ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who came along to our VE Day celebrations yesterday afternoon. It was wonderful to see a great turnout and the children thoroughly enjoyed the dancing as well as the cake.
Our Friends are hosting a Breakfast at the Rec between 9am and 11am on Sunday 11th May. Please pop along for some pancakes or a bacon roll in the sunshine.
Accordingly to the BBC weather, it's going to be warm again next week. Please apply suncream to your child prior to school and make sure they have a hat and water bottle with them.

Wishing you a great weekend as always.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sun 11th May - Sunday Breakfast at the Rec – details on poster below
Mon 12th May – Year 6 SATS week
Fri 16th May – Plant Sale on the playground at 3.30pm
Wed 21st May -Year 2 Cake Sale
Thurs 22nd May – Grandparents Assembly – Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 at 2.45pm
Fri 23rd May – INSET DAY
w/c 26th May – Half term break
Thurs 5th – 6th June – Year 3 Caldecotte residential trip
Wed 11th – Fri 13th June – Year 4 Everdon residential trip
Thurs 19th June – Foundation Cake Sale
Mon 16th – Fri 20th June – Year 6 IOW residential trip
Fri 20th June – Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor
Fri 20th June – Year 4 Class Assembly
Tues 24th June – KS1 Sports Day
Wed 25th June – KS2 Sport Day
Fri 27th June – Year 2 Class Assembly – ***amended date***
Fri 27th June – Year 1 class picnic – 2.30PM
Fri 27th June – 'Anything but a School Bag' Day. Details to follow.
Tues 1st July – Year 6 Transition Day
Wed 2nd July – Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 4th July – Foundation Class Assembly
Fri 4th July – Colour Run
Tues 8th – Thurs 10th July – Year 5 Hudnall Park residential trip
Thurs 10th July – Year 1Class Trip to MK Museum
Thurs 10th July – Year 1 Cake Sale

Fri 11th July – Year 3 Assembly
Fri 11th July – Transition Games – Year 6 at Cottesloe School
Fri 18th July – Year 5 Class Assembly – Hudnall memories
Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 23rd July – Last day of term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

Conversation with Carol - Tuesday 20th May 2025
2-15pm refreshments to start session at 2-30pm

This is an invitation for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents/ carers to join me as I interview the lovely, local legend Carol Nash. I'll be asking Carol to share with you some of the ways she successfully navigated some of the challenges (and highlights) of supporting a child through their final years of primary school and into secondary school. This session is particularly relevant if your child has experienced any significant changes at home.

Please let Mrs. Phimester and I know via email or text if you will be attending.

Refreshments will be provided, including gluten free options.

I look forward to welcoming you to this session.

Best wishes as always

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

SPOTLIGHT ON…

Miss Law! You can find Miss Law in our Year 5 class. An avid swimmer and always has a smiley disposition.

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1. **What is your favourite thing to do in your free time?**
   My two favourite hobbies are badminton and swimming. I love how sociable and fun the sessions are. Mr Bay also goes to my swimming club.

2. **What is your favourite animal and why?**
   Penguins have always been my favourite animal because of how cute, funny and clumsy they are. I remember doing a project about penguins when I was in primary school.

3. **What is your favourite sport, do you play any sports and what is your favourite sports team?**
   I enjoy watching England and Wycombe Wanderers football teams. I was born in High Wycombe and I even met one of the players at my gym recently! There is another family of Wycombe supporters in school too!

4. **What is your favourite colour?**
   It's quite hard to choose a favourite colour but I would say purple and pink. I loved seeing the aurora borealis on my phone last year.

5. **What do you like to eat and drink and what is your favourite (fast food) restaurant?**
   My favourite meal is a roast dinner (mainly because of the roast parsnips and Yorkshire puddings) and I like fruity drinks. My favourite fast food restaurant is Yo Sushi.

6. **If you'd been washed up on a desert island as a baby, would you have rather been raised by crabs or wasps? And why?**
   I would say crabs because I am less scared of them and the baby ones are quite cute. 😂

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Arthur, Duke, Max**
Year 1	**Matteo, Florence, Ava**
Year 2	**Oakley, Claudia, Freya**
Year 3	**Iris, Theodore, Edwin**
Year 4	**Noah, Adelaide, Isabelle**
Year 5	**Charlie, Monty, Alfie**
Year 6	**Eddie, Layla, Eliza**

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ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This tumbling superstar from Year 4 competed in a regional qualifier last weekend and came first in one of her categories! She is now going to go on and represent the East of England in the finals in July. Well done! Everyone at St Michael's is very proud of you.

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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

What a wonderful turn out on the school field yesterday for our VE Day celebrations. The children entertained the crowds with their Maypole dancing before tucking into some cake. Our readers did a marvellous job and it was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you goes out to the band of ladies from the village who helped put it all together and also to the teachers and TAs who did an amazing job with perfecting the dancing displays.

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MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTING ROUNDUP

On Tuesday our amazing year 5 athletics team travelled to Cottesloe for an athletics tournament. Each athlete had to run 75m and 600m and compete in the long jump and javelin. What made it even harder was that all the other schools that were taking part had sent their year 6 teams!
St Michael's ended up coming second (by only 4 points) and we were told by the Cottesloe GCSE pupils that we definitely were the loudest.
Special mention to Liam who ran the fastest sprint of anyone at the tournament, and to Blake who threw the longest javelin, a whopping 23 metres!

