ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 18
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Friday 30th January 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 5/6 boys will be in the middle of a football game against Waddesdon as this is delivered to your inboxes. I look forward to hearing how they get on after lots of re-arranging of the match due to the rain. Mr Day has numerous fixtures lined up for the next couple of weeks and is keeping everything crossed for sunshine and that they all go ahead as planned.
Tonight is Friends' Beetle Drive, a guaranteed fun evening. Thank you to our Friends Committee for organising another great event.
On Friday 6th February, Willen Hospice are going to set up on the playground at 3pm. In advance of World Book Day they will be selling dressing up costumes, accessories and books. Nothing will be more than £7.50 and all proceeds will go to Willen Hospice. They will be able to accept both cash and card payments. Please see the poster below for details.
Please note that appointments for Parents Evening will be available to book from 5.30pm on Monday 2nd February and will close at midday on Tuesday 10th February. The link to the booking system can be found in the Quick Links section on the homepage of our website.

https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

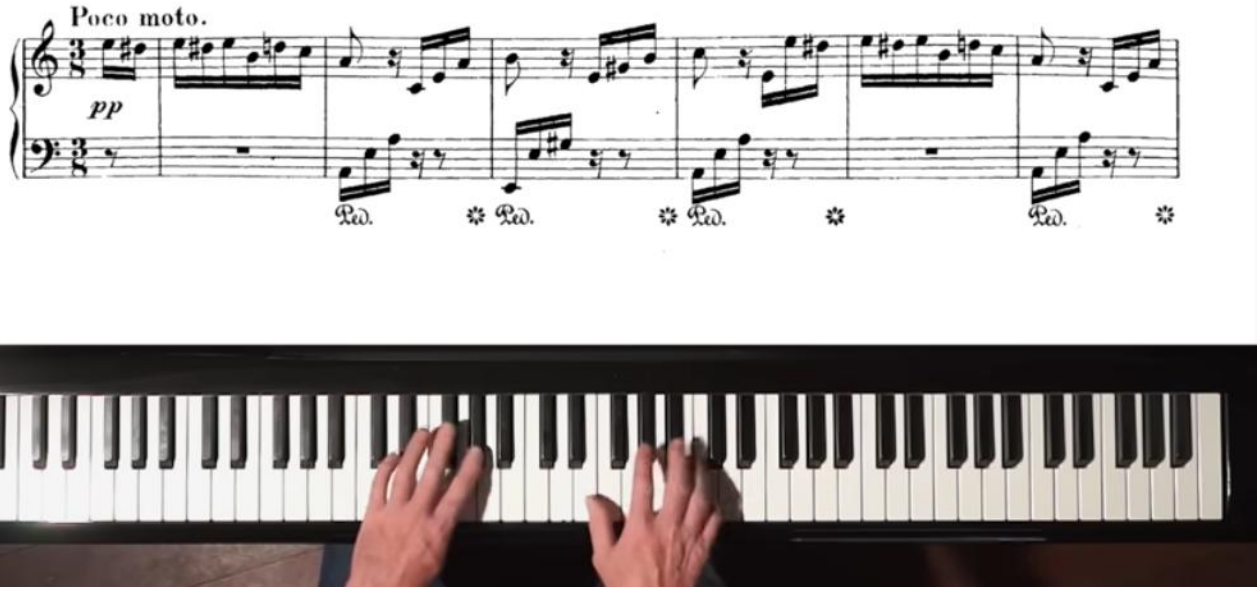
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 2nd Feb – Parents Evening appointments available to book from 5.30pm
Thurs 5th Feb – Kapla Workshop – all classes
Thurs 5th Feb – Swimming gala, Stoke Mandeville – Y5/6
Friday 6th Feb – Thornton Trail
Friday 6th Feb – Willen Hospice World Book Day sale on playground at 3pm
Wed 11th Feb – Parents Evening
Thurs 12th Feb – Parents Evening
Friday 13th Feb – Heart Day – non-uniform day & cake sale
Thurs 26th Feb – Year 3 Cake Sale
Friday 27th Feb – Year 2 Class Assembly
Thurs 5th March – World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character or come in your pyjamas
Friday 6th March – Year 6 Learning Fayre
Thurs 19th March – Year 4 Cake Sale
Tues 24th March – Year 4/5 performance – afternoon
Wed 25th March – Easter Church Service at 9.30am
Wed 25th March – Year 4/5 performance – evening

Thurs 26th March – Foundation Stay and Play – 2.45pm
Thurs 26th March – Easter Fayre
Friday 27th March – INSET DAY
Mon 13th April – Start of Summer Term
Thurs 16th April – Year 5 Cake Sale
Wed 22nd April – Year 3 Swimming lessons start
Thurs 23rd April – Class photos and Leavers' photos
Friday 24th April – Year 3 Learning Fayre
Thurs 14th May – Year 6 Cake Sale
Wed 6th May – Foundation visual screening
Thurs 14th May – Year 6 Cake Sale

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

*This week we have been listening to **Beethoven's "Für Elise"** played by Paul Barton.*

The children have been interested in tracking how the notes illustrated at the top of the screen match up to what the pianist is playing and vice versa.

Here's the link for you https://youtu.be/wKvKiN1wYHw?si=7nm-r6mcnRq3ZbUq

The other benefit of course is that this is a really relaxing and calming piece of music, ideal for chilling out to after a busy day.

