ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 4 will have returned home by now. I'm sure they are all full of stories, a bit grubby and rather tired! Thank you to Mrs Deverill, Mrs Buckland and Miss Hyland for giving up their time to take the class away for such an adventure.
The third of our residentials will see our Year 6 class head to the Isle of Wight on Monday morning. The weather is looking promising so fingers crossed that the sun will be out for them all week and they can make the most of the beach.

Portals of the Past's World War II day was a great hit with our Year 6s. Please see below for a snapshot of the day.

Our Year 2 class enjoyed their Multi-Sports event at The Cottesloe School this week. Thank you to all the parents who helped with lifts to and from the event. Please see below for some photos.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all again on Monday.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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
Thur 3rd July – Year 6 French Cafe
Fri 4th July – Foundation Class Assembly
Fri 4th July – Colour Run
Tues 8th – Thurs 10th July – Year 5 Hudnall Park residential trip
Wed 9th July – Year 2 Class Trip – Berkhamsted Castle
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
Tues 15th July – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FACILITY AVAILABLE
Fri 18th July – Year 5 Class Assembly – Hudnall memories
Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 23rd July – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM ONLY
Wed 23rd July – Last day of term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

Planning ahead for next academic year, please let me know (via the office email) if there are particular services that you would like me to arrange sessions with.

It would be useful to look at what Wing Family Centre offer, so that I can lobby them to run sessions here at our school.
https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/familycentres/wing-family-centre/

Best wishes as always

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

Spotlight On… Mr Bay!
Mr Bay and Mr Day (you couldn't make it up, could you?) are our PE dynamic duo who do a great job at inspiring the children to try lots of different sports. Mr Bay is very handy with all sorts of tools and is always in the process of building/restoring/fixing things. As you can tell from his answers, he likes to keep on the go!

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1. **Who is your sporting hero and why?**

   I have many sporting heroes but as I have been involved in triathlon for the last twenty years it has to be Alistair Brownlee. Multiple Olympic gold medals, world champion and then for helping his brother across the line when his brother was suffering from heat exhaustion and crashing into barriers was just epic. If you haven't seen it look it up.

2. **What is your favourite type of holiday? UK v abroad? Mountains or beach?**

   Not beach. I don't mind the water activities but can't stand the sand. UK or abroad I don't mind. I have been lucky to see a lot of the world but at the same time have had some fantastic UK holidays. I do love the mountains though and have made it part way up Everest, been to the top of Kilimanjaro, climbed the highest mountain in the Atlas Mountains and the Pyrenees mountains.

3. **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

   At the moment all my time is spent building our own house. When it's finished and things are back to normal, sport is my go to spare time activity, cycling, running, tennis, walking and swimming.

4. **Do you have a claim to fame?**

   My claim to fame is being on George Clark's Amazing Space (episode 3 a couple of years ago) Whilst waiting for planning permission for our house we restored/converted a 1965 double decker bus that was sitting in the barn opposite our barn.

5. **What do you like about working at St Michael's School?**

   Everything about working at St Michael's is good. It's like one big family.

6. **Salt and vinegar or cheese and onion??**

   All crisps and snacks are good but most definitely salt and vinegar.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Henry A, Freddy, Amelia**
Year 1	**Koby, Freya, Trystan**
Year 2	**Muriel, Lily T, Hayden**
Year 3	**Siena, Alexander, Edie B**
Year 4	**EVERDON**
Year 5	**Oliver, Jacob, Sofia**
Year 6	**Eliza, Cade, Arnie**

Fieldwork festival month – Year 1

Many of you may have seen and supported your children to complete the fieldwork bingo over the past few weeks. Thank you, it has been lovely to see the maps, projects and photos the children have produced! Please keep sending these in to your child's class if completed. Over the next month at school, we will be celebrating all things outdoors and conducting investigations to find out more about our local environment and discussing things we can improve. To support this at home, you could use maps to discuss any journeys you make and talk about the local area as you travel to school (for example the best place to play or how to make the area better).

Mrs Evans

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PORTALS TO THE PAST – YEAR 6

Following on from Year 5's Greek Day last week, Portals to the Past returned this week to do a World War 2 Day with our Year 6 class. The children did a great job of dressing up and they had so much fun throughout the day. Hopefully they told you all about Dunkirk that evening.

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ECO-COUNCIL

The Eco Council reps carried out an enthusiastic litter picking session on Tuesday morning. Even at the bottom of the school drive they bagged their first pieces of litter and soon collected more at the Rec. We were all surprised at the amount that gets blown into the hedges. Well done to the Eco Council for doing your bit to protect the environment.

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MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTING ROUNDUP

Our amazing year 2 children travelled all the way to Cottesloe on Tuesday for a multi skills morning. A great time was had by all and was fantastic to see some of our former St Michael's pupils.

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FUN WITH BELLS DAY

SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025

AT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH IN STEWKLEY

10.30am to 3pm

COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BELLS AND BELLRINGING

VISIT THE TOWER AND SEE THE BELLS IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL FRAME

HAVE A GO WITH A MINI RING – A PERFECT WAY TO HAVE A FIRST GO AT RINGING

HAVE A GO WITH HANDBELLS

THIS IS TO RAISE SOME FUNDS AS WE HAVE HAD SOME WORK TO DO ON OUR BELLS TO KEEP THEM RINGING SO A SMALL DONATION WILL BE REQUESTED TO HAVE A GO AT EACH ACTIVITY

REFRESHMENTS WILL ALSO BE FOR SALE ON THE DAY

We have been fortunate to receive a 50% discount for the above music festival that is in Milton Keynes in June. Please feel free to use the below link and password to secure your tickets.

