

# St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 19th July 2024**

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**I have come that [you] may have life, and have it to the full' John 10:10,**

**[Therefore],**

**'Be strong and courageous. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9**

*These biblical texts underpin our vision summary, 'Courage to Flourish in the Love of God'.*

*Jesus' words from the New Testament describe his desire for everyone to be a full and flourishing version of their created selves, experiencing life in all its vibrant fullness, individually and in community.*

*Our ambition is for everyone to encounter this fullness through the life and work of the school, whatever their background, beliefs or circumstances.*

*God's words to Joshua from the Old Testament illustrate how life, and learning, can be challenging, bringing setbacks and discouragement. These words inspire us to keep on going in those circumstances, confident that God watches over us and walks beside us.*

*The joining of these biblical texts is meaningful for the particular circumstances of our school community. It gives coherence to our aspirational vision that will grow courage and resilience as enablers of **'life in all its fullness'** for everyone.*

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we approach the end of another academic year, I am delighted to share with you some of the recent highlights and important updates from our school.*

*Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our recent Enterprise Fayre. Your generosity and enthusiasm resulted in an impressive £766 being raised for Birmingham Hospice. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our children, and I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Immanuel for his excellent coordination of the event.*

*As we look towards the future, it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to several valued members of our staff. Mr Fisher, Miss Rashbrook, Miss Depper, and Mrs Sweeney will be embarking on new adventures, and we wish them all the very best. Their contributions to our school have been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed.*

*However, every ending brings new beginnings, and I am pleased to announce that we will be welcoming new members to our St Michael's family. Miss Joy and Mrs Humphreys will be joining us as teachers in Year 4 and 5 respectively. Additionally, another Mrs Humphries and Miss Hayden will be joining our team as Teaching Assistants in Reception and Year 1. We look forward to the fresh perspectives and enthusiasm they will bring to our school community.*

*It is also my pleasure to welcome back Mrs Bird, Mrs Brazier, Miss Sturdy, and Mrs Todd from their maternity leave. Their return further strengthens our dedicated team.*

*As we approach the end of term, I would like to take a moment to address our departing Year 6 students. You have been truly fantastic, and I am immensely proud of your hard work and achievements. Your readiness for Year 7 is evident, and I have no doubt that you will continue to excel in your future*

*endeavours. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire Year 6 team for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the year.*

*Reflecting on my first full academic year as Headteacher at St Michaels, I can honestly say it has been fantastic. The support I have received from everyone in our small but mighty community has been overwhelming, and for that, I am truly grateful.*

*As we prepare to close the chapter on this academic year, I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break. May it be filled with joy, relaxation, and precious moments with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday, 4th September 2024.*

*Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership in education. It is a privilege to serve as your Headteacher, and I look forward to the adventures that await us in the coming academic year.*

*Warm regards,*

*Mrs Roberts*

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## **Year 4 with the Olympic Athlete this week**



## Sports Review 2023 -2024

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*It has been another busy year this year for St Michael's pupils with many taking part in sporting events. We entered a boy's and a girls' team into the Harborne District League and competed in over 30 competitions, matches and tournaments in many sports.*

*Our biggest success this year has been in football. Our boys' and girls' teams have been outstanding. Our league teams both done extremely well winning their divisions, with the boys losing only once and the girl's team never lost a game.*

*Both teams went on to play in the Harborne League play-off to see who would be named as Champions! Both teams played well. Unfortunately, the boys lost 2 – 0 but the girls won 2 – 1 and were named as league champions!*

*Our year 3 boy's football team also won a tournament as did our year 3 /4 girl's football team.*

*We also had success in the following sports.*

*Year 5 Dodgeball Tournament Winners*

*Year 3 Curling & Boccia Tournament Winners*

*Year 6 Girl's Tennis Competition Winners*

*Year 5/6 Boys Netball Tournament Winners*

*Year 6 Girl's Netball Tournament Winners*

*A big thank you to all the pupils who have took part this year, who have been enthusiastic, had a great attitude and played with a smile on their face. I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers who have taken the pupils to events as they wouldn't have been possible without your support.*

*It has been another very enjoyable year and I look forward to September where again we will be entering teams into the football league and have an event planned for nearly every week.*

*Hope you all have a lovely summer.*

*Yours sincerely*

Scott

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## BDMAT Art and Poetry Competition

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*We are so proud of Etana in 2R who came in second place at the BDMAT Art and Poetry Competition. Her work was fantastic and we are so glad that it was recognised. Here is a photo of Etana accepting her award at St Martin's Church in the Bullring alongside our Deputy CEO, Simon Bentley.*

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## Key Dates

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***Wednesday 4th September 2024 - children return to school.***

*Thursday 5th September - Years 1-6 at St Michael's Church for the first service of the year (children only).*

*Friday 6th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 1 team (2:00pm).*

*Monday 9th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 2 team (2:00pm).*

*Tuesday 10th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 3 team (2:00pm).*

*Wednesday 11th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 4 team (2:00pm).*

*Thursday 12th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 5 team (2:00pm).*

*Friday 13th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the Year 6 team (2:00pm).*

*Monday 16th September - Birmingham City Mission in for Collective Worship.*

*Monday 16th September - Parents and carers are invited to meet the team working in The Nest (2:00pm).*

*Wednesday 18th September - School Council and Student Leadership Team visit to Birmingham Hospice.*

*Friday 20th September - 5H (Mrs Hopkin's class) first swimming lesson (they will then swim every Friday for the Autumn Term).*

*Tuesday 24th September - Year 6 at the library.*

*Tuesday 24th September - Birmingham Hospice delivering workshops to Years 3-6.*

*Friday 27th September - Year 3 at the library.*

*Tuesday 1st October - Years 1-6 at St Michael's Church to celebrate St. Michael's Day (children only).*

*Thursday 10th October - Year 4 Harvest Celebration at Church - 9:15am. Parents and carers invited.*

*Thursday 10th October - Years 1 and 2 Harvest Celebration at Church - 2:00pm. Parents and carers invited.*

*Thursday 10th October - Year 6 Parent Lunch (details to follow).*

*Friday 11th October - Mental Health Day (wear yellow to school).*

*Tuesday 15th October - Year 2 at the library.*

*Monday 21st October - Key Stage 1 Headteacher Awards.*

*Tuesday 22nd October - Flu vaccinations in school. Details to follow.*

*Wednesday 23rd October - Key Stage 2 Headteacher Awards.*

*Thursday 24th October - Reception Welcome to Church at St. Michaels - 9.15am. Parents and carers invited.*

*Thursday 24th October - Year 1 trip to the Black Country Museum.*

*Thursday 24th October - meeting and tour for prospective nursery and reception of children due to start September 2025 (2:00pm and 4:00pm).*

*Friday 25th October - meeting and tour for prospective nursery and reception of children due to start September 2025 (2:00pm and 4:00pm).*

*Friday 25th October - break up for half term.*

*Monday 4th November - Teacher Training Day : closed to children.*

*Tuesday 5th November - children return to school.*

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## Nursery Places



The poster features a yellow background with a red banner at the top that reads "NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE". On the left, there is a logo for St Michael's C.E. Primary School and a photograph of a young girl with colorful handprints on her hands. On the right, there is a text box with the following information:

If you have a child who turns 3 before September 1st 2024, they will be entitled to 15 hours free child care. Please contact the school office on the number below to enquire about the available spaces in our Nursery.

St Michael's CE Primary School  
Nantmel Grove  
Bartley Green  
B32 3JS

**Enquire Now - 0121 464 4345**

office@stmichaelsb32.bdmatt.org.uk

## 100% Attendance



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*Well done to our pupils below who have achieved 100% this year. You have done so well and we are very proud of you all.*

*Reception*

*Ivy and Mikail*

*Year 1*

*Austin, Arlo, Nora, Reggie and Violet*

*Year 2*



*Nathan and Jayson*

*Year 3*

*James*

*Year 4*

*Joshua, Tantoluwa, Declan, Gabriel, Logan and Josiah*

*Year 5*

*Viola and Ahmad*

*Year 6*

*Kaitlyn, Lydia and Melanie*

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## **Headteacher Awards**

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*The following children were nominated by the adults in their classroom for consistently demonstrating the school values and learning behaviours throughout the half term. Well done!*

