



**Welcome to**  
**St Michael's**  
C.E. Primary School

# Welcome to St Michael's Church of England Primary School



## Mrs Roberts, Headteacher, says...

At St Michael's Church of England Primary School, we are dedicated to nurturing each child's unique potential within a supportive and inclusive community. We believe that every child is wonderfully made in the image of God and our vision, "Courage to Flourish in the Love of God," is at the heart of everything we do.

## Academic Excellence

Our curriculum is designed to inspire and engage, promoting not only academic excellence but also spiritual, emotional, and social growth. It is broad and balanced, aiming to foster a love of learning and curiosity in our pupils.

We strive to provide an environment where children can thrive academically while also developing their character and faith. We are committed to ensuring that all pupils experience life in all its fullness and are prepared to be responsible citizens.

## Partnership with Parents

We value the partnership between school and home. We believe that working together with parents and the local community enhances the educational experience for our pupils. We encourage open communication through regular parent-teacher meetings and school events, fostering a collaborative spirit.

## Resources and Support

Our prospectus provides essential information about our school to support your child's learning journey. We are here to answer any questions you may have and to provide further information as needed.

## Joining Our St Michael's Family

We invite you to join our vibrant school community, where every child is encouraged to flourish.

**Thank you for considering St Michael's CE Primary School for your child's education.**

# School Leadership Team

## Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Roberts – Headteacher

Mr Bhatti – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Immanuel – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Bird – Assistant Headteacher

Ms Joyce – Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion

## Middle Leadership Team

Miss Sturdy – Early Years Phase Leader

Miss King – Key Stage One Phase Leader

Mrs Brazier – Lower Key Stage Two Phase Leader

Mrs Hession – Upper Key Stage Two Phase Leader



**We are always happy to help!**

With a commitment to excellence and a passion for education, our leaders are always striving to ensure that every child receives the guidance and support they need to thrive. They work collaboratively with staff, parents and the community to uphold our school's values and vision, making St Michael's a place where everyone can flourish.

# Our Vision and Values

## Our Vision

Courage to Flourish in the Love of God

## Our Scripture

'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)



## Our Commitment

Our school vision acknowledges God as the creator of the world and everything in it, emphasising the unique and wonderful nature of each individual, made in His image. We embrace Jesus' universal promise of life in all its fullness for everyone, without exception, and strive to align our theological beliefs with the lived experiences, opportunities, and achievements of both adults and pupils in our community.

Inspired by God's charge to Joshua to be courageous in the face of uncertainty and difficulty, we are confident that God journeys with us through these challenges. In our school community, we recognise the diverse circumstances and challenges faced by individuals and families. We courageously embrace these challenges and commit to transforming lives and learning, enabling each person to become the fullest version of themselves—spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually—as God intended.

Our vision, summarised as "Courage to Flourish in the Love of God," is underpinned by biblical texts that inspire resilience and the pursuit of life in all its fullness. We aim for everyone to encounter this fullness through the life and work of the school, regardless of their background, beliefs, or circumstances, confident that God watches over us and walks beside us.

# Our Vision and Values



## Our Values

To support our vision, we have seven overarching Christian Values. Our core Christian values have been chosen so that living them in a real way, in the life and work of our school and community, helps everyone to encounter 'life in all its fullness'.



# Christian Distinctiveness

## Church School

Being a Church school means that we are committed to nurturing the spiritual, moral, and emotional development of our pupils in a context that reflects Christian teachings.

We have a strong and meaningful relationship with the Church of England Birmingham who provide valuable guidance and support, helping us uphold our Christian ethos and values in all aspects of school life. Through this partnership, we are able to create a nurturing and inclusive environment, foster strong connections with the local faith community, and ensure that our leadership and governance align with the teachings of the Church.

## St Michael and All Angels Church

We are very lucky to have St. Michael and All Angels' Church just down the road! Pupils regularly join Reverend Ruth for services and reflection. The Church is located within Bartley Green. It is here that our pupils worship and celebrate events together.

## Collective Worship

Collective Worship is central to school life, taking place daily to engage the whole community in exploring the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. Serving pupils, staff and parents from diverse backgrounds and faiths, our worship is designed to be inspirational, invitational and inclusive. We explore a range of biblical and non-biblical texts, sing hymns and reflect on our school values and personal lives.

