ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 3
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Monday 26th Sept 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all the incredible support at our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. It was wonderful to see many of our local community pop along for a sociable morning. The cakes were amazing and a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to whip up such an array of goodies. I will let you know how much we raised as soon as I have a final total.

Monday 29th September is our Feast of St Michael's as per the email that went out on 12th September and today. Parents/carers are welcome to join the children on the school field for a picnic lunch at 12.15pm until 1.10pm. The weather is looking promising at the moment so hopefully the sun will appear for us.

Our Harvest Festival is on Monday 6th October. Please bring in any non-perishable donations to the school office prior to Friday 3rd October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wishing you a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

Term dates for 26/27 have been added to the school website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 29th Sept – Feast of St Michael's
Tues 30th Sept – Friends Association AGM, 8pm at The Carpenters Arms. All welcome.
Mon 6th Oct – Harvest Festival – Chapel – 9.30am. Parents welcome to attend, but may be standing room only
Thurs 9th Oct – Individual and sibling school photos
Wed 22nd Oct – Flu vaccinations – details to follow
Wed 22nd Oct – Parents Evening – details to follow
Thurs 23rd Oct – Parents Evening – details to follow
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term break
Mon 3rd Nov – INSET DAY
Tues 4th Nov – all children return to school
Thurs 6th Nov – Beauty and the Beast performance – details to follow
Friday 5th Dec – Year 3 Class Assembly
Wed 10th Dec – Year 4 Christingle
Friday 12th Dec – Foundation Nativity 2.45pm
Wed 17th Dec – Year 2 Nativity – morning
Wed 17th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 18th Dec – Year 1 Nativity – morning

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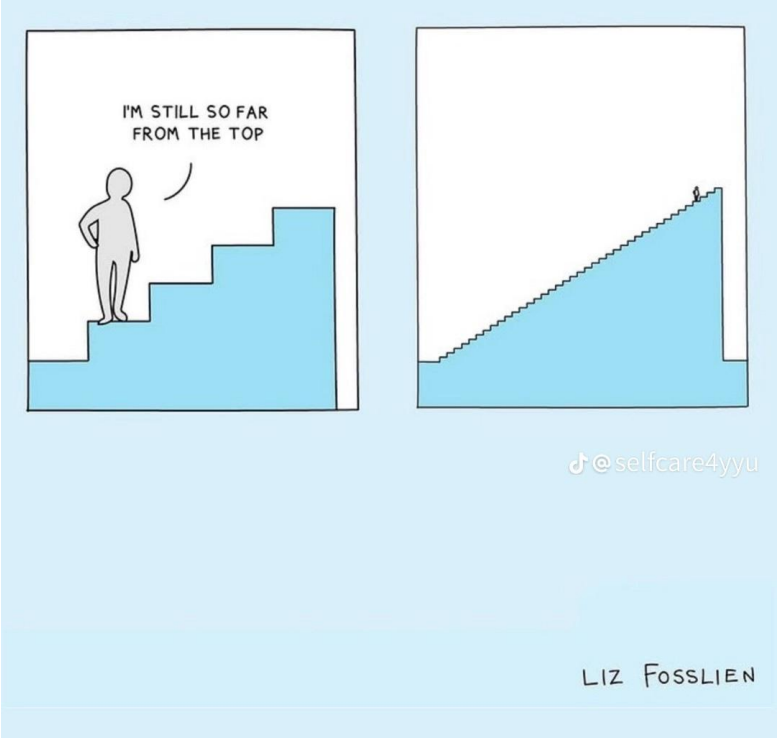
Friday 19th Dec – Last day of Autumn term

INSET DAYS FOR 2025/2026
Mon 3rd Nov 2025
Mon 5th Jan 2026
Fri 27th March 2026
Fri 22nd May 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

At the end of a busy week, it can be good to keep this in mind…



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

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Rosie, Duke, Rex**
Year 2	**Matteo, Joe, Koby**
Year 3	**Lily, Freya, Lilia**
Year 4	**Oscar, Vidya, Albie**
Year 5	**Grace, Adelaide, Noah**
Year 6	**Ben, Tia, Sebastian**

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

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Thank you to everyone who baked goodies, bought coffee from Mr Fender, slurped tea in the hall and filled their tummies with sweet treats this morning. It was so lovely to see so many people come along for a sociable couple of hours.
The money pot is full with everyone's generosity. Thank you so much and I'll let you know how much we raised once I have a grand total.

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Overview of Mental health – Primary	Monday 20th of October 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c250a6a6-2c15-4997-be09-407feae1ef4e@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Overview of Mental health– Secondary	Monday 3rd of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0d1c87a5-b3b5-4a9b-a4b2-dbbcbee77abf@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Childhood Anxiety	Monday 17th of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/741a9c4f-0eb4-4a23-9694-def68b6eb3b5@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Adolescent Anxiety	Monday 1st of December 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ffeb1299-da8c-44dc-8d3b-6ad980e5c729@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	

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Friends of St Michael's School

AGM

Tuesday 30th September

8pm - The Carpenters Arms

Everyone Welcome

GET INVOLVED, MEET NEW PEOPLE & HELP ENRICH THE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL CHILDREN

Volunteers & helpers are always needed - come along & see how you can help

Friends of St Michael's School 24/25

Peter Pan Panto	Playground Benches	Coaches for trips
SEN resources for each class	Giant Inflatable	Donation to Y6 Leavers Party
Folding Trolley for trips	Christmas Gift for the children	Kapla Workshop Deposit

Fundraising Total

£13,883.85

We have spent **£7,157.16** and have a list of exciting items we are looking to fund this year

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For more details and to book your place on a session, please scan the QR code or ask in centre.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

TIDDENFOOT LEISURE CENTRE

FAMILY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Come along to Tiddenfoot for a fun-filled day of activities and discover everything Tiddenfoot has to offer – completely free! A great day out for the whole family.

- NEW BodyStep, BodyCombat and BodyBalance Launch!
- FREE PT Taster sessions
- FREE Brand New Sound Bath Sessions
- FREE Teacher-led Pool Games session
- FREE Pool Party
- FREE Family Fun including bouncy castle, table tennis, Badminton and Pickleball
- Rookie vs Lifeguard Competition
- FREE Jiu Jitsu Trial sessions
- Face painting

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SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

TIME	ACTIVITY	AREA
08:00–13:00	FREE PT Taster Sessions	Gym
09:00–09:45	BodyStep Launch	Sports Hall
09:45–10:30	BodyCombat Launch	Sports Hall
10:30–11:15	BodyBalance Launch	Sports Hall
11:30–14:00	FREE Jiu Jitsu Trial Sessions	Lower Studio
11:30–12:30	FREE Sound Bath	Upper Studio
11:45–15:30	Family Fun Session: Bouncy Castle, Crafts, Table Tennis, Badminton, Pickleball	Sports Hall
12:30–13:30	FREE Sound Bath	Upper Studio
13:30–14:30	FREE Family Pool Games Session	Teaching Pool
13:30–14:30	FREE Public Swimming	Main Pool
13:30–14:30	Rookie vs Lifeguard Competition	Poolside
14:30–15:30	FREE Family Swimming	Teaching Pool
14:30–15:30	Swim School Assessments	Teaching Pool
14:30–15:30	FREE Pool Party	Main Pool

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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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