ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Just one week left of our first half term and our new children in Foundation look like they have been with us for the whole year already! It's been great to see them all grow in confidence over the last few weeks and settle into St Michael's routines.

I hope you have enjoyed viewing the recent school photos. Any feedback on the new provider is welcome.

Last weekend saw the start of our sporting fixtures when Mr Day took two teams to Aylesbury to compete in a tournament. Both teams excelled themselves and had a great day out. Please see below for Mr Day's match report. A special thank you to Mr Pollard and Mr Hill who helped out at the event.

Today sees more sporting fixtures led by Mr Day as our Year 5/6 boys football team take on Newton Longville and then on Monday they will play again in a league match. As a result, please note that there will be NO Dodgeball Club on Monday 20th October.

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please ensure you have booked your appointments with the class teacher and contact the school office if you are having any problems doing so.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Wed 22nd Oct – Flu vaccinations
Wed 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct – Year 3 trip to MK City Discovery Centre
Thurs 23rd Oct – Parents Evening
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term break
Mon 3rd Nov – INSET DAY
Tues 4th Nov – all children return to school
Tues 4th Nov – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE
Thurs 6th Nov – Beauty and the Beast performance
Thurs 13th Nov – Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 14th Nov – Children In Need day – bring a spotty bear to school. School uniform please.
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

AYLESBURY VALE FA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT 2025

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Every year we start our football season with a 7aside tournament in Aylesbury. This is for all the schools in the Aylesbury area and decides who goes through to the County Finals in November.

St Michael's took an experienced boys team and a brand new girls team to Turnfurlong last Saturday, looking to win the girls tournament for the 4th time in 5 years.

The boys started with 2 wins, something we have not done in a long time, the standard of boys football at this tournament is very high and we have struggled in the past to win any games. They then had a draw and a defeat and went in to their last 2 group games knowing they had to win at least one to get to the semi finals. They won both and came top of the group! In to the semi final and no goals meant the game went to extra time, with 1 minute left, Luke strode forward from defence, had a great shot which their keeper saved, then Charlie bundled in the winner to take St Michael's in to the final and qualification for the County Finals. They then went on to lose the final to a very strong Haddenham team but should be so proud of getting further than any St Michael's boys team has been for many years.

Our girls were a mix of year 6 and year 5 players who had never played together before. This showed as they slowly made their way through the group phase, getting a better understanding together each game. As they got to the semi finals they were evolving in to the best team at the tournament, they won that easily and never looked in trouble in the final, beating Haddenham 1-0 with a goal from Olympia. Special mention to our captain fantastic Luisa and our amazing goalkeeper Reagan. To win this tournament 4 times in 5 years is a tribute and a legacy to all the girls that have represented St Michael's over the years and inspired the younger girls to take their place. On to the County Finals in November where we will try to go one step further than last year where we lost in the final.

Massive thanks to all the families for their support and to Mr Pollard and Mr Hill who helped coach the teams.

St M boys - Joseph (capt), Charlie, Grae, Alfie, Samuel D, Samuel W, Luke, Liam, Yiannis

St M girls - Luisa (capt), Emily, Cecily, Sophie, Olympia, Grace, Reagan, Bethany

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MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

A fantastic opportunity from Bucks Music Trust for Years 4, 5 and 6 on 27/10/2025, landed in my inbox this week. It sounds brilliant- I hope loads of St. Michael's children go along. It should be fab!

Best wishes as always
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	**Max, Evie, Kai**
Year 2	**Maya, Harry, Fern**
Year 3	**Casey, Phoebe, Luca**
Year 4	**Edie B, Jasper, Edie A**
Year 5	**Samuel, Mia, Harrison**
Year 6	**Oliver, Katherine, Liam**

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HARVEST SERVICE

These 5 superstars did a wonderful job of representing St Michael's School at the Harvest Service last Sunday. They all read extracts about how harvest is celebrated around the world. Thank you for reading so beautifully.

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PUMPKINS

These young chaps from Year 1 are kindly delivering the incredible harvest pumpkins to all the classrooms. The pumpkins were grown in the Foundation garden by Mrs Fraser and her little gardeners.

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATES:
OCT– DEC
2025

TIME:
6PM – 7.30PM

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

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*PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND AN MHST SCHOOL FOR ACCESS TO THE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT US.

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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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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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FACE

November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	**13 Nov 6-7pm**
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

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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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