St M's - Blake, Ella-Louise, Luke, Edith, Liam, Olympia, Joseph, Luisa, Harry, Emily

NO SCHOOL BAG DAY!

27 JUNE

Bring your school things in ANYTHING but a school bag

PLEASE BRING IN A DONATION IN THE COLOUR OF YOUR YEAR GROUP TO PARTICIPATE

ALL DONATIONS FOR THE COLOUR RUN RAINBOW RAFFLE ON 4 JULY!

Your colour donation can be absolutely anything in that colour
e.g. sweets, candles, drinks, stationery, toys, hair accessories, toiletries, crafts, books etc

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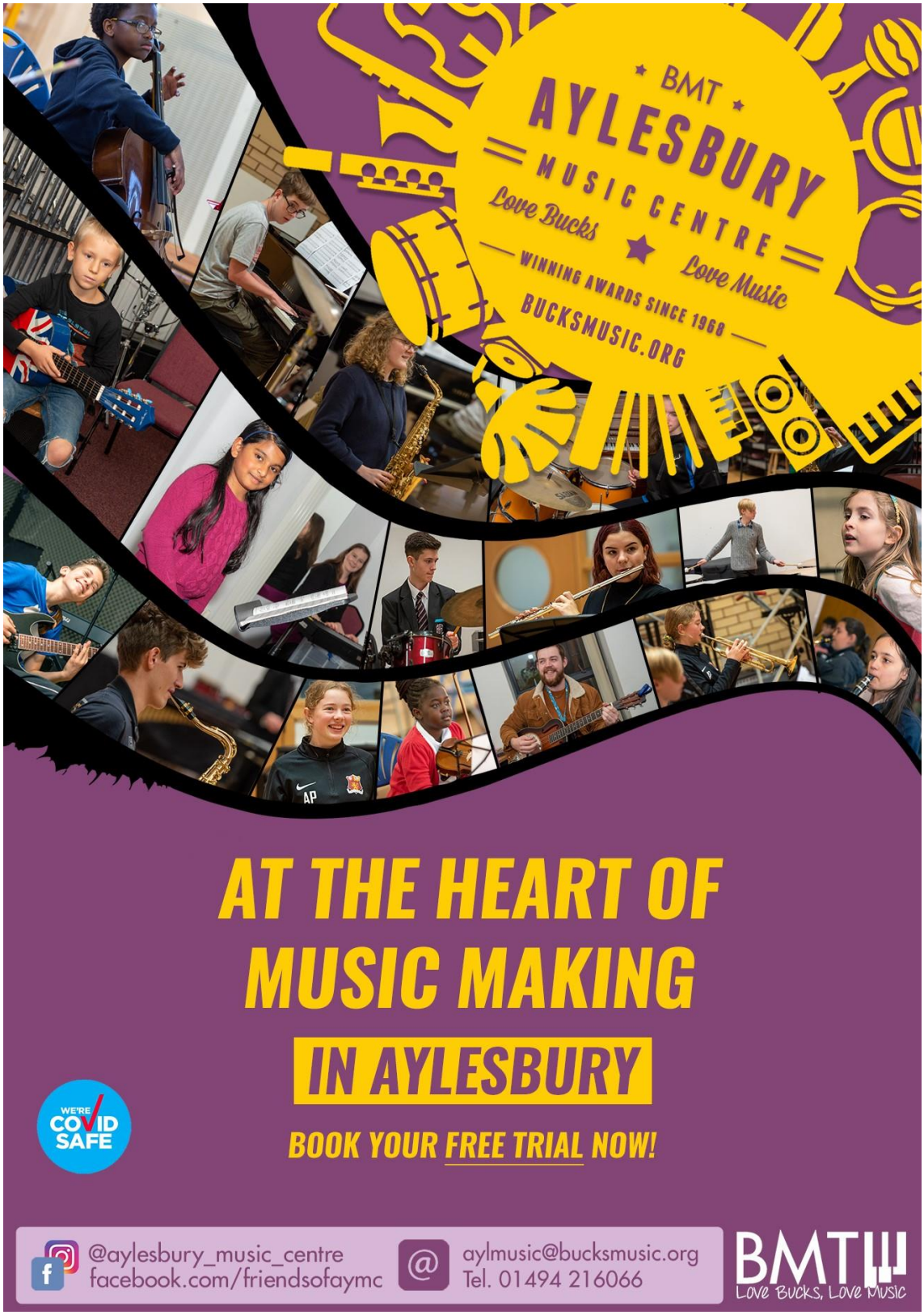

Aylesbury Music Centre offers a wide range of exciting musical activities for children of all ages and abilities. From ensemble groups and instrumental lessons to choirs and music theory classes, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. Joining the Centre gives children the chance to develop their musical skills, build confidence, and make new friends in a supportive and fun environment. Whether your child is a beginner or an experienced musician, Aylesbury Music Centre can help them reach their full potential. For more information about what's on please go to www.bucksmusic.org or email us at aylmusic@bucksmusic.org

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Year 6 Leavers

Plant Sale

CACTI - HOUSE PLANTS - HERBS - VEG

16 May @ 3.30pm

Cash only, KS2 Playground

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BMT
Love Bucks, Love Music
BUCKS CHILDREN'S CHOIR
29TH MAY 9:30-12:30
THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL
OPEN TO ANYONE FROM YEAR 4 TO 8
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE DAY
SIGN UP HERE
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YC5MRKVX
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL AYLMUSIC@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG

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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

Half Term Events

Tue 27th & Wed 28th May

Discover & Make: Hydro Power!

