

St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024

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.*



Message from Mrs Roberts

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at St Michael's CE Primary School, and we have many exciting events and achievements to share with you. First and foremost, we would like to express our gratitude to Reverend Ruth for leading our collective worship on Monday. Her storytelling of Dorcas and the valuable lesson of building a community through helping others, particularly widows, was truly inspiring.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who were able to attend our Sports Day. It was a joyous occasion, and we hope you enjoyed witnessing your children having fun and participating in the various activities. A special thanks goes out to our sports coaches, Mr. Fisher, and the office staff for their hard work in organising this successful event.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you about the recent visit of our 3T class to the residents of Bartley Green Lodge. Our students were excellent representatives of our school, and we could not be prouder of their conduct and participation in the arts and crafts activities. Their kindness and engagement with the residents truly embodied the values we strive to instil in our students.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing our students with enriching experiences and opportunities to grow, both academically and personally. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in this journey.

Warm regards,

Schools in Harmony

Another highlight was the Schools in Harmony Event at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. It was truly a "WOW moment" when the choirs from the seven participating schools joined together in harmony. I have to admit that it brought a tear to my eye as the children were amazing. The valuable message of belonging together resonated deeply with all of us. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Attwood, the Head of Bellfield Junior School, and his team for their tireless efforts in making this event a reality. A huge thank you also needs to go to Miss Partridge and Miss Depper who have worked so hard with the choir this year. Their hard work makes such a difference to the children. Whether you were able to attend in person or enjoyed the livestream, we hope you found it as inspiring as we did.



Sport's Day Results

Javelin

1. Scotland
 2. Wales
 3. Brazil
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Tennis Racket Run

1. *Wales & Ireland*

2. *England*

Sprint

1. *England*

2. *Wales*

3. *Ireland*

Relay

1. *Wales & Scotland*

2. *Ireland*

Obstacle

1. *Scotland*

2. *Ireland*

3. *Wales*

Long Jump

1. Scotland

2. Wales

3. Ireland

Target

1. England

2. Ireland

3. Scotland

Overall positions and points

1. Scotland 7010

2. Wales 6840

3. England 6780

4. Ireland 6660

5. Brazil 5620

Public Health Advice

We have had a number of pupils feeling unwell over the past week. Please see the link below to the NHS website and poster for advice from Public Health.

[NHS Website](#)

If you have a concern about your child's health, you should contact your healthcare provider for advice in the first instance as they would be able to give personalised tailored advice.

Public Health also advise good hand washing technique and general hygiene measures.

Should I keep my child off school?

child off school?



Yes

Until...

| | |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Morning Snack (KS2)

Please can you ensure that children in KS2 are bringing in a healthy morning snack into school. If they are not ordering toast then they are able to bring in a piece of fruit from home. This should be the only type of snack they bring into school. Thank you.

Vapes found on School Site

Recently, there have been instances where vapes have been found on our school site. I kindly urge all parents and guardians to please ensure that your children do not have access to vapes at home.

Queries or concerns

If you have a query or concern, please remember to speak to the classteacher in the first instance. You can arrange this by either phoning or emailing the office who will pass on the message. The class teacher will then get in touch with you as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that this will be before or after school as they are teaching throughout the day.

Key Dates

25th June - Year 5 and 6 at Hillcrest School for their end of year performance.

1st July - Head and Deputy Head Pupils at Birmingham Hospice.

2nd July - Year 2 on a local area walk.

2nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Martins in Birmingham.

3rd July - 3D visiting the residents of Bartley Green Lodge Care Home.

5th July - Animal Man visiting Years 2 and 3.

8th July - Nursery Sport's Day.

8th July - Year 3 Trip to Warwick Castle.

8th July - Year 5 at Bartley Green Secondary School for their end of year production.

9th July - Year 6 at the Library.

9th July - Choir Performance to parents and carers.

9th July - Nursery Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm.

10th July - Nursery Graduation.

11th July - Year 6 Leaver's Production (2pm and 4pm - details to follow).

12th July - reports will be sent home via Arbor.

12th July - Enterprise Fayre.

15th July - Curling and Boccia Day.

16th July - Music Concert (Brass and Woodwind) at school.

17th July - Year 5 and 6 Goal Setting Day.

18th July - Year 6 Leaver's Service at St. Michaels.

19th July - Last day for the children to attend.

