

St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th July 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,

What a bustling week we have had at St Michael's! I am delighted to share with you the wonderful experiences and achievements of our students and staff.

On Monday, our head pupils and deputy head pupils embarked on an enlightening visit to Birmingham Hospice. They witnessed first-hand the incredible work carried out there, and I'm proud to announce that they'll be leading our collective worship next Monday to share their insights with the entire school. Since the visit, we have received an email from the staff to say how respectful the children were and what a credit to the school they are. We are incredibly proud of them. It's heartening to see our students engaging with such important community services, and I'm pleased to inform you that the funds raised during our Enterprise Week will support the hospice's vital work.

One of the highlights of our week was undoubtedly the Year 6 Leaver's Service at Birmingham Cathedral. It was truly a joyous occasion, shared with other schools from across the city. I cannot express how immensely proud I am of all our children who attended. They were excellent representatives of St Michael's, and they should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

Our younger students have been equally busy. Year 2 embarked on a local area walk, exploring our community and learning about their surroundings. Year 2 and Year 3 had an exciting visit from the 'Animal Man', bringing their science lessons to life in a most engaging way. Year 1 and Year 3 also enjoyed trips to the library, fostering their love for reading and discovery.

In a heartwarming community outreach, Year 3 visited Bartley Green Lodge, spending quality time with the residents. These intergenerational interactions are invaluable for both our students and the elderly community members.

This week also saw our transition morning, where children had the opportunity to meet their new teachers for the upcoming academic year. I am pleased to report it was a fantastic morning, filled with excitement and anticipation for the year ahead.

Looking forward, I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Enterprise Fayre, which will be held after school on Friday, 12th July, from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this event, where you can see first-hand the entrepreneurial spirit of our students.

As always, I'm immensely grateful for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

Warm regards,

Mrs Roberts

Birmingham Hospice





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

8th July - Nursery Sport's Day at 2pm on the 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 - Year 6 at the Library.

9th July- Animal Man visiting Nursery and Reception.

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

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

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

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

12th July - Enterprise Fayre (3.30pm until 4.00pm).

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.

17th July - Open evening for parents and carers to look at books and discuss reports (3.30pm-4.00pm)

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

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

Nursery Places



The poster features a young girl with colorful handprints on her face. The text is as follows:

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.bdmatt.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%