## Bishop of Birmingham Award

Our school was recently awarded the Bishop of Birmingham Award for living out our Christian vision. We are one of only three schools within the Diocese to have won this award in 2025. This recognition highlights our commitment to inspiring our pupils to act courageously and compassionately in their daily lives.



# Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust



St Michael's is proud to be part of the Birmingham Diocesan Multi Academy Trust (BDMAT) family.

BDMAT is a West Midlands based multi-academy trust committed to providing high quality education for all the children in our schools through collaboration, challenge and targeted support.

BDMAT is guided by the Christian mission and aim to ensure that our pupils and staff enjoy 'life in its fullness' (John 10:10).

Being part of BDMAT offers significant benefits for our pupils. It provides access to a wider range of resources, enhancing learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth. Collaboration within the MAT allows for the sharing of best practices and innovative teaching methods, ensuring high-quality education across all member schools.

BDMAT schools are about providing an education within a Christian framework for pupils of the local community of any faith or none; Our Trust seeks to provide a place where Church schools and non-Church schools who support our philosophy can continue to provide high quality education, knowing that their distinctive ethos will be protected into the future.



# The School Day

## School Hours

For pupils in Reception to Year 6, our doors open at 8:35am, welcoming pupils to start their day. By 8:45am, the doors close and the school day officially begins, ensuring a prompt start to lessons. The school day concludes at 3:15pm, when pupils are dismissed and can head home or participate in after-school clubs.

Our Nursery operates with a timetable designed to accommodate both morning and afternoon sessions. The doors open at 8:35am, allowing pupils to settle in before the school day begins at 8:45am. For those attending only the morning session, the school day ends at 11:35am. Afternoon-only pupils start their day at 12:35pm, with the school day concluding at 2:55pm.

Any child arriving to school after 8.45am will be marked as late. Being on time for school is crucial. It ensures pupils don't miss important lessons and helps them develop responsibility and discipline. Punctuality contributes to a respectful and orderly environment, benefiting everyone. We encourage all pupils to prioritise arriving on time to make the most of their educational experience.

## Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt with/without logo
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with/without logo
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black shorts (summer)
- Red and white check dress (summer)
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Our PE uniform consists of:

- Black shorts
- Red t-shirt with/without logo
- Black pumps
- Black tracksuit bottoms (winter)

# Food in School

## School Meals

Our healthy, nutritious and tasty school meals are prepared on site everyday by our fantastic kitchen staff and are a firm favourite amongst our pupils and staff. Parents can order their child's meals online to ensure they receive a meal they will enjoy. We offer a range of hot meals, vegetarian options or jacket potatoes and sandwiches. Children have access to the delicious salad bar every day.

## Packed Lunches and Snacks

Pupils may bring their own packed lunch. We request that the contents of lunchboxes are in line with our healthy eating policy. There is fresh water available at all times.

Pupils in Nursery and Reception will be provided with fruit and milk every day. Pupils in Key Stage One and Two may bring in a piece of fruit for their morning snack.

## Free School Meals

The universal Infant Free School Meals scheme means all pupils attending Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. If you are on a low income, your child may be entitled to free school meals in any school year.



# Curriculum



Our curriculum has been designed to enable us to realise our vision for every child to have the 'Courage to Flourish in the Love of God', spiritually, emotionally and intellectually.

The content, enriching opportunities, and pedagogy of our curriculum are designed to develop spiritual and intellectual wings that will enable our pupils to take off and soar into the next stages of their life and learning, having courage and confidence to be world changers. With God at the heart of everything we do, these will be delivered in the context of our Christian vision and values, and our three key learning behaviours – ready, respectful and responsible.