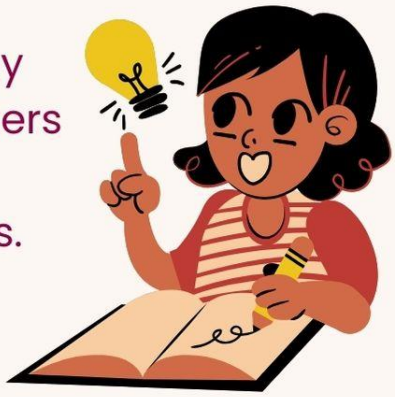
Create a spinning water wheel, and make a splash as you test it! Learn how local industry was powered through water mills along the River Wye.
For children aged 4 - 11.
Pre-book. £4.75 per child.

Fri 30th May

FREE Creative Writing with Arka Learning

ARKA LEARNING

Dive into creative writing inspired by Roald Dahl's unforgettable characters and magical storytelling.
For ages 6 - 11. Pre book. Free tickets.
Led by Wycombe based tuition provider **Arka Learning**.



Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

01494 957210 info@wycombemuseum.org www.wycombemuseum.org.uk

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Parents can you help with the Colour Run?

The Friends of St Michael's School are organising a Colour Run on Friday 4th July and are looking for businesses to sponsor the event either with a monetary donation or by supplying some of the equipment needed.

In return for sponsorship we will promote your company at our event, in our newsletter and on our social media page.

If you work for or own a company that can help with sponsorship or work for a company that offer match funding and are able to volunteer to help at the event please speak to a member of the Friends Committee or the School Office.

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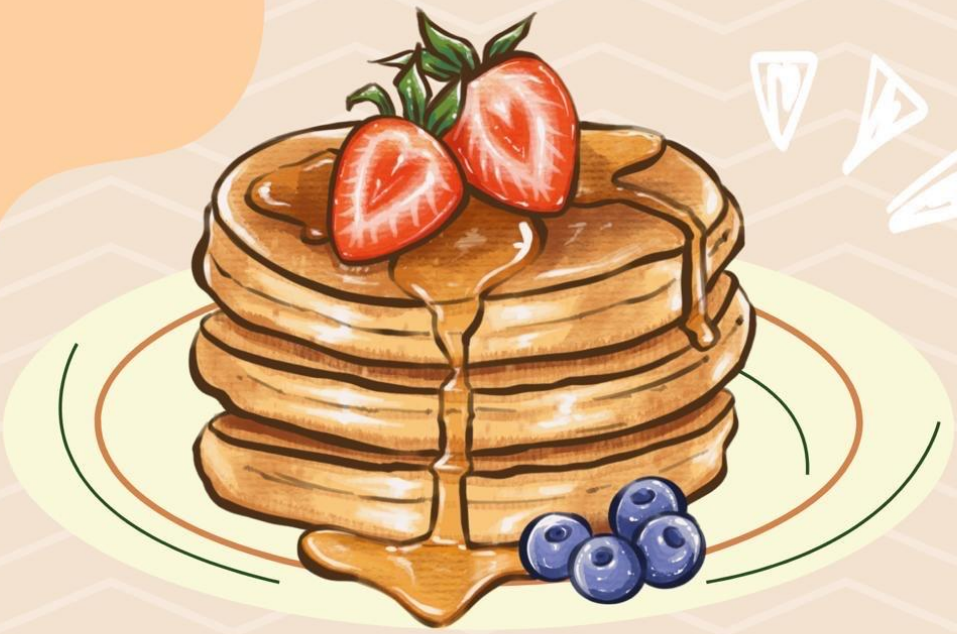

REC BREAKFAST

SUN 11 MAY

9-11AM

Pancakes or Bacon Roll, with tea, coffee or juice = £5

Cakes / Pastries / Lucky Dip / Games

Stewkley Rec - Come Join The Fun!

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COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 4 JULY

2-4pm | School Field

Bar & Rainbow Raffle

Raising Funds for Friends of St Michael's School

Race Pack provided (£5 voluntary contribution)

More information to follow

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KRIS PRATT MEMORIAL TOURNAMEMT
A fun tournament in memory of one of our longest serving members, Kris Pratt.
Mixed event and all abilities welcomed!
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10-2PM
Dm to sign up or email
jeremy.gibbs@hotmail.co.uk

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Don’t forget to secure your tickets for the Chanteuses concert at St Michaels on 17th May, please go to www.chanteuses.co.uk to book tickets

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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

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.