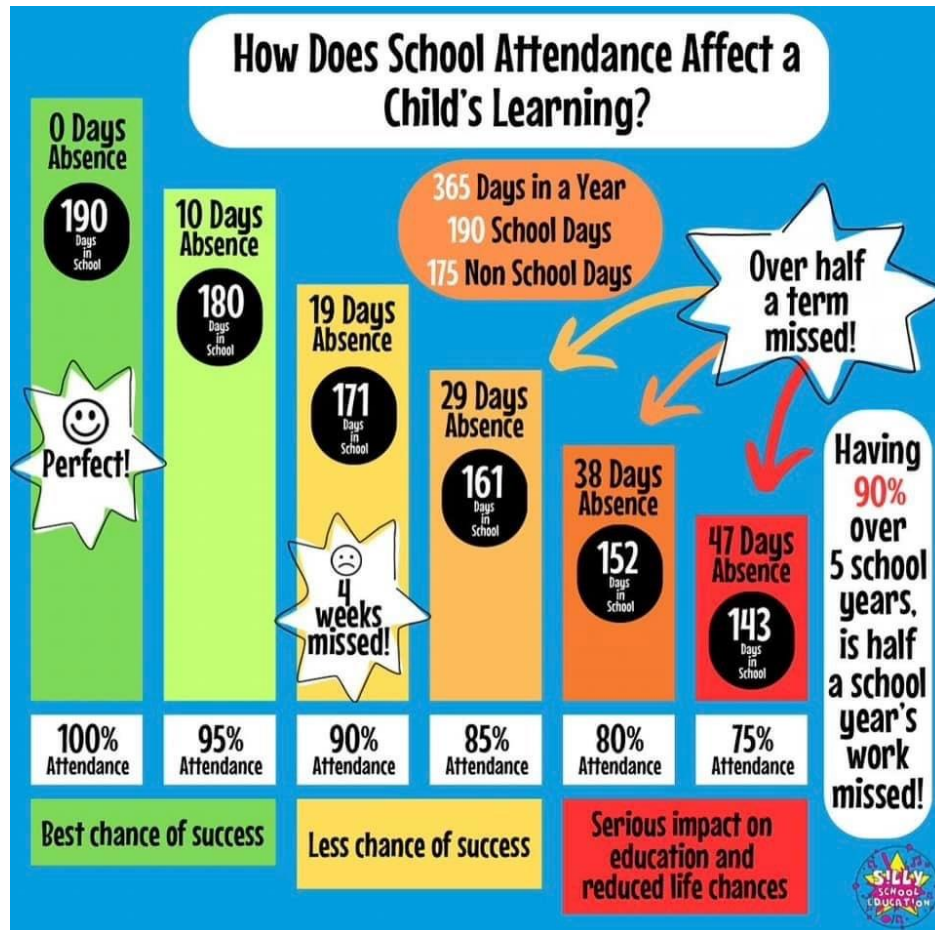
5F - 94.1%

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/>

Stars of the Week

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

Nursery

Laith - for being responsible and respectful during transition morning.

Mikiyas - for great joining in during our singing practise this week.

Reception

RG

Fiker- for being a role model to your peers by making the right choice.

Audrey- For working hard to learn and perform our song.

RS

Lacey- for trying hard in phonics to learn phase 3 sounds.

Areayah- for trying hard in writing.

Year 1

1F

AJ- for consistently being a role model.

Tahlia- for always doing the right thing and making the right choices.

1M

Brayden - for fantastic writing.

Alannah - for always being a role model.

Year 2

2K

Faith - for having a super week and working hard in lessons.

Antonella - for great wow walking.

2R

Summer- for always being a role model and trying her hardest in every single lesson.

Harry- for always being a lovely friend and supporting all your peers.

Year 3

3D

Alfie - for being really kind and patient during our care home visit.

Ben - for being super during our care home visit.

3T

Georgina - for bringing such a positive attitude to the classroom and making everyone smile.

Maria - for trying hard to deepen and justify her answers in class discussions.

Year 4

4J

Logan - for his amazing progress in multiplication.

Freya - for consistently showing the St Michaels Way throughout the school year.

4R

Mia- for the amazing progress you have made in your writing.

Roman- for the skills shown during our PE lessons

Year 5

5F

Oreoluwa - for excellent effort in our athletics PE lesson

Josiah - for always being on task and contributing to classroom discussions

5H

Ahria - for fantastic running and supporting your team

Dylan Chim - for great baton changeovers during our athletics lesson

Year 6

6H

Maddie C - for being incredibly brave when speaking aloud at our Year 6 Leaver's Service with expression and clarity.

Yoadan - for being incredibly brave when speaking aloud at our Year 6 Leaver's Service with expression and clarity.

Lydia - for being incredibly brave when reading aloud at our Year 6 Leaver's Service with expression and clarity.

6L:

Jessie - for helping the KS1 children so sensibly and with such care on transition day.

Lois - for being incredibly brave when reading out a prayer at our Year 6 Leaver's Service with expression and clarity.

Pupil of the Month

These children have been nominated by their classmates for always living out our Christian Values and being excellent role models.

Nursery

Olivia A - for always giving 100% effort during learning time.

RS

Jayden - for being really polite, especially on our visit to the library.

RG

Romey - for always working hard in Phonics lessons.

1M

Conor - for always being a kind friend.

1F

Qasim- for trying hard to learn his phonics sounds

2K

Antonella - for being a role model and a good friend.

2R

Nathan- for always being a kind friend.

3T

Noah HL- for showing STAR behaviour and for being a kind friend to everyone on the playground.

3D

Amelia - for being a helpful and kind friend in class.

4J

Wyatt M - for being a kind friend, very knowledgeable and playing with others.

4R

Gabriel M - for being a kind friend and making everyone laugh.

5H

Lexi - for being a good friend.

5F

Dionjay - for being a good friend, funny and always helpful to those around him.

6L

Maddie N-P - for always making the right choices and being an excellent role model!

6H

Danae - for being a kind friend and listening carefully.

Lunchtime Stars

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

Nursery

Teddy - for always being polite and using his Marvellous Manners.

Reception

Noah- for always following instructions and being a role model.

Lily- for being really happy and cheerful.

Year 1

Austin - for always being helpful and kind.

Year 2

Paisley - for playing nicely and being helpful at lunch time.

Harley- for always being kind and for always being a role model.