Spiritual development, equality, diversity, and justice are central themes in our curriculum so that every individual, fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God, can:

- Flourish as the person God made them to be
- Develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to be successful
- Have the courage to overcome difficulties and setbacks
- Live a life that courageously respects and cherishes diversity and difference
- Live and learn well in community
- Learn to be courageous advocates of justice and agents of change
- Be inspired by the stories and traditions of faith and belief

# Early Years

At St Michael's, we are passionate about ensuring that our pupils develop a solid foundation for learning that provides them with the best possible start to life. We aim to give each child a happy, positive and enjoyable start to their school life within a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

## Our Early Years Curriculum

Our early years curriculum and learning environment is carefully planned to support learning through play. Our teaching and learning approach comprises of three layers: continuous provision, enhanced provision and focus tasks. This sits within our own school curriculum model which ensures that our pupils know more, remember more and can do more. Pupils are supported to build upon prior knowledge, retrieve taught knowledge and then apply their knowledge and skills in provision and focus tasks.

## Early Excellence Partner School

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the educational experience for our youngest learners, we are

delighted to be recognised by Early Excellence as a Partner School, to host events and share excellent practice. This partnership has allowed us to implement innovative strategies and high-quality practices which are essential for our pupils' overall learning and growth.



# Early Years

## Forest School

Our Early Years Forest School programme offers pupils weekly opportunities to explore and learn in the natural outdoor environment. Activities such as den building, nature crafts, bug hunting, and storytelling help nurture curiosity, creativity, and independence.

These sessions promote essential life skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving through hands-on, child-led experiences. They also encourage a sense of wonder and responsibility for the world, supporting pupil's overall personal and social development.



# Reading at the Heart of our Curriculum

At St Michael's, we love to read! Reading is at the heart of our school curriculum because we strongly believe that it opens doors to many opportunities in other curriculum areas and in life. Through reading, pupils gain knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and foster a lifelong love for learning. Our comprehensive curriculum includes a diverse range of literature, encouraging pupils to explore different genres and cultures. By integrating reading into all subjects, we ensure that our pupils build a strong foundation for academic success and personal growth.

## Structured Phonics Programme

The Little Wandle phonics programme is consistently delivered across the school, ensuring all children acquire phonetic knowledge and decoding skills.

## Whole Class Reading

Our approach to teaching reading is inclusive, featuring high-quality texts that captivate our pupils' attention. We foster a culture of collaboration, sharing experiences, and improving oracy. We utilise a selection of diverse texts, including modern and classic literature, non-fiction, and poetry, aligning with the curriculum and our pupils' varied interests and backgrounds.



## Library Visits

Library visits are an essential part of our educational programme at St Michael's. These visits provide pupils with access to a wide range of books and resources, fostering a love for reading and research.

# Opportunities for Music

## Music

Here at St Michael's, music lies at the heart of our learning community and flows throughout every pupil's learning journey. By nurturing musical talents, we inspire creativity, expression, and a lifelong appreciation for music.

## Young Musicians

We provide every pupil with the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument with confidence by the time they leave Year 6. They are taught by specialist music teachers who guide them through the steps of becoming a skilled musician. By teaching composition and performance, pupils are encouraged to pursue individual interests and experiment with artistic, creative and personal expression. Some of the musical instruments that children will learn to play include:

- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Trombone

## Choir

Our school choir brings together pupils with a passion for singing. Through regular practise and performances, choir members develop their vocal skills, teamwork and confidence. The choir participates in various school, local and national events, showcasing their talent and spreading joy through music.

## Worship Through Song

As a Church school, Collective Worship is a joyous occasion of celebration and reflection. We worship and praise faith in song daily, uniting us as a collective to celebrate the Almighty Lord.



# Opportunities for Sport



## Physical Education

We provide a high-quality PE curriculum that provides opportunities for pupils to develop their confidence and competence in a variety of physical activities. Our PE curriculum also provides active participation in sport, competition and supports excellence, allowing our children to flourish. Our positive and inclusive approach to PE builds children's skills of teamwork, determination, resilience and boosts self-esteem.

Our PE lessons are led by a dedicated and experienced sports coach who brings expertise, enthusiasm, and a passion for physical education. This specialist support ensures that all pupils receive high-quality instruction and are motivated to achieve their personal best.

We also take part in inter-school competitions, giving pupils the chance to represent our school, experience competitive sport, and celebrate their achievements. These events foster a sense of pride, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

## After School Sports Clubs

Our school offers a variety of sports clubs, providing pupils with numerous opportunