

St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th 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,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits..

Firstly, I'm thrilled to report that our Year 5 and 6 students recently had the wonderful opportunity to visit Hillcrest Secondary School to watch their end-of-year production. It is always a joy to see our pupils engaging with and supporting other schools in our community. These experiences not only broaden their horizons but also foster a sense of camaraderie beyond our school gates.

Our Reception classes also embarked on an exciting adventure to Bartley Green library. Visits like these are crucial in nurturing a love for reading and learning from an early age. I'm sure our youngest pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring the world of books in a different setting.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to announce our upcoming transition morning on 3rd July. This is a significant event where our children will spend time with their new teachers and teaching assistants for the next academic year. Your child will bring home a form with further details about this important day. We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, so please be assured that we have been diligently preparing those children who may need extra support during this transition. Our goal is to ensure every child feels comfortable and excited about the next step in their educational journey.

For our Year 6 students, a special event is on the horizon. On 2nd July, they will be visiting St Philip's Cathedral for a service themed "Moving on in God's wonderful world". This service will focus on the increasingly important topic of environmental awareness and sustainability. It's a fantastic opportunity for our oldest pupils to reflect on their role in caring for our planet as they prepare to move on to

secondary education. The service will celebrate the environmental work already undertaken in schools, including initiatives like Eco Councils, and praise God for the precious world we inhabit.

As we navigate these final weeks of the school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Mrs Roberts

The Cup Final

Well done to the Year 6 girls for winning the Cup Final. They were amazing and we are all incredibly proud of them. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for your continued support and a big thank you to Scott for the work he has done with the team.





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...

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.

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 Philip's 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. 2pm KS1 Playground

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- Animal Man visiting Nursery and Reception.

9th July - Year 6 at the Library.

9th July - Choir Performance to parents and carers at 9.15am.

9th July - Nursery and Reception visit from the animal man.

10th July - Nursery Graduation in Houghton Hall 9am.

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 at 9.15am.

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

18th July - Year 6 Leaver's Service at St. Michaels at 9.15am.

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

Nursery Places

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 C.E. Primary School
Nantmel Grove
Bartley Green
B32 3JS

Enquire Now - 0121 464 4345

office@stmichaelsb32.bdm.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%

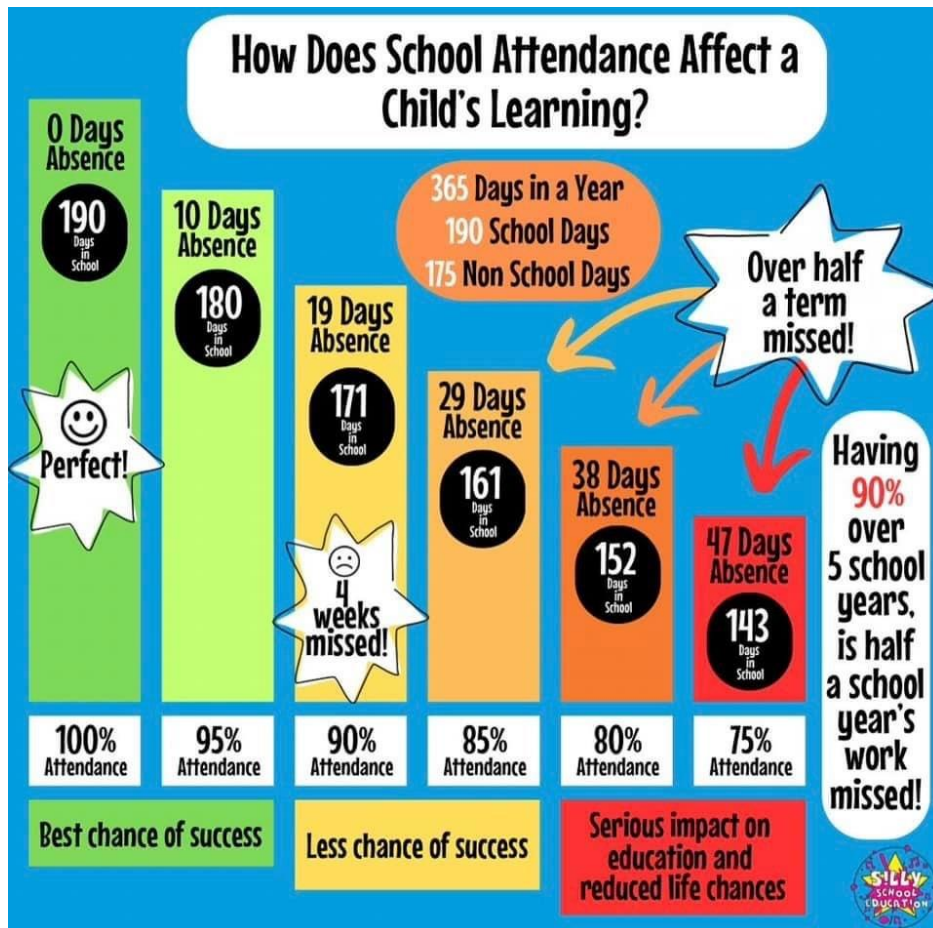
5F - 94.1%

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

School Tournament

4R - 154

4J - 143

3D - 117

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

1. *Shema - Year 4*
 2. *Brook - Year 3*
 3. *Wyatt H - Year 4*
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Stars of the Week

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

Nursery

Chidubem - For really focused learning and engagement during carpet time this week

Toluwalase - For enthusiasm during phonics

Reception

RG

Chanel- for always being a role model and a kind friend.