Year 5

Shamsiye - for always making the right choices and being a good role model

Zach - for always being polite and using his Marvellous Manners

Year 6

Olivia F - for making me smile so much!

Maddison G - for being such a great friend.

What is happening in the classroom?

Nursery

Arrrr Me Hearties! This week, nursery have become pirates, exploring small world figures, pirate story telling resources like goblets and golden coins, building a huge pirate ship with a sail and digging for treasure in the sand pit!

We have continued with our topic of Transport and the children have enjoyed looking at all types of machinery that can help us in our everyday lives, including farm machines, space machines, emergency vehicles and public transport options.

We have also been practising hard for next week's events; Sports Day on Monday and Graduation on Wednesday. The children are very excited to show you their hard work and efforts and we hope that as many of you can join us as possible for a very exciting end to our nursery year! Have a great weekend!

Reception

RG

This week Reception have performed a song from the film Tangled in front of Nursery and KS1. They were all amazing and sang confidently. In Literacy we have finished our poems about the Whale from our book.

RS

We have been learning about summer this week and comparing the different seasons. In maths we have been consolidating our learning of numbers to 20 by matching numicon pieces to different numerals. We have also been busy making bracelets to sell at the enterprise fayre!

1F

What an exciting week the children have had! This week the children visited Bartley Green Library. They showed role model behaviour whilst walking to the Library, and while listening to stories read by the Librarian. The children spent Wednesday morning in their new year 2 class where they met with their new teacher and teaching assistant. They had lots of fun designing and creating artwork and getting familiar with their new classroom.

1M

In Year 1 this week the children have been practicing Love me do by The Beatles. We performed it as a year group using different instruments. The children were fantastic and had lots of fun. In English this

week, we have been writing our own achievement story based on the story Splash! The children have come up with some great ideas for their stories and their handwriting has been particularly amazing.

Year 2

2K

We have had a great week this week. We went on a walk around Bartley Green to look at the different houses that we could see. The children also loved meeting their new teacher on Wednesday morning and they came back very excited. We also did our music performance to KS1 and EYFS. The children remembered all the words and actions. Finally we finished the week nicely by having a visit from the animal man.

2R have had a busy week this week, We started off our week going on a walk around Bartley Green to look at all the different types of housing. The children have also had their transition morning where they got to meet their new teacher for year 3 which they were all super excited about. We then finished our week with the animal man which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 3

3D

Wednesday afternoon, the children had a lovely time visiting the care home; where they chatted with residents, sang to them and played games. In English, they finished writing their lost narrative using the ideas they wrote in their plan last week. In History, the children learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and created a fact file about her. The children also had their transition morning, where they met their new Year 4 teacher, and they were all very excited about it. At the end of the week, we had a visit from the animal man which all the children really enjoyed.

3T

On Wednesday, the children met their new teacher! They all made a wonderful first impression and I am sure that they will continue to shine in Year 4! They finished their week on a positive note; enjoying their visit to Bartley Green Library, where they listened to a lovely story and then got the chance to explore different books that they might enjoy. Then, they had their athletics session with the coach, practising different relay activities in teams. Finally, they had a fantastic visit from the animal man who brought in a range of different animals to meet. What a way to start the weekend!

Year 4

4J

Children have been addressing the gaps in their learning this week in maths. 4J found it challenging to find the sum and difference when exploring graphs and picograms. During PE, children used their Rounders skills in a new game, Kick Rounders! The Pentecost has been a focus of learning in RE, linking their knowledge of the Code of Living to the Christian Religion. During Transition Morning, 4J meet their Year Five teacher and spent the morning getting to know them.

4R

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring pictographs and using their sum and difference skills to help them answer challenging questions. In PE, the children used their knowledge of fielding and running to help them play an adapted game of rounders. In RE, we have been exploring Pentecost and how this impacts Christians and their beliefs of the 'Kingdom of God'. The children met their new year 5 teacher and spent the morning getting to know them and doing some activities to get ready for next September.

Year 5

5F

This week in 5F the children have completed their Science topic 'Do the physical properties of materials determine their uses?'. As well as this, the children have been continuing to impress in their athletics and rounders PE lessons. On Wednesday morning, they met their new class teacher which was an extremely positive experience. I am sure you will be amazing role models in Year 6. We also began looking at a text based on the Olympics called Long Armed Ludy. We will be using this to write a speech.