Here is the 50% offer link to share:
https://shop.axs.co.uk/QfhxBwAAAACOTn8%2bAQAAAABR%2fv%2f%2f%2fwD%2f%2f%2f%2f%2fDWFlZ3ByZXNlbnRzdWsA%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f%2f8%3d
Password: 50FOREVER

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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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GIVE RUGBY A TRY

MILTON KEYNES R.U.F.C.

PRIDE. PASSION. RESPECT

Experience the excitement of playing rugby in a friendly and supportive environment.

Great for beginners, starting from the age of 5 - 16! Boys & girls. No experience necessary.

29TH JUNE
10 - 12 P.M.

- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- Fun activities
- A *new love* for rugby!

BBQ & REFRESHMENTS

MILTON KEYNES RUFC
The Valley, Bowland Dr,
Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes MK4 2DN

OUR CITY.YOUR CLUB

FREE
TO ATTEND

More Information
enquiries@mkrufc.com

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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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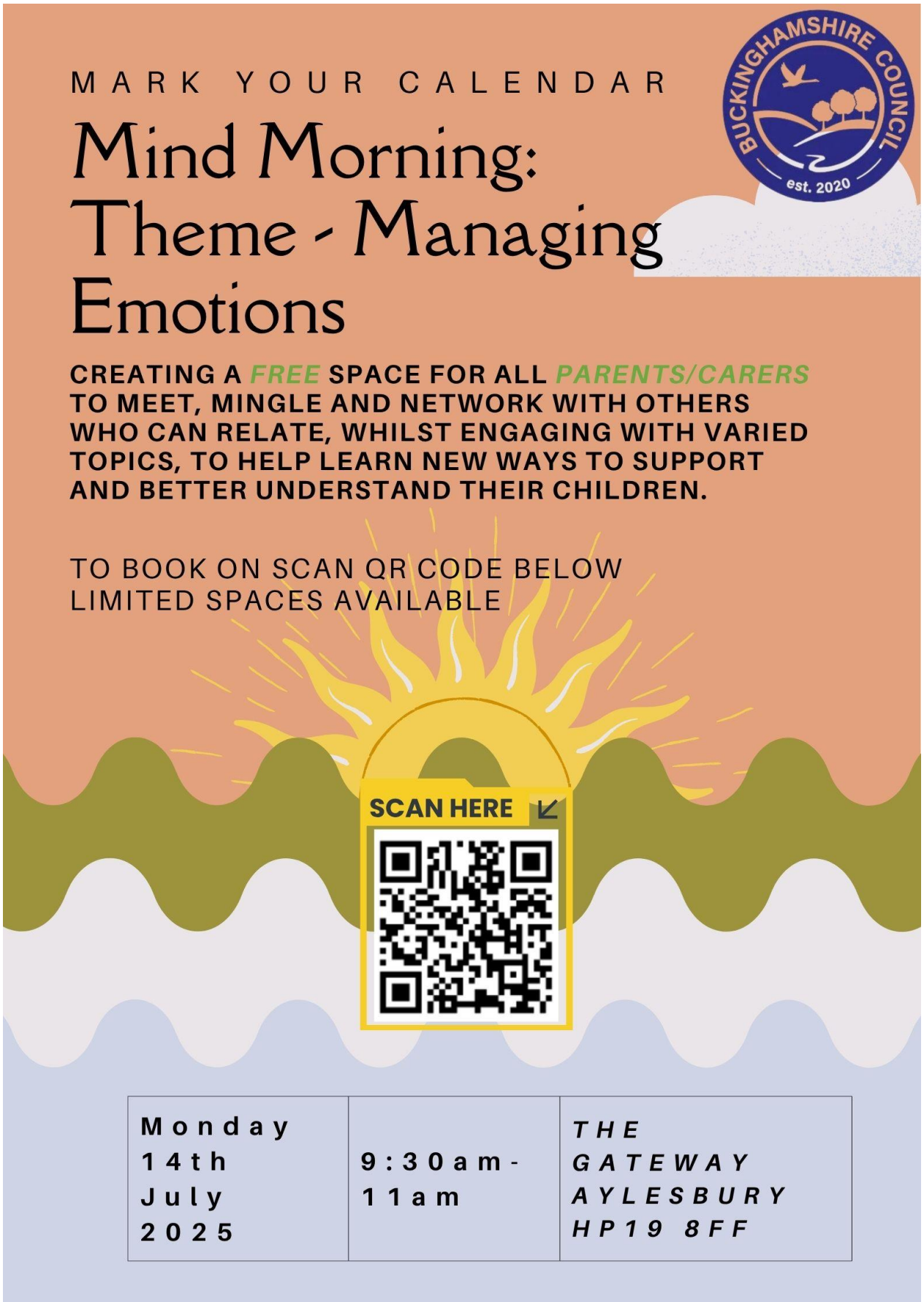
Charity Number: 1049311

Are you a parent or carer interested in knowing more about Managing your child's emotions? Come to our free MIND Morning event this July. To book on scan the QR code on the attached flyer or click this link: https://forms.office.com/e/8AT1UxuLxx



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FAMILY ADVICE · COMMUNICATION · EDUCATION

JULY 2025
Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page

Schools can purchase a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
31st July
19:00 - 20:00
FREE

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday
28th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available

Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am

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.

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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