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## **Nursery**

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*Anna- Lea - for always being kind and caring towards the other children*

*Georgio - for consistently doing the right thing and being a role model for others*

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## **Reception**

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*RG-*

*Audrey- for always working hard and contributing in class discussions.*

*Victor- for always being a kind friend and role model.*

RS

*Leo- for always showing the correct learning behaviour and being a great role model*

*Ariana- for always trying her hardest.*

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## **Year 1**

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1F

*AJ - for being a consistent role model throughout year 1.*

*Austin - for always doing the right thing and setting a high standard to others.*

1M

*Lucy - for always being a role model and a kind friend.*

*Hugo - for always trying his best and making fantastic progress.*

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## **Year 2**

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2K

*Alanah P – for working hard in class and being a great member of 2K.*

*Ellie – For always being a role model in Year 2. You always make the right choices.*

2R

*Lukeo- for always being a role model and making a huge amount of progress throughout the year.*

*Rimaz- for always being a role model and always doing the right thing.*

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## Year 3

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3D

*Elena - for being a role model by showing STAR behaviour and always making the right choices.*

*Theo - for his amazing progress this year.*

3T

*Jake - for always showing STAR behaviour, beginning to make the A choice and for being a fantastic role model to his peers.*

*Abdurraheem - for being a lovely member of 3T; he consistently makes the right choices and is a wonderful friend to everyone in his class.*

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## Year 4

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4J

*Logan - Well done Logan for having such an amazing year. You have been consistently on time and have 100% attendance.*

*Kaylah-Rae - Well done for your amazing progress this academic year!*

4R

*Mira – For her amazing attitude to learning and progress in all lessons across the curriculum.*

*Jusuf – For the amazing progress he has made this year and for always showing marvellous manners to all members of staff and children in the classroom.*

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## Year 5

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5F

*Skylar – for contributing to classroom discussions and making excellent progress in English across the year.*

*Mia P – for making amazing progress across the year, helping your peers when needed and showing a mature and positive attitude towards challenges.*

5H

*Trey - for contributing effectively to make our school community a better place*

*Persia – for making amazing progress throughout the year. You have shown determination to improve and it shows in all areas of your learning.*

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## Year 6

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6L

*Ennis - for having such great enthusiasm for learning – it is wonderful to see and you are engaged in every lesson. We know that you will continue to flourish your love for learning at secondary school.*

*Jessie - for having such marvellous manners; it has been a pleasure to teach you this year. You start every day with a smile, saying good morning and asking how we are. Your kindness, joy and wonderful personality are infectious! Thank you!*

6H

*Maddie - for being a kind, funny member of our class who is full of personality and always making other children smile.*

*Ayah - for being an 'always' member of our class. Ayah is always doing the right thing and she is incredibly helpful with other children and the teachers. Thank you!*

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## Lunchtime Stars

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*These children have been nominated by the adults on the playground for being excellent role models.*

*Nursery*

*Jack - for always making the lunchtime supervisors smile!*

*Year 2*

*Olivia - for playing with lots of different friends.*

*Rimaz- for being a kind friend*

*Year 4*

*Areng - for always showing the St Michael's way.*

*Kyle - for being kind, polite and a great friend all year.*

*Declan - for consistently being a role model at lunchtimes.*

*Tantoluwa - for being kind to both children and staff.*

Year 5

*Ahmad - for making good choices and being a good role model*

*Frankie - For being super helpful at Lunchtime*

Year 6

*Injila - for being kind and always following instructions.*

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## What is happening in the classroom?