Nursery Places



The poster features a yellow background with a red border. On the left, there is a logo for St Michael's C.E. Primary School with a cross and colorful splatters. Below the logo is a photograph of a young girl with her hands painted in bright colors (yellow, blue, red, green). In the center, a red box contains the text 'NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE'. To the right, a yellow speech bubble contains text about 15 hours of free child care for children under 3. Below this, a yellow box provides the school's address: 'St Michael's CE Primary School, Nantmel Grove, Bartley Green, B32 3JS'. A red speech bubble contains the phone number 'Enquire Now - 0121 464 4345'. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the email address 'office@stmichaelsb32.bdmad.org.uk'.

St Michael's
C.E. Primary School

**NURSERY
PLACES
AVAILABLE**

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.bdmad.org.uk

Attendance



*The whole school's attendance target is 96%. The whole school attendance for the year so far is **93.7%**. Unfortunately, our persistent absence is **17.6%**. Please ensure your child comes to school every day.*

So far this academic year, we have had 18 families taking unauthorised leave in term time (holidays). This has resulted in £2932 in fixed penalty notices issued by Birmingham City Council. We ask that families do not take leave in term time as these will not be authorised by school.

Class Attendance - for this year so far!

RG - 92.1%

RS - 89.7%

1F - 92.2%

1M - 91.5%

2K - 92.4%

2R - 94.1%

3D - 94.2%

3T - 95.2%

4J - 93.7%

4R - 95.9%

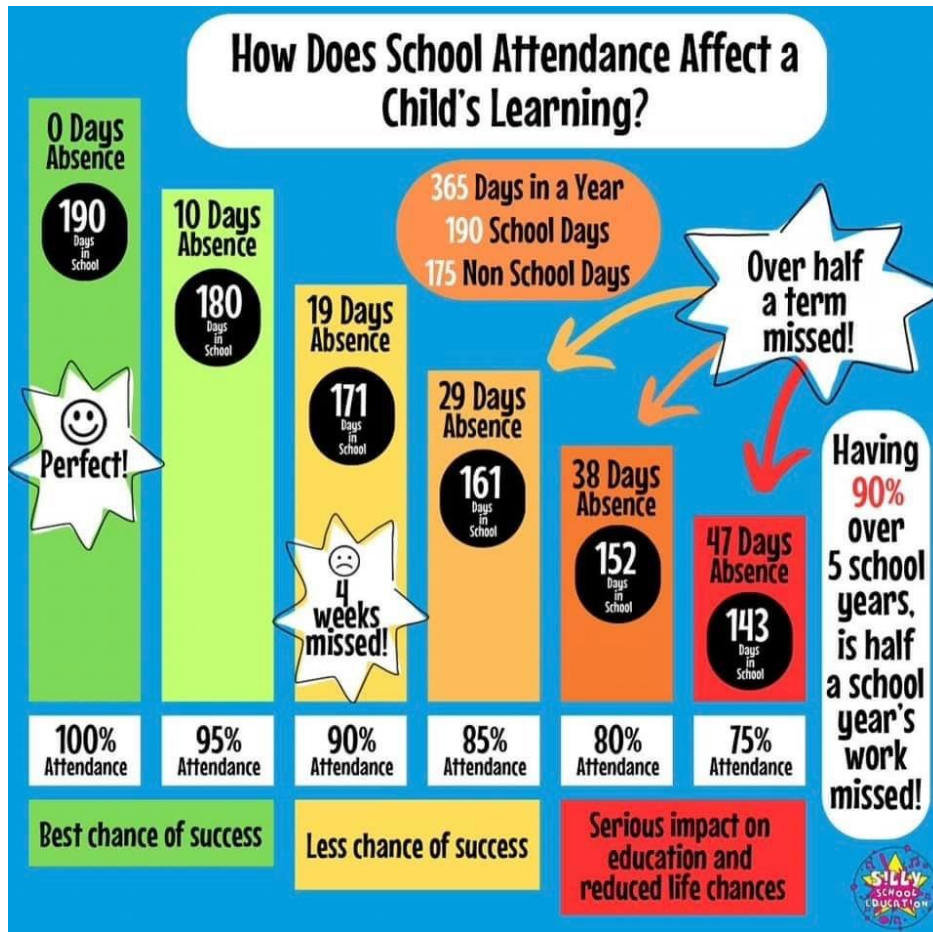
5F - 94.1%

5H - 95.1%

6H - 94.7%

6L - 93.6%

Since September 2023, we have had an increase in the number of children arriving to school late. When we have added these minutes up, they total 84 days worth of missed learning. Children must be in school and ready to learn promptly each day by 8:45am. Just a reminder that gates open at 8:35am.



