ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well what a week the Year 6s had in the Isle of Wight! I'm certain you have all loved seeing the photos and videos on social media – amazing updates and clear to see that they were all having fabulous time. A huge thank you to Mr Morley, Mrs Garwood and Mrs Grant for giving up their own family time to make sure incredible memories with the children.

Foundation enjoyed their class trip to Waddesdon Manor today. I'm sure they all went home a little hot and sticky, but full of excitement about their day out.

Thank you to the Foundation mums who kindly ran the Ice Cream Sale yesterday afternoon. Just what was needed on such a hot day. With the hot weather, please be assured that we encourage the children to stay in the shade, keep hydrated and make indoor spaces available for them if they don't wish to be outside at lunchtime.

As you scroll through the Newsletter, you'll see various posters of the events taking place in the local area. There are details of some golf days at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club which I know has been popular in previous years.

Have a wonderful weekend, staying safe and cool in the heat.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tues 24th June – KS1 Sports Day
Wed 25th June – KS2 Sport Day
Fri 27th June – Year 2 Class Assembly
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

A picture from December 2024 to help you keep cool this weekend. Look after yourselves in the heat and enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes as always

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

Spotlight On… Mrs Pocock!

You will find Mrs Pocock as part of the Foundation team in the mornings and she also provides reading support to lots of our children. She is always known for her cheerful disposition, positivity and does an amazing job of helping the children reach their full potential. Meet Mrs Pocock…

1. **What is your favourite thing about St Michaels?**

The people I have met here. The children teach me about all sorts of things I didn't know I wanted to know about and someone always makes me laugh. The adults work so hard, are so welcoming, willing to share and care so deeply about what they do. It's a great place to work!

2. **Do you have a favourite hobby?**

I have a few. I love to run and try to get out 3-4 times a week. I've run 3 marathons and the next run I've got planned in is the Leighton 10 Mile in September

I spent 16 years working in the railway so I love trains; both travelling on them whenever I can and keeping up to date with the industry gossip.

I enjoy sewing - my current project is making a dragon costume for my daughter's end of year play.

I also love to go walking with my family; being outside in the fresh air makes us all happy.

3. **What is your favourite sports team?**

I don't have one. I enjoy watching sport from time to time but don't follow a sport or team.

4. **What is your greatest achievement?**

Undoubtedly being a mum. I am so proud of my children and the incredible things that they do.

5. **What is your favourite main and dessert?**

Favourite main is bread made by my husband with cheese. Dessert is a rich, dark chocolate tart.

6. **If you were stuck on a desert island.... what..?**

- **Book would you take?**
  My Kindle. I love reading but I like to have variety. It's old and the battery lasts for ages...
- **What item?**
  Coffee machine.

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-**What record?**
She's So Unusual by Cyndi Lauper

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Rex, Remi, Henry L**
Year 1	**Amelie, Frankie, Lucy**
Year 2	**Albert, Harry, Claudia**
Year 3	**Edwin, Yasmina, Theodore**
Year 4	**All of Year 4**
Year 5	**Willow, Blake, Luke**
Year 6	**Isle of Wight**

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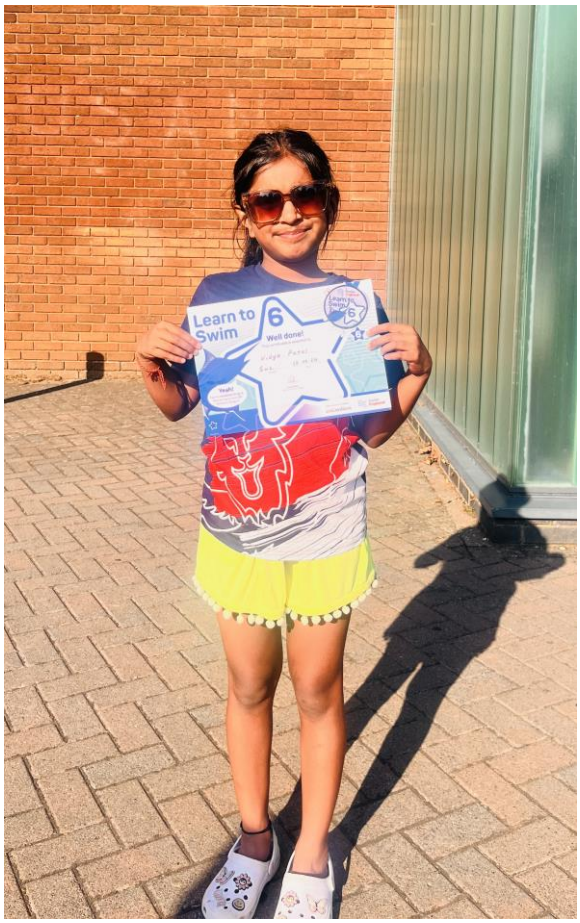
ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS



This swimming superstar has passed her swimming stage 6 recently as well as receiving her certificate for the 400m. Well done!

