to support your or your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing: [Mental Health :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



#### Should my Child go to School today?

Our guidance below will help you to make that choice based on NHS advice. [Should my child go to school/nursery today? :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



#### Child unwell?



Please visit here to find out more information on what you can do if your child is unwell – including with coughs, colds, sore throats and fevers: [Concerned your child is unwell \(3 months and older\)? :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



#### Neurodiversity

Please find information around neurodiversity, including autism, ADHD, local support for parents, carers, young people and families along with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) resources: [Neurodiversity :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



#### Did you know...?

You can access **free** online courses to support both your child's emotional wellbeing and development. Please visit: [Local support for parents, carers, young people and families :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)