### Nursery

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*Wow! What a week! What a Year! The nursery children have enjoyed their last week in nursery, playing with their friends, inside and outside and having a party all together which was the highlight of the week! The children looked great in their party clothes and joined in all the classic party games, musical statues, musical bumps, musical chairs and were great at showing off their best dance moves!*

*It has been an absolute pleasure to teach the nursery children this year. They have made me so proud and I wish them all the best of luck next year in reception! I hope that all our nursery families have a relaxing, happy and well deserved summer break! See you in September!*

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### Reception

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RG

*This week Reception have enjoyed a beach day. We have played in the sandpit, paddling pools and with the sea creatures.*

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*Reception have been finishing everything off this week. They have all written a fantastic piece of writing to put in their new books to show their new teacher and they have been very excited about this!*

1F

*Wow what a busy week we have had! The children have now completed their final write up for English and have also completed their big question for Science. The children have explored seasons, in particular, summer. The children used their prior knowledge and experiences to describe what summer means to them. As the summer holidays are about to begin, the children were excited to share their ideas about summer. The children have enjoyed the wind down from an extremely busy year and taken time to reflect on their past year, in addition to their coming year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish every child in 1F the best summer holiday and look forward to seeing them all in September.*

1M

*This week we have been finishing off everything for the end of Year 1. We have finished our final piece of writing and finished off our science topic which was all about the seasons. We have had a great last week in 1M and we wish you all a lovely summer. I can't wait to hear what the children have been up to when they return in September.*

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## **Year 2**

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2K

*This week we have been finishing off everything for the end of Year 2. We have finished our final piece of writing and finished off our statistics topic. We have had a great last week in 2K and we wish you all a lovely summer. I can't wait to hear what the children have been up to when they return in September.*

2R

*This week in Year 2 the children have been completing the last bits of work before finishing year 2. The children have then had lots of opportunity to reflect on the year and discuss any worries for the year ahead. The children have also had an opportunity to celebrate all their successes. I hope the children have the most well deserved break and I wish them all the best in Year 3.*

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## Year 3

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### 3D

*This week, we have completed our final piece of writing for Year 3. On Monday, 3D enjoyed the Curling and Boccia activity. We have had an amazing last week in 3D and I hope you all have a great summer!*

### 3T

*This week, St Michaels have had a special guest this week, Otilie Robinson-Shaw, a 6x world champion freestyle kayaker who lead a workshop for us and taught us all about her sport. We have written our best piece of writing into our new year 4 books ready for our new teacher! We have enjoyed playing kick rounders and working as a team.*

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## Year 4

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### 4J

*Children in 4J have been finishing off their Success Narrative this week. They have been trying extremely hard to include all of the features they have learnt this term. During Maths lessons, 4J have been recapping on topics to secure knowledge ready for Year Five. On Monday, children took part in a Boccia and Curling activity which they enjoyed. Children went to church on Thursday for the Year Six Leavers Service, it is amazing how much of an impact Year Six had on all year groups - 4J will miss them very much.*

### 4R

*4R have been finishing their Success Narrative this week, working really hard throughout despite it being their final week of year 4. In Maths, the children have been recalling their knowledge of the topics learned this year to help them with year 5. St Michaels have had a special guest this week, Otilie Robinson-Shaw, a 6x world champion freestyle kayaker who lead a workshop for us and taught us all about her sport. On Thursday, we had the Year Six Leavers Service, the whole of 4R will miss them very much.*

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## Year 5

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5H

*Wow...what a busy week! On Monday we took part in a boccia and curling lesson. It was great fun. On Tuesday, we were visited by an Olympic athlete who encouraged us to stay fit and healthy. Our challenge on Wednesday involved setting goals for our future. We also went to church to watch the Year 6 leaver's service. This made us think again about our future because we only have one year left at St Michael's. Have a happy holiday everybody and we look forward to seeing you all back in September.*

5F

*Our last week in Year 5! This week we have been doing loads of fun activities and preparing for our new adventure in Year 6. On Monday we took part in a boccia and curling lesson. It was great fun. On Tuesday, we were visited by an Olympic athlete who encouraged us to stay fit and healthy. Our challenge on Wednesday involved setting goals for our future. We also went to church to watch the Year 6 leaver's service. This made us think again about our future because we only have one year left at St Michael's. Have a happy holiday everybody and goodbye from Mr Fisher - it has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all this year. Thank you for making my final year a great one and good luck in Year 6!*