NHS guidance for parents about illnesses and when their child should be in school or kept at home

The guidance can be found below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Action For Children - Advice For Parents On Children Vaping

The guidance can be found below:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

Times Tables Rockstars



TTRS Tournaments

Year Four Tournament

4J - 319

4R-134

Most time spent on TTRS in KS2 in the past seven days (Wednesday-Wednesday)

1. 4J - 324

2. 3D - 264

3. 4R - 136

Stars of the Week

The following children were nominated by the adults in their classroom this week.

Nursery

Olivia A - for fantastic singing and joining in with actions for songs

Ethan - for superstar listening and contributing to discussions

Reception

RG

Mariam- For always being a kind friend and role model.

Victor- For always contributing your ideas and working hard in all lessons.

RS

Tamiya has been showing fantastic behaviour when walking around school.

Bailee has a fantastic attitude to learning, he is always making the correct choices and showing the right behaviour.

Year 1

1F

Zach- for always being helpful and kind to others.

Joey- for being a role model during PSHE lessons.

1M

Alex - for trying really hard with his handwriting.

Cordell - for being a kind friend and supporting others.

Year 2

2K

Alanah P - for being amazing during sports day!

Ava - for helping your friends during sports day well done.

2R-

Nathan- for always being a role model, always working hard, and always being kind.

Oliver s- for an amazing sports day!

Year 3

3D

Jorgie - for trying really hard in English this week.

Keegan - for contributing to class discussions and trying hard in every lesson.

3T

Nolan - for being such a kind and respectful representative of our school when we visited the care home.

Arcaeia - for the massive improvement she has made in her reading!

Year 4

4J

Kyle - for consistently showing respect around school.

Lucas S - for contributing during Collective Worship.

4R

Loay- for always showing marvellous manners.

Tantoluwa- for always trying her best no matter what subject she is doing.

Year 5

5F

Zach - for an amazing performance in all our Maths papers.

Cerys - for an amazing performance in all our Maths papers.

5H

Joel - for an amazing effort in swimming which means you are now swimming in the deep end!

Ellora - for an amazing effort in swimming which means you do not need armbands!

Year 6

6H

Oliver - for a super sporting week - you smashed Sports ay and swimming!

Eryn - for super progress in Writing.

6L

Jessie - for creating a wonderful piece of graffiti art.

Jack - for working so independently to plan a narrative.

Lunchtime Stars

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

Nursery

Blake - for always having Marvellous Manners when speaking to staff.

Reception

Leo- for always making good choices

Year 2

Ellie- for always being a great friend at lunch time.

Harley- for always being good.

Year 3

Louie - for showing lovely manners at lunch time.

Evelyn - For always making the right choices at lunch time and showing beautiful WOW walking.

Year 5

Nawal -for always making good choices

Dionjay - for being a great role model!

Year 6

Ayah - for always being an excellent role model.

What is happening in the classroom?

Nursery

Carrying on with our topic of Transport, the children looked this week at people who use transport for their jobs. They learnt the names of some jobs like paramedic, fire fighter, postal worker and bus driver. They also enjoyed learning the words for specialist transport such as ambulance and double decker bus. The children have also enjoyed dressing up as people who have these jobs, especially the fire fighters and police, whose costumes come with a fun hat!

In the outdoor area, the children practised their fine motor skills by using pipettes and spray bottles to help put out the shaving foam fires in the happy land tuff tray and have explored mark making in chalk, water and using gross motor skills on the gigantic white board.

We also had a visitor to nursery which the children were very excited about. Jack's dad, who is a postal worker, popped in to talk to the children about his job and how he uses transport for delivering the post. The children were excited to have a visitor and were very confident at asking questions, remaining attentive and interested. A very busy week in nursery indeed!

Reception

RG

This week in Reception, we have planned and written the first part of our poems about the Whale from our story. In Understanding the world we have been talking about holidays. Miss Gidney, Miss Slattery and Mrs Walsh have shown the children some pictures from their holidays and discussed what we did. Some children have also bought in some pictures and artefacts from their holidays to show their peers too.

