# ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents/Carers**
**Last week we wore our pyjamas and today we are supporting Comic Relief by wearing a hat. There so many interesting types of headwear to be seen round the school. Please see below for a small sample of some of them.**
**We had some more great sporting successes this week with both swimming and football. Thank you to all our children who do such a great job of representing St Michael's at these events.**
**We have a busy end of term coming up with our some of our Year 5 and 6 children going to Aylesbury for their 'Echoes' rehearsal.**
**Year 4 and 5 are beavering away practising their words for their performance during the last week of term.**
**There is the Year 3 Cake Sale and a non-uniform day in exchange for some chocolate for the chocolate tombola at the end of term.**
**Please see below for the run down of important dates.**
**After School Clubs – Mr Day is working on the timetable for the clubs for the Summer Term. Please look out for these being released next week.**

**Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all again next week.**

**Best wishes**
**Mrs Fiona Phimester**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

Mon 18th March – Last Chess Club
Thurs 21st March – Echoes rehearsal in Aylesbury 9am
Fri 22nd March – Non uniform day in return for chocolate
Fri 22nd March – Year 3 Cake Sale
Tues 26th March – Year 4/5 morning performance
Wed 27th March – Y5/6 Handball – Kingsbrook
Wed 27th March – Year 4/5 Evening performance
Thurs 28th March – Church Service – 9.30am
Thurs 28th March – Chocolate Tombola at 3.30pm
Thurs 16th April – Bag2School
Thurs 18th April – Year 2 Cake Sale
Thurs 2nd May – Year 1 Cake Sale
Thurs 6th June – Foundation Cake Sale
Thurs 11th July – School Discos

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**MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN**

*In the run up to Easter, we have been listening to extracts from the Easter Suite by the amazing jazz musician, Oscar Peterson- see link below. I was amazed to find out that he practised for 4-6 hours per day, only reducing this two hours per day towards the end of his 60 year career. Enjoy!*

OSCAR PETERSON'S 'Denial' ' Why Have You Betrayed Me' ' He Has Risen'
youtu.be

*Have a good weekend.*
*Best wishes as always*
*H Hann*
*Learning Mentor and DSL*
*My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH**

This week's assembly was all about Palm Sunday because we've been taking the pupils on the journey Jesus took towards Jerusalem and the Easter events. A bit early perhaps, but it's the last assembly we'll take before the school's Easter service on March 28th.
We know there was much cheering when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the crowd waved palm branches to show their excitement at the arrival of a King – that's right, in the ancient world Kings rode donkeys when they visited their people in peacetime. A donkey was the Rolls Royce of the ancient world.
What was the crowd actually thinking? What did they want Jesus to do? All we can safely assume is that there were conflicting ideas from adulation to grumbling. Which is why we split the assembly into two halves; one half for cheering and the other for booing and complaining. And of course, we had a competition to see which half was the loudest – I think the cheerers won.
They used palms because that's what they had to hand and historically in the UK on Palm Sunday, pussy willow or box was used because palms were costly to import. That helps remind us that Palm Sunday isn't just a window onto history; Jesus rode down their local street into their lives and if we wish, he'll ride to us too.
With every blessing,
Rev'd Howard Robson.

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**GOLDEN LEARNERS**

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

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| **Foundation** | **Dilly, Aubrey, Albie** |
| **Year 1** | **Joshy, Oakley, Lilia** |
| **Year 2** | **Edie A, Alfie, Ruby** |
| **Year 3** | **Owen, Eva, Mia** |
| **Year 4** | **Tia, Aaliyah, Deany-Lee** |
| **Year 5** | **Ted, Carys, Noah** |
| **Year 6** | **Lucia, Aisha, Jamie** |

**#together bell ringers this week – Well done!**

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**COMIC RELIEF 2024 – WEAR A HAT!**

We have seen some incredible hats in school today with so many people supporting Comic Relief. Here is a wee selection of just a few!

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Or email us at – pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

**Buckinghamshire County Swimming Finals**

After our victory at the Aylesbury Vale swimming championships, our swim team travelled back to Stoke Mandeville pool to take part in the County Finals. As ever, we were against some massive schools from Bucks and Milton Keynes and ended up finishing 5th out of 8. A remarkable achievement for a single form, village school. Our swimmers won a lot of their races and competed well in all, massive thanks to the parents and grandparents who got the kids there and shouted their support throughout. Also a big thanks to our elite swimming coaching team of Mrs Joy-Young and Mr Bay. This is a real success for St Michaels, now we need to get Mr Morley to build us a pool! (like some of the other schools competing in the finals have!)

St M Swim Team: Cameron, Poppy, Seb, Abi, Eddie, Maddison, Cade and Chloe B

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**Waddesdon Football Tournament**

On Wednesday, our year 5 and 6 girls went to Waddesdon to play in a 5 team football tournament. The girls were great and won 2 and drew 2 of their 5 games. They ended up conceding NO goals in the entire tournament and scored some great goals from Rosie Turnball (4) and Gracie (1). Unfortunately they came second overall, even though they beat the eventual winners in their first game! St M's were definitely the best team at the tournament and will use this experience in the rest of their season.