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FOUNDATION

Mrs Fraser's garden is looking awash with colour at the moment. Foundation would like to thank everyone who kindly donated compost, seeds and flower pots. The children love watching everything start to grow and bloom.

Foundation also had a fluffy yellow visitor this week who came across from Buttons Preschool.

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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.

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%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

DROWNING PERVENTION WEEK

14-21 JUNE 2025

The Royal Lifesaving Society Child Drowning Update (Sept 2024) sadly reports that the number of child drowning deaths has doubled, with 125 child fatalities in England across the last four years. 51 children drowned in inland open water. 16% of these were aged 5-12 years old and 41% were 13-17 years old.

The Royal Life Saving Society's (RLSS) campaign is designed to explore a multitude of opportunities to proactively raise awareness of water safety ahead of a summer outdoors. Starting in May, through the summer, the risk to the public through accidental drowning increases significantly - DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

Every young person should have access to water safety skills that can be used throughout their life, no matter their background. This knowledge will keep them safe around the water and enrich their opportunities to engage in water-related activities and play.

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SCAN TO BOOK!

SWANBOURNE ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-14 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, INFLATABLES & MORE!

PRICES:
STANDARD DAY - £30 (PER CHILD)
EXTENDED DAY - £35 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:
STANDARD- 9:00AM - 3:30PM
EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:

WEEK 1 - 28th - 31ST July
WEEK 2 - 4th - 7th August
WEEK 3 - 11th - 14th August
WEEK 4 - 18th - 21st August

SWANBOURNE HOUSE SCHOOL

MILTON KEYNES
SWANBOURNE
MK17 0HZ

BOOKING LINK - https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/28/swanbourne-house-ultimate-activity-camps-summer-2025?query=Swanbourne+

More Information:ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk /07903347412

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JUNIOR OPEN DAY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

This fun day for juniors aged 6-12 for all abilities! Come and give golf a try! The following 4 days are available:

Thursday 24th July, Tuesday 29th July
Tuesday 19th August, Tuesday 26th August

10:00	Arrival + Check In
10:15	Coaching with competitions on the Driving Range, Chipping area and Putting.
12:45	LUNCH (Nuggets, Chips n Beans)
13:30	Golf Course Games Onto the golf course playing holes as a team
15:15	Results, Presentation and Prizes
15:30	Finish

EACH DAY INCLUDES LUNCH AND COSTS

£35 per child

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 24 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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JUNIOR CADET DAYS

This fun day for juniors aged 10-18 with some playing experience. Under 10's can join in if they are a member or have completed the junior challenge programme. All welcome even from advanced to beginners.
The following 2 days are available:

Thursday 31st July and Thursday 28th August

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 9 hole competition
15:30	Easter Egg Special Games
15:45	Results, Presentation and Prizes
16:00	Finish

EACH DAY INCLUDES LUNCH AND COSTS

£35 per child

Red tee members of AVGC pay £30

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 10-18 with playing experience. Maximum number 12 people

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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

SEND FUNDAY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 7 YEARS PLUS

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2025 FROM 10:30AM TO 2:30PM

HADDENHAM AIRFIELD PAVILION, TIBBS ROAD, HADDENHAM HP17 8FH

SCIENCE TRICKS - FRISBEE GOLF - PARACHUTE GAMES - ARTS AND CRAFTS - QUIET SPACE - OUTSIDE PLAY - MINI MARKETPLACE OF ORGANISATIONS THAT PROVIDE SEND SUPPORT

LUNCH PROVIDED

TO REQUEST A PLACE FOR A FAMILY
EMAIL CORRINNA MARTIN CORRINNA.MARTIN@BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.GOV.UK

WITH NAME OF CHILD/REN, DATE OF BIRTH, SCHOOL ATTENDED, EMAIL, AND CONTACT NUMBER. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT PARENT/CARER

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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

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