RS

We have been learning all about holidays this week. In the provision, children have had the opportunity to make and write postcards to their friends and family and use their fine motor skills to cut out clothes to pack a suitcase. This week in maths we have been recapping doubles, we have played doubles bingo which the children have really enjoyed, the children are getting good at recalling doubles facts, try asking them at home!

1F

This week in English the children have been busy planning and writing their stories. The children have been using fantastic vocabulary to write some very exciting stories. In DT the children have been designing hand puppets. This week they have using their imagination to draw onto a template. In the coming weeks, the children will be cutting material, decorating and sewing to complete their puppets. In science this week the children have been classifying birds and amphibians. Children had fun choosing which animal went into the correct classification hoop.

1M

This week the children have began to write their own hunting story. The children wrote about Little Red who is going hunting for a bear. They have used some fantastic adjectives to describe the bear and Little Red. We also had lots of fun during sports day and all of the children participated really well!

Year 2

2K

This week in 2K we have been working really hard with out Year 2 assessments. We are doing these in small groups and the children have been working really hard during this time. We have also been inventors. We are writing a story about inventing something. The children were amazing during sports day. Well done to 2K.

2R

This week in 2R the children have been continuing with their year 2 tests which they have been working so hard on and we have seen so much improvement from the start of the year so well done year 2. The children had so much fun on sports day and it was fantastic to see the class work together as a team and clap for everyone. We have also started planning our story in English which we will be writing next week.

Year 3

3D

This week, the children have been resilient and have worked hard when completing their tests. Everyone tried their best on sports day and showed amazing teamwork to support everyone taking part, earning points for their team. Well done everyone! 3D really enjoyed watching the choir perform on Monday afternoon, it was fantastic to see how proud everyone was! In English, we have been writing our own setting description based on our book 'Into the forest'. In History, the children have learnt how different monarchs have shaped the country, with a focus on Henry VIII this week.

3T

What a wonderful week we have had! 3T loved watching their peers perform in the choir on Monday. They all tried their hardest on Sports Day and worked well together. Wednesday afternoon, they had a lovely time visiting the care home; where they chatted with residents, sang to them and played games. We have been completing our Summer Term tests this week and I just want to say how proud I am of the whole class for their concentration and commitment to improving their scores.

Year 4

4J

This week, some children celebrated Eid and we hope you had a wonderful time with your family and friends. 4J have been completing their Summer Term tests and Mrs Joyce is so proud of them for their concentration and commitment to improving their scores. Sports Day was a competitive day for all! Children showed great compassion and skill while taking part. During afternoon lessons, 4J used the Chrome Books to create an information poster about Brazil for their topic in Geography.

4R

This week, 4R have been working hard for their NFER tests. All of the children have been mature, sensible and resilient throughout even though this can be a difficult week for some. Well done to everyone who took part in sports day. You all worked really hard and showed fantastic teamwork to earn your team some points. In maths, we have moved on to our angles topic, starting by looking at what a quarter turn, half turn and full turn is. In Writing, we have been building up to writing our next narrative and are beginning to plan our ideas.

Year 5

5F

Everyone enjoyed watching the choir perform on Monday afternoon, and it was wonderful to see how proud you were of the children in our school. Tuesday morning's sports day was a huge success, with everyone giving their best and supporting their teams. We've been enjoying the book tied to our writing unit, listening carefully as the story unfolds. This week was also assessment week, and each of you should be very proud of yourselves. The effort you've put into your learning truly shows. Well done!

Wow...another busy week. Everyone enjoyed watching the choir perform on Monday afternoon and it was lovely to see how proud you were of children in our school. Sports day on Tuesday morning was a huge success with everyone trying their best and supporting their team. We have been enjoying the book linked to our writing unit and have listened carefully to the story as it develops. It has also been assessment week. Each one of you should be very proud of yourselves. The effort you have put into your learning really shows. Well done.

Year 6

It has been another busy week this week in Year 6! We were so proud of their resilience, maturity and attitudes during sports day on Tuesday - it seemed like they had lots of fun and was so lovely to have so many parents join us! In the classroom, we have been continuing our geography unit about Birmingham, using satellite, OS and local maps to plot journeys around the area. In writing, we have analysed our model text, a dual narrative based on Hansel and Gretel, discussing the impact of the techniques used, including colons, hyphenated words and dialogue. The children really enjoyed our art lesson where they explored graffiti tags and serifs, creating their own graffiti name tag!