5H

5H are busy preparing for their swimming badges which they will take on 12th July...keep up the hard work. On Wednesday morning, they met their new class teacher which was an extremely positive experience. I am sure you will be amazing role models in Year 6. We also began looking at a text based on the Olympics called Long Armed Ludy. We will be using this to write a speech.

Year 6

What a lovely, positive week we have had in Year 6 as we come closer to the end of the children's time at St Michael's. We were so incredibly proud of the everybody who attended the Year 6 Leaver's service on Tuesday - they behaved so well on public transport and in the cathedral. As the children have visited their new school's this week, we have enjoyed hearing about the exciting things they got up to on transition day! They have returned to school with positive attitudes and we know that we will have an amazing last few weeks in year 6.

Measles

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

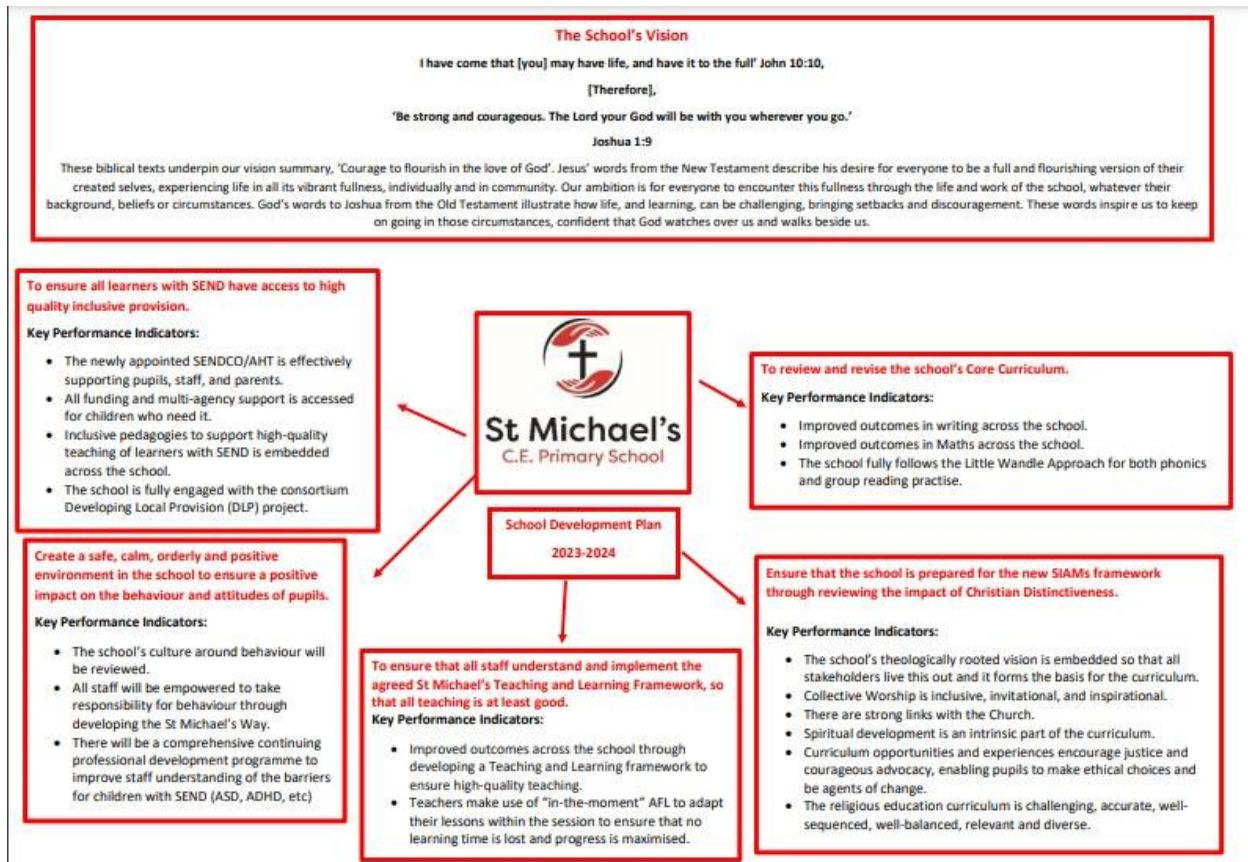
- *There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.*
 - *Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later.*
- *You should ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help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

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 your 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