Best wishes as always

Helen Hann
Learning Mentor, Music Lead and DSL
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Well done to these superstars for being this week's Golden Learners.

Foundation	**Wilf, Ryan, Louis**
Year 1	**Duke, Phoebe, Edward**
Year 2	**Ilyes, Harry, Fern**
Year 3	**Amber, Oliver, Elizabeth**
Year 4	**Max, Rebecca, Edie B**
Year 5	**Bobby, Siena, Flynn**
Year 6	**Katherine, Lewis, Sophia**

Willen Hospice

St. Michael's School Stewkley

WORLD BOOK DAY

Pop up shop

FANCY DRESS, BOOKS AND ACCESSORIES ALL UNDER £10

cash and card accepted

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

3:00 - 4:15

Thank you for your support!

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FRIENDS ASSOCATION

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Heart Day - Friday 13th February 2026

Heart Day has become an annual event at St Michael's since Lucia, a former pupil attended the school.
February is national heart month. On Heart Day pupils are invited to wear hearts, something red or non uniform to school. Donation can be made via Parentpay.
Cake donations are welcome from all year groups as it is a whole school cake sale. Thank you in advance for your support.
There will be a cake sale on the playground at 3.30pm along with a pinata, cake voucher raffle and a second hand toy sale.
Lucia was born with a complex heart defect known in simple terms as half a working heart and receives palliative care. Lucia and her family are supported by the only UK charity for the condition Little Hearts Matter.
Tragically one of our former pupils parents, Gaynor, died suddenly in March 2022 so we also give a donation from Heart day to the The British Heart Foundation in her memory.
Funds raised from Heart Day will be split between Little Hearts Matter, the British Heart Foundation and the Year 6 Leavers who are raising funds for their leavers events as well as the Stoke Mandeville Renal Unit in memory of a Year 6 parent.

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Live Music
By Perm
At Stewkley Village Hall
Saturday 7th March 2026
7.30 - 11.45pm
Tickets on sale January 2026
£15 per ticket
call Fiona Pollard
07841845145
LICENSED BAR
Fundraising for St Michaels Y6 leavers party
Little Hearts Matter & Stewkley FC

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BMTLW
Long Buckz Long Music

YOU ARE INVITED TO

BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM

- ALL STANDARDS (1 TERM TO GRADE 8)
- ALL INSTRUMENTS
- ALL SINGERS
- ALL AGES

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OPEN DAY

AT AYLESBURY MUSIC CENTRE

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY

IT'S FREE!

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JUST TURN UP!

GOT A QUESTION?

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COME PLAY AND SING

WHAT CAN I DO?

9-10.30 'JUNIOR JAM'
OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS (INC GUITAR & PIANO)
1 TERM TUITION TO GRADE 3
INFORMAL PLAY THROUGH AT 10.15
- PARENTS/FAMILY WELCOME

10.45-11.45 'BIG SING'
OPEN TO EVERYONE
ALL AGES
ALL STANDARDS
COME AND FIND YOUR VOICE

11.30-1PM 'SENIOR SYMPHONY'
OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS (INC GUITAR & PIANO)
GRADE 4-8
INFORMAL PLAY THROUGH AT 12.45
-PARENTS/FAMILY WELCOME

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FOR PARENTS
AND CARERS

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATES:
JAN– APRIL
2026

TIME:
6PM – 7.30PM

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Exam Stress	Monday 12th[h] of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Awareness and understanding of eating disorders	Monday the 26th of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding childhood development and behaviour	Tuesday the 10th of February 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding low mood	Monday the 9th of March 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding adolescent development and behaviour	Monday the 20th of April 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	

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GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

ABSENCE

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the office via phone/email/ text prior to 9.15am. Please confirm on every consecutive day they will be absent, until they return. Please note: If we do not know the reason by 9.15am, we will text or ring you and any unexplained absences will be reported as unauthorised.

If they have suffered from vomit or diarrhoea, please do not return your child until **48 hours** since their last episode.

Please also note that if your child is on a course of anti-biotics, we are able to administer the medication if they are prescribed 4 doses per day. The medication must be delivered to the office by a parent and a medical consent form completed before we can administer the anti-biotics.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners can be ordered via Parent Pay.

The deadline for booking is a **Sunday at midnight, 1 week in advance**. If you require a Special/Medical Diet Menu please contact the office.

If you need to cancel a school dinner after the deadline, you must give 48 hours' notice and call Chartwells on 01908 615705 or email creativekitchenadmin2@comp.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please book your sessions for Breakfast and After School Clubs via Parentpay before midnight on Thursday for the following week.

ATTENDANCE

Just to remind our parents if any child has an attendance rate of less than 92%, Mr Morley will be in contact with parents to make them aware of the situation with a view to improving the child's attendance at school which has a direct impact on their learning.

Our Attendance Policy states that all holiday related absence in term time will be recorded as 'Unauthorised'. From 1st September 2023, the school will be submitting this data to the local authority and Buckinghamshire Council will begin the process of issuing fines.

DOGS

Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school premises at any time. Please ensure that anyone accompanying you is also aware.

Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. **Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.**

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

<u>10 sessions in 10 weeks</u>

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent. Per Child.
i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640

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