St M - Chloe, Peggy, Georgie, Josie, Maddie, Rosie Tu, Rosie Ta, Gracie

**Year 6 boys football – St Michaels V Bierton**

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**St Michaels A (yr 6) 1-2 Bierton**

Thursday saw our year 6 boys lose a game for the first time this season in a great match against a good Bierton side. We went one nil down from a corner after 10 minutes, but goal machine Given came up with the equaliser just before half time. The boys searched for a winner in the second half but Bierton scored the winner with a header from a corner. Kian pulled off a number of saves, helped by some great defending from Jake and Jamie. Seb hit the post with the last kick of the match, such a shame as a draw would have been a much fairer result.

St Michael's - Jamie, Given, Michael, Kian, Teddy, Harry, Henry, Jake, Seb, Cameron, Zak

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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, a text will be sent to 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 **Tuesday at midnight, 2 weeks 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.

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Girls' Cricket
@ Stewkley Vicarage Cricket Club
Come along and join the fun!
Mondays 6-7pm at
Recreation Ground, Stewkley
Ages 9 to 13
No experience or
equipment needed
ECB qualified coaches
Free taster sessions on
15th and 22nd April
For more details contact:
claireemunday@hotmail.com
jones.liz.email@gmail.com
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# NORTH BUCKS GIRLS EASTER CRICKET DAY

**Free day of skills, activities and game-play for all girls from local schools and clubs regardless of experience.**

**Delivered by qualified Bucks Cricket and club coaches.**

## Friday 12th April

## The Radcliffe School Sports Hall, MK12 5BT

## U11 (School Years 4-6) 10:00 - 12:15

## U15 (School Years 7-10) 12:30 - 15:00

**Register your free place here.**

**Any questions? Please email Claire:**
**claire.munday@buckscricket.co.uk**

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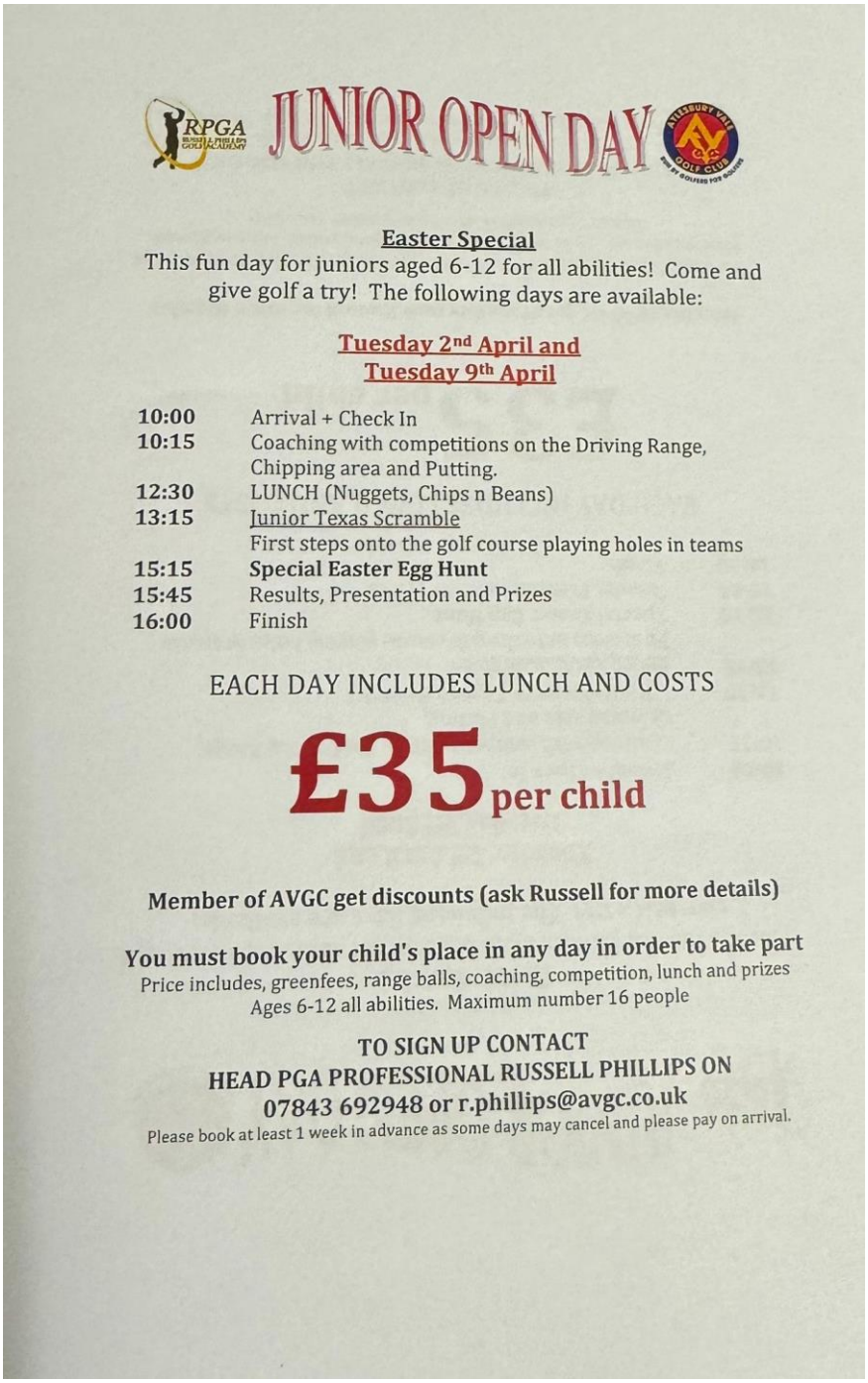
RPGA
JUNIOR OPEN DAY
AVGC
Easter Special
This fun day for juniors aged 6-12 for all abilities! Come and give golf a try! The following days are available:
Tuesday 2nd April and
Tuesday 9th April
10:00 Arrival + Check In
10:15 Coaching with competitions on the Driving Range, Chipping area and Putting.
12:30 LUNCH (Nuggets, Chips n Beans)
13:15 Junior Texas Scramble
First steps onto the golf course playing holes in teams
15:15 Special Easter Egg Hunt
15:45 Results, Presentation and Prizes
16:00 Finish
EACH DAY INCLUDES LUNCH AND COSTS
£35 per child
Member of AVGC get discounts (ask Russell for more details)
You must book your child's place in any day in order to take part
Price includes, greenfees, range balls, coaching, competition, lunch and prizes
Ages 6-12 all abilities. Maximum number 16 people
TO SIGN UP CONTACT
HEAD PGA PROFESSIONAL RUSSELL PHILLIPS ON
07843 692948 or r.phillips@avgc.co.uk
Please book at least 1 week in advance as some days may cancel and please pay on arrival.