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## Year 6

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*What a busy last week full of sport at St Michael's! On Monday we enjoyed a Curling and Boccia session; it was so competitive! On Tuesday and Wednesday we enjoyed even more sport with a special visit from a Team GB athlete and a goal setting session. Most importantly, Year 6 went to Church to do their leavers service. It was very emotional listening to all the memories about their time at primary school. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach these wonderful children and all the staff at St Michael's will miss them dearly. Now, go smash Secondary School!*

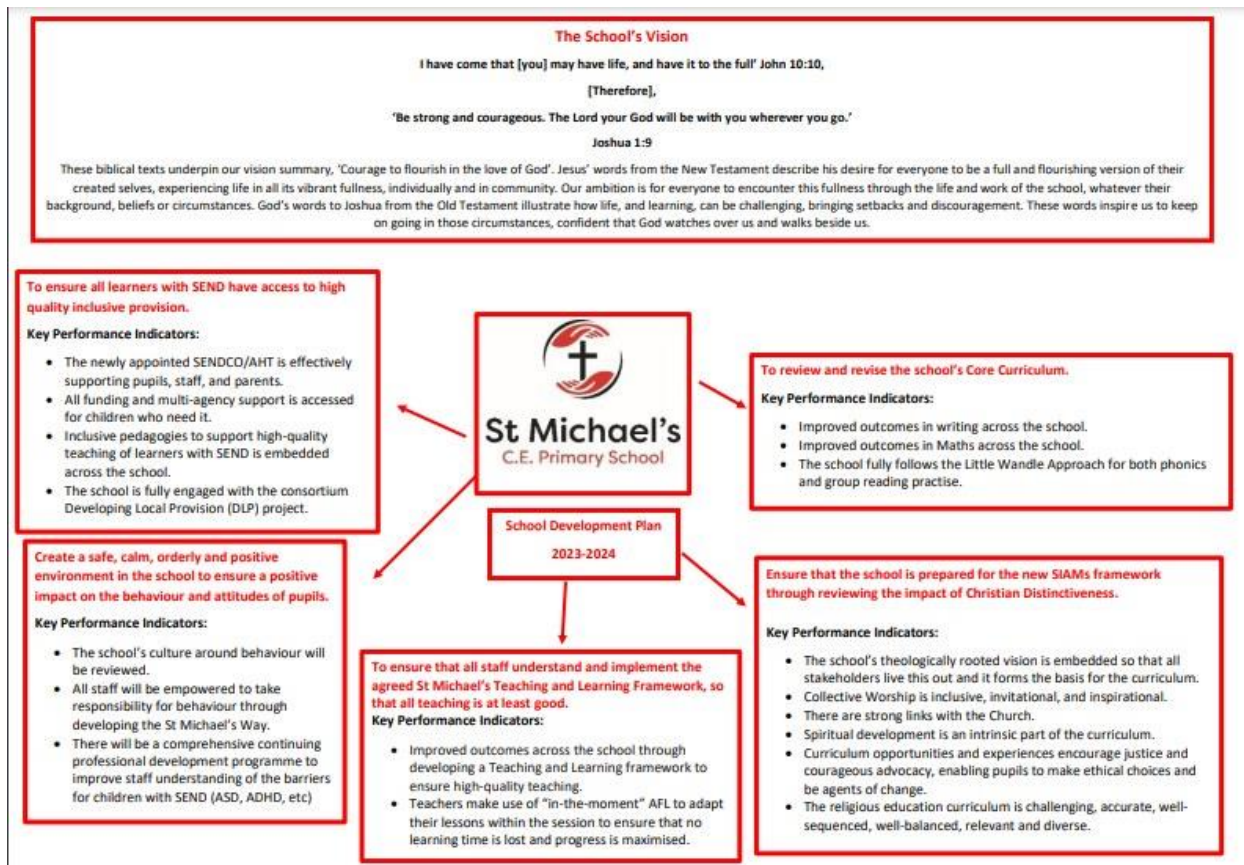
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## School Development Plan