Measles

As you may be aware, across Birmingham there has been an outbreak of measles. Please read the following information which has been issued:

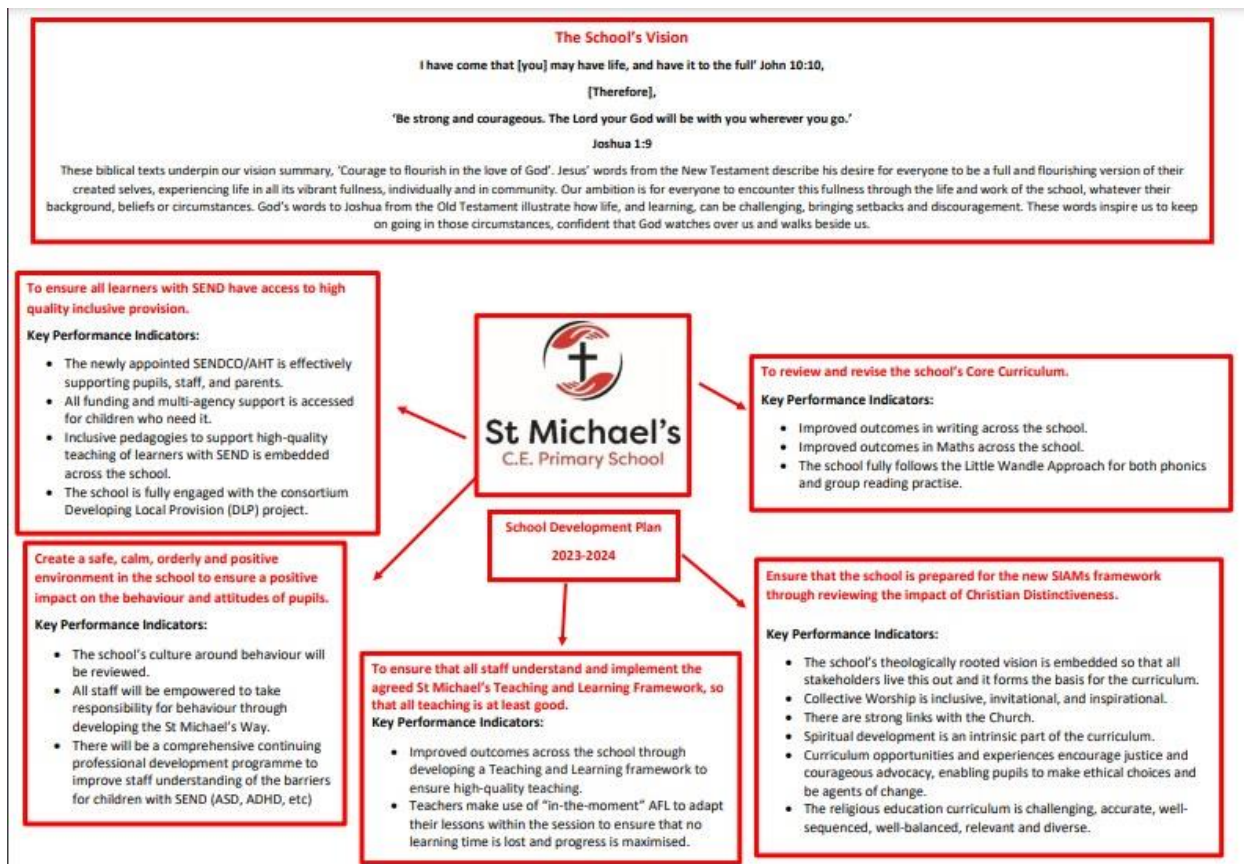
- *There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.*
- *Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later.*
- *You should ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111 if you think you or your child may have measles.*
- *Don't go to the GP or any other healthcare setting without calling them first.*

- *If your child has been diagnosed with measles by a doctor, they should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.*
 - *Parents can book a free vaccine through the GP but if a child has already been vaccinated it is very unlikely that they have measles. 'It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature'. The incubation period is the length of time it can take to develop the illness after being in contact with someone with measles. For measles, the incubation period can be up to 21 days.*
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School Development Plan

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 breaktime (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.

Medical and Dietary Information

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.

Free School Meals, Toast and Price Changes

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:

- 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

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.

Nut Free School

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.

School Uniform

- *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

- *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.



Labelling

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.

Contact Details

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.

Twitter/X

Please follow us on:

@stmichaelsb32