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# Easter Holidays
## at Wycombe Museum

7th April, Sunday

### Pikemen & Musketeers!

10am - 4pm • Adults £8, Children £6

Go back in time to the 1600s! See the campsite of Civil War soldiers as they complete their musket shooting drills and do hand-to-hand combat demonstrations. Try on armour and have a go.

Family fun day  For all

Sunday 17 March - Sunday 14 April

### Easter Egg Hunt

Available 10am - 4pm • £3 per child

The mischievous Easter Bunny has hidden eggs around the museum garden! Help us find them all and claim your chocolatey prize.

Seasonal fun  Best for age 3 - 11

2nd & 3rd April, Tuesday & Wednesday

### Discover & Make: Easter Baskets

Sessions through the day • £4 per child

Make a decorative woven Easter basket and decorate it with all things Spring! Discover & Makes combine craft with trails around the museum.

Crafts  For children 4-11

9th & 10th April, Tuesday & Wednesday

### Discover & Make: Make a Miniature Chair

Sessions through the day • £4.50 per child

Learn all about Wycombe's chair making history and build your own perfect miniature Windsor chair. Discover & Makes combine craft with trails around the museum.

Crafts  For children 4-11

### The Art of the Chair

Exhibition opens 26th March

This exhibition is all about the art, design and marketing of chairs. From Victorian traveling salesmen's artwork and miniature chairs, to slick 1970s adverts. Discover the designs that made Wycombe chairs known around the world.

Exhibition  For all

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.


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At our in-house after-school club we have fun activities on offer

**Stay and Play**
Join us for Play-worker led activities on Mondays & Fridays

**Changing Tuesdays**
*We will be doing these activities :*
20/02/24 - Minute to Win it Championship
27/02/24 - Big Art Picture
05/03/24 - Bingo
12/03/24 - Computer Club
19/03/24 - Lego Club
26/03/24 - Big Screen Pictionary

**Art Club Wednesdays**
Each week we create different types of art and crafts throughout the year. Learning new techniques.

**Book Club Thursdays**
Children will be able to relax and listen to a story.
We sometime make listening dens
and just like book club we will stop at an
appropriate point, to discuss as we go.

**To book** a place on the after-school club for either **1** hour or **1.5** hours please do this via Parent Pay by **Thursday** at midnight for the following week.

**Children to be collected at 4.30pm or at 5pm**

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# Friends of St Michael's School

# COMING UP

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| Fri 22 March | Non Uniform Day in return for Chocolate & Year 3 Cake Sale |
| Thurs 28 March | Easter Tombola |
| Tues 16 April | Bags 2 School |
| Thurs 18 April | Year 2 Cake Sale |
| Thurs 2 May | Year 1 Cake Sale |
| Fri 10 May | Bingo Evening |
| Thurs 6 June | Foundation Cake Sale |
| Thurs 11 July | End of Year Discos |

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The Friends Association of St Michael's School

# Non Uniform Day

## FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Please bring in a donation of
Easter Eggs or other chocolate for the
Easter Chocolate Tombola

Thank you for your support

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