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*Please click on the link below to see this year's School Development Plan.*

## School Develop Plan



## What you need to bring to school

*A reminder of what to bring to school:*

✓ *A water bottle (please make sure it has your name on it). This should only have water in it and have a pop up top (not a screw top as if these fall over on the desks, they will ruin the children's work).*

✓ *A school bag or bookbag.*

✓ *A healthy fruit snack for breacktime (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with this).*

✓ *You can bring your scooter or bike to school if you wish. Please remember to wear a helmet and not to ride them whilst on school grounds.*

*X As always, please remember not to bring in any toys or stationery from home, unless it has been specifically requested by your teacher.*

*X No non-prescribed medication. Any medication that has been prescribed must be handed by the parent/carer to the school office staff who will ask you to complete a medication form detailing permission and dosage.*

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## Medical and Dietary Information

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*It is very important that we have up-to-date medical information including new Care Plans so we will be sending these out for you to review, complete and return. Any other updated health information should be sent in via the school office.*

*Please remember to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs.*

*Please also ensure that any prescribed medication, including an inhaler or EpiPen, is in-date and in school - it is parents responsibility to ensure this.*

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## Free School Meals, Toast and Price Changes

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*All children in Year's Reception - Year 2 are entitled to a 'Universal Free School Meal'.*

*When a child enters Year 3 this entitlement ends. If you would like your child to receive a school dinner you will need to:*

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- Check you eligibility for a FSM here: [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk) School will be notified of the outcome of your application and proceed accordingly.*
- Top up your 'School Food United' account to ensure there are funds to pay for your child's meals. The price for a school meal for the academic year 23/24 is £2.80 per day. Remember that these need to be ordered by **8.30 am** each day.*
- We will no longer be accepting cash for toast, this will also need to be ordered each down through 'School Food United' The cost per day is 25p. Children will receive their toast at their break time between around 10.30am. Remember that these need to be ordered by **8.30 am** each day.*

- *We sent out guidance of how to create/use your 'School Food United' app via Arbor last week - if you require any further assistance please speak to a member of the school office.*
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## **Birthdays**

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*Natasha's Law came into effect on 1st October 2021. We appreciate that there may be some special times throughout the year when children may wish to bring sweets or chocolate in to share with their friends (e.g birthdays), please may we ask that children only bring in prepacked sweets such as Haribos which can then be handed out at the end of the day before children go and see their parents or guardians. Please understand that we cannot accept any homemade or individual sweets as this will not comply with Natasha's Law or current allergen requirements.*

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## **Nut Free School**

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*A reminder that the school is a nut-free zone as several children and members of staff have severe nut allergies. Please make sure that no nuts are brought to school and please check the ingredients on packets carefully. Thank you for helping us to keep all our community safe.*

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## **School Uniform**

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- *White polo shirt (with/without logo).*
  - *Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo).*
  - *Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore.*
  - *Red and white check dress (summer).*
  - *Grey or black shorts (summer).*
  - *Black shoes.*
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## P.E Uniform

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- *Red or black shorts.*
  - *White t-shirt (with or without the school logo).*
  - *Black bumps/trainers.*
  - *Black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor games in winter.*
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*Pumps are needed for indoor PE and must come in a separate bag for children to change into for the lesson. Trainers are not to be worn inside. Please make sure that your child has a pair of pumps onsite in case the weather means we need to do P.E inside.*

*You can also purchase a hoodie with the school logo on for P.E. from the office. This is not compulsory.*

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## Labelling

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*We understand how much a new uniform and school items cost and we try our best to ensure the children look after their clothing and bags. Please label your child's clothing, bags, lunch boxes, shoes and water bottles to help us return lost items to their owner.*

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## Contact Details

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### ***Telephone Numbers***

*Schools should hold two contact numbers for emergencies for each child. Please ensure these are up to date on your Arbor account.*

### ***Email Address***

*We communicate with parents and carers through email. Please do check your email address is up to date on Arbor.*

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## Twitter/X

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*Please follow us on:*

*@stmichaelsb32*

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