Teddy J- for always working hard and trying your best in lessons.

RS

Isla- for doing fantastic wow walking around school.

Aaron- Showing the correct learning behaviour on the carpet.

Year 1

1F

Kyran for his valuable contributions in RE lessons.

Norah for fantastic progression in her writing.

1M

Lailah for always taking her time and making sure her presentation is beautiful.

Ethan for participating well in lessons and asking question.

Year 2

2K

Olivia - for a big improvement in reading this half term.

Hania - for working hard to improve in all lessons.

2R

Nancy- for working really hard, and really improving her handwriting.

Candace- for working more independently in her English lessons.

Year 3

3D

Elena - for always showing STAR behaviour.

Letisha - for the massive improvement she has made in maths.

3T

Noah HL - for trying really hard with your handwriting.

Ashira - for helping others.

Year 4

4J

Lucas D - for using his amazing imagination in his writing.

Alaysia - for helping edit and improve a friends writing.

4R

Daniel - for his fantastic behaviour and contributing more to our class discussions

Daisy- for always showing that she is ready to learn

Year 5

5F

Harrison - for making amazing progress in your maths knowledge

Evie - for always being kind, caring and a pleasure to teach

5H

Trey - for a huge improvement in your maths knowledge

Persia - for showing a huge improvement during our reading sessions

Year 6

6H

Eryn K - for overcoming her fears during swimming! Well done!

Motoman - for being helpful, responsible and showing initiative!

6L

Melanie - for fantastic effort and determination in our swimming lessons.

Koray - for having so many amazing ideas for our production and using his initiative to design and create props.

Lunchtime Stars

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

Nursery

Adey - for always having marvellous manners; remembering to say please and thank you.

Reception

Alfie- for wow walking through school.

Aaron- Following instructions well.

Year 1

Joey for wow walking through school.

Year 2

Freddie B for always being respectful and listening to adults.

Belle- For always being a role model.

Year 5

Rosie - for actively joining in with all lunchtime games

Mia - for being extremely helpful

What is happening in the classroom?

Nursery

This week, the children have blasted off into space as we continue investigating our big question; How do we get places? We have looked at how science can help improve our lives and what happens when you send a rocket into space. The children have enjoyed exploring our new space station role play area, building their own rockets with construction materials and using the small world rocket figures to explore space related language. We looked closely at shells, bark and stones with a microscope and investigated which items in our classroom are made of metal by using a magnet.

The children have loved being outside in the sunshine this week and have been amazed by how well our plants and vegetables have been growing. We were excited to see a few tiny strawberries appearing on our plants and also enjoyed measuring to see how tall some of the sunflowers are getting!

Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed a trip to Bartley Green Library. We enjoyed reading some books together before choosing a book to take out of the library using our library cards. The children have been working hard to continue planning and writing our poem in Literacy describing the Whale from our story.

Year 1

1F

This week in English the children have been exploring their new book called 'Splash'. This story is about a girl called Claire who has a disability. Claire is very adventurous and brave, however, she has a fear of water. Claire eventually gets into the water and overcomes her fear, so much so that she eventually she goes on to win a gold medal for swimming in the paralympic games.

In maths, the children have been learning all about money. First we explored coins and then went on to explore notes. The children were very good identifying and learning the value of each.

1M

This week in Year 1 we have started a new story called, Splash! The children have loved reading this book and wrote a fantastic character description about the main character, Cleairs. In Music we have been practicing Love Me Do by the Beatles. The children are really excited to perform this to the rest of the school.

Year 2

2K

This week we have finished our last tests for Year 2. Well done to the children for working so hard. We have also wrote our invention story. The children have worked really hard with these and I am so proud of them. In Geography we have learnt the names of different countries and looked at the types of houses in South Africa.

2R

This week we have finally finished our tests in year 2, and I am so proud of all the hard work the children have put in. The children have been busy writing their narrative and have been excited to write it all week. In P.E we have worked on our running and passing skills and the children have also had a D.T day where they made some moving monsters.

Year 3

3D

This week in History, we created a fact file and learnt about Queen Victoria. In English, the children have started to write their Lost Narrative, using the features we have been learning in writing. In RE, we have been learning what the five pillars of Islam are. This week we have had a focus on the third pillar, Zakah, where the children researched the work of a Muslim Charity and explained what the charity stands for.

3T

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Year 4

4J

4J have started their Invention Narrative this week, using the features they had been learning and implementing them into their writing. During PE, children have been exploring their athletic and rounders skills. During afternoon lessons, 4J have looked at the 'Kingdom of Heaven' in RE and food chains in Science. Children have been building their shape knowledge in Maths, looking at a variety of triangles and their properties.

4R

This week, 4R have been writing their invention narrative using all the knowledge and skills they have been learning. In maths, the children have begun looking at symmetry, using mirrors to find lines of symmetry and create symmetrical patterns. During afternoon lessons, 4R have looked at the 'Kingdom of Heaven' in RE and food chains in Science.

Year 5

5F

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a visit to Hillcrest School to watch their performance. It was good to get an insight into some aspects of secondary school before we begin to choose ours. We have been learning 'I feel good' by James Brown and next week we will perform this to other classes as part of our music lessons. During English, we have been further exploring the story of King Kong and planning our own story based on this. Finally, during our PE lessons we have been practicing athletics, with the Olympics in mind, as well as rounders!

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Year 6

It has been another busy, and exciting, week in Year 6. We are incredibly proud of the children's excellent swimming skills and progress; it was brilliant to see the children challenging themselves and showing great resilience. In our RE lesson, we explored the Liturgical Calendar and the children were able to express their own spirituality and creativity through designing a cross based on a religious story. The children have been preparing for our Year 6 Leaver's Service next week by practicing songs, designing a banner and writing a prayer for Year 5 children. It was a tough choice to choose the one to read out at the service as the children's ideas were so thoughtful. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Measles

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

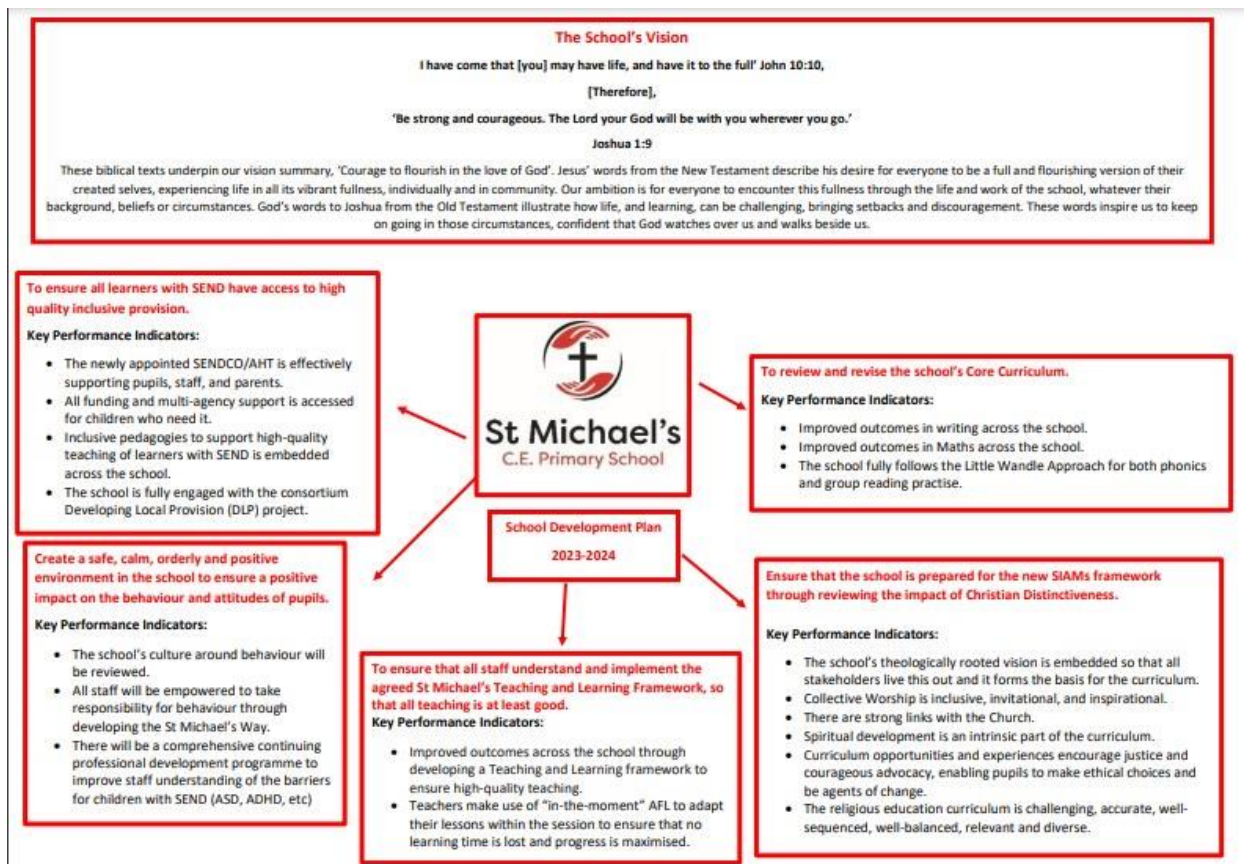
- *There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.*
- *Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later.*
- *You should ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help 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.*

✓ *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
