ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

This half term is speeding by and here we are into October already. The classes have settled down into their routines and I think I've almost mastered putting names to faces in our new Foundation class!

Our St Michael's Feast on Monday lunchtime was bathed in sunshine and it was great to see such a turnout of parents and grandparents enjoying some family time. Looking out the window to the grey clouds and rain this morning, thank goodness it wasn't planned for today!

The support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week was fantastic and I was so grateful to Mr Fender who so kindly donated his coffee van takings for the day to our event. Thank you to everyone who baked and ate for such a worthy cause. Between us all we managed to raise £928.05 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please note additional dates for your diary as highlighted in bold.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

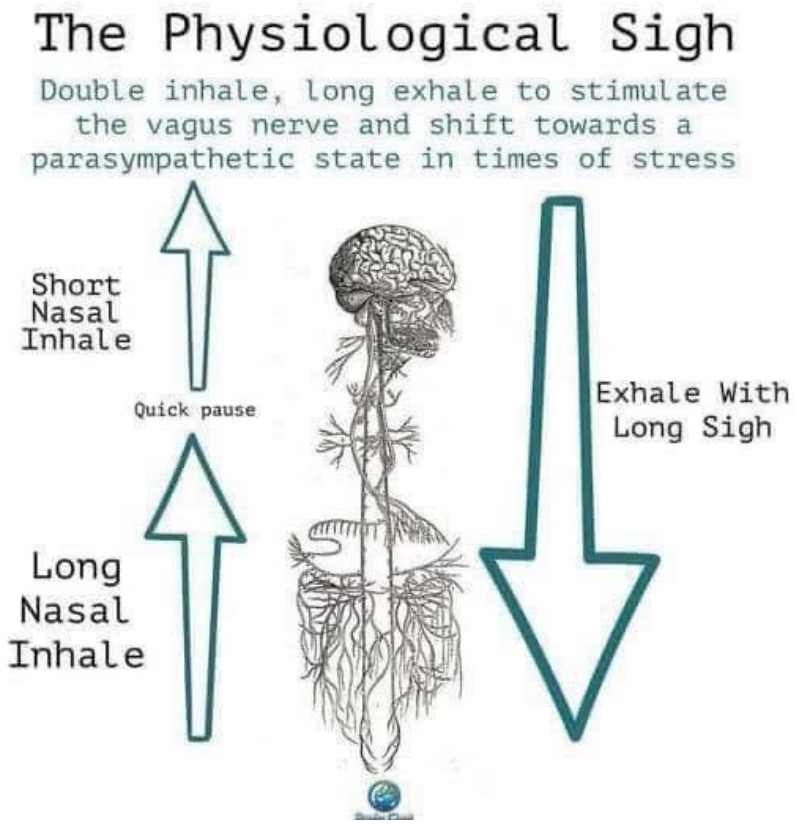
Mon 6th Oct – Harvest Festival – Chapel – 9.30am. Parents welcome to attend, but may be standing room only
Thurs 9th Oct – Individual and sibling school photos
Thurs 16th Oct – Foundation Cake Sale
Wed 22nd Oct – Flu vaccinations – details to follow
Wed 22nd Oct – Parents Evening – details to follow
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
Thurs 13th Nov – Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 21st Nov – Year 5 9.30am Chinese Dragon Craft – parents welcome
Friday 28th Nov – Year 6 Class Assembly
Friday 5th Dec – Friends' Christmas Fayre
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
Wed 17th Dec – Silent Christmas Discos
Thurs 18th Dec – Year 1 Nativity – morning
Friday 19th Dec – Last day of Autumn term
Mon 5th Jan – Start of Spring term
Thurs 15th Jan – Year 2 Cake Sale
Thurs 26th Feb – Year 3 Cake Sale
Thurs 19th March – Year 4 Cake Sale
Thurs 16th April – Year 5 Cake Sale
Thurs 14th May – Year 6 Cake Sale

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

I shared this really useful and effective breathing technique last year… it bears repeating as it really works!



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

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Lily-Rae, Harry, Phoebe**
Year 2	**Amelie, Grace, Albie**
Year 3	**Muriel, Jack, Elizabeth**
Year 4	**Lucy, Alfie, Theo**
Year 5	**Bobby, Siena, Reagan**
Year 6	**Kaitlyn, Emily, Ella-Louise**

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ST MICHAEL'S FEAST

Our school community was met with a warm welcome to our St Michael's Feast by Mrs Deverill and Mrs Hann, along with our lovely sunflower display, created by Miss Hart and her helpers.

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Friends of St Michael's School

AGM Update

Following the AGM this week the new officers of the Friends are:

Chairs - Rachael Wakefield & Alison Edwards

Secretary - Louise O'Connell

Treasurer - Helen Vale

It was lovely to welcome along some new parents wanting to get involved

We are now busy planning some exciting & fun events for the 25/26 year so watch this space!!!

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St.Michael's School
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Cake Sale Challenge
We challenge each year to compete to raise the most funds for their class. The Friends will give £100 bonus to the Year who raises the most.
Think outside the box, you could sell Sweets, Doughnuts, Cookies, you decide!
The dates have been set and card payments will be made available in order for the Friends to track funds
IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER ALL MONEY RAISED BENEFITS YOUR CHILDS CLASS DIRECTLY.

Cake Sale Challenge Rules

To make the cake sale challenge fair for everyone the following rules apply:

- Items must be sold at 50p an item in line with cake sale prices of previous years
- Items can only be sold from 3;30pm on the designated date for each class. Leftover items can be rolled over to the next day and sold from 3:30pm
- Leftover stock after the second day is the responsibility of the class and, if sold, will not count towards the total
- All cash must be handed to the Friends to be tracked and given to the class teacher
- 1-2 parents from each year will be given access to a card machine via their phone
- The class teacher makes the decision on what the money gets spent on
- The £100 bonus will be paid to the winning class after all sales have taken place
- Please support all classes equally in the same way cake sales have previously been supported
- This is designed to be a fun way to support the school please keep it a friendly fun competition in the spirit it is intended

JUNIOR OPEN DAY

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

This fun day for juniors aged 6-12 for all abilities!

FANCY DRESS!

Tuesday 28th October 2025
and/or
Friday 31st October 2025

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 3 holes as a team
15:15	**Halloween Pumpkin Pitching and Tombstone Challenges**
15:45	Results, Presentation and Prizes
16:00	FINISH

ALL THIS FOR

£35 per child

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 days may cancel and please pay on arrival.

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Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tuesday 11th November 7 - 8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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.

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