



Newsletter 11 July 2023

Word of the Week –
ecstatic



Photos of the Month



Year 6's Final performance was amazing!
I'm a Year 6 Get Me Out of Here



I am sure you will all join me in wishing our wonderful staff a great break and a huge thank you to them for their hard work and dedication to the school.

DIARY DATES 2023

September

- 4th – Back to school
- 11th – Learning Cafes
- 19th – Yr 6 PTA sale
- 21st – Harvest Service
- 24th – Church Harvest Service
- 27th – SEN Coffee Morning

October

- 11th – Yr 5 PTA sale
- 13th – MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 14th – PTA Race Night
- Half Term – 23rd – 29th

November

- 1st and 2nd – Parent Consultations
- 2nd – Year 4 PTA Sale
- 6th and 7th – Nutcracker Infant Show
- 15th – Coffee Morning
- 17th – PTA Winter Disco
- 24th – PTA Non- uniform day
- 27th – PTA Christmas Week
- 30th – Reception Nativity

December

- 7th – PTA Wreath Making
- 12th & 13th – Carol Service @ 6pm
- 20th – School closes @ 2pm

Christmas Break

- 8th – INSET
- 9th – Back to School

Message from Mrs Bacon

I can not believe I have come to the end of my first year here at St Michael's. For me the most important thing about being in a school is that you are aligned with the values - I am so happy to be at a school where I agree with the values and can truly develop the vision based on a solid starting point. This school is somewhere I want to be, the children, my team and the wider community make it all worthwhile and together we will continue to strive to ensure the children have a school experience that is fulfilling and one that they will look back on with the fondest, happiest memories. So I guess it leaves me to say a big Thank You to you as parents for being supportive and engaged. Thank you for trusting that I act with your children's best interest at heart. Thank you for trusting us all with your most treasured possessions. In this current climate of budget cuts – my aim is for this school to be a place where money does not define the education your child gets.

Goodbye to our Year 6

The end of their journey with St Michaels has arrived. It has been great to see them continue to develop this year. With great end of KS2 SATs results – Maths, Reading, Writing, Grammar – they have not only excelled academically but also socially – they are great examples to the rest of the school and really understand how to demonstrate love, respect and integrity in all aspects of their lives. A special mention to:
Noah Boothby – Pavey Award for outstanding contribution
Amelie Howarth – Award for art ability
Phoebe Patancheru – Award for musical ability

Thank You

PTA - I can't mention enough the support we receive from the PTA – from huge events like the Summer Fayre to helping us prepare breakfast for Year 6 during SATs week – it's not all been about raising money – they are just always there to lend a helping hand. Thank you from all of us – it doesn't go unnoticed.
Volunteers – we are also so grateful to those of you who dedicate time to us every week supporting our teachers and children – we really appreciate this and would love to have as many volunteers as possible to support with reading and the library next year – especially for the 9 – 9.30 session. Let us know if you can help.

**Here's a final JOKE of the year – What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish? Swimming Trunks
Have a great break – stay safe and happy - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher**

St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Building Leaders of Tomorrow



Reading

I can not stress enough the importance of reading. Reading with your children – listening to them read as well as reading to them. Reading all kinds of texts from magazines to books to even having sub titles on the television. Please try and take part in the Library challenge and help your child to unlock a love for reading.

I am really asking for your support with this as I believe we should have a school full of fantastic readers at St Michaels – looking forward to having a new library to continue to promote this. We are looking for someone who can commit to being a librarian for us – let us know if you've got a day a week.

Stationery

Please see the stationery list below for Year 2 to Year 6. Please ensure your children have:

- small clear pencil case (no bigger than 20cm by 12.5cm)
- 5 HB pencils
- An eraser
- A sharpener (e.g. as illustrated)
- A red biro (no gel pens)
- A green biro (no gel pens)
- A clear, plastic 15cm ruler
- A glue stick (43g in size)
- Set of 12 coloured pencils

All of these items need to be clearly labelled with the child's name and fit in the pencil case. The pencil case would need to fit in a normal desk tray. We do greatly appreciate your support on this matter.

[Breakfast Club Sept 23](#)
[Breakfast club will start back on Monday 4th September. Please note the change in price is £4.50 per session.](#)

Travelling to or from school alone

If it is your intention for your child (ren) to travel to school alone please make sure the school is aware - as we would like you to complete a risk assessment for our records.

Mindfulness Activities from Success Club

Here are a few ideas for mindfulness activities for children and parents to do together over the summer holidays. These exercises can be done whether you're staying at home or going on holiday.

Nature Scavenger Hunt: Create a list of items found in nature, such as different leaves, flowers, rocks, or bird feathers. Go for a walk with your child and encourage them to find and collect these items. Keep track of how many they find and celebrate their progress over the weeks.

Mindful Walking: Take your child for a mindful walk in a nearby park or nature reserve. Encourage them to observe the sights, sounds, and smells around them. Challenge them to notice five new things each time you go for a walk, helping them develop their attention to detail.

Outdoor Yoga: Find a peaceful spot in your backyard or a nearby park and practice simple yoga poses with your child. Teach them how to focus on their breath while holding each pose and encourage them to gauge their progress by attempting more challenging poses as the weeks go by.

Mindful Art with Natural Materials: Collect natural materials like leaves, pinecones, or stones, and create artwork together. Help your child focus on the process of arranging and creating, rather than the end result. As they become more skilled in their creativity, you can display their artwork to showcase their progress.

Gratitude Journalling: Sit outside with your child and reflect on the day's experiences. Encourage them to express gratitude for the things they appreciate, such as a beautiful sunset, a gentle breeze, or indeed a day at the beach or in the garden with the family. Help them maintain a gratitude journal, and together, you can reflect on their growing list of gratitude entries. Remember, the goal is to have fun while nurturing mindfulness. These activities allow children to engage with nature, develop their attention, and appreciate the present moment. Enjoy your summer break together!

Let us pray: Lord, you preserve my going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Preserve my life and get me to my destination and back home safely Amen

Fun Times Outside at St Michaels

I love the fact that the children get so many opportunities to learn outside!

Reception – Hilly Fields



Year 1 – Outdoor Learning Week



Year 2 – Birds of Prey Sleepover



Year 3 – Celtic Harmony



Year 4 – Gilwell Park



Year 5 – Herts Young Mariner



Year 6 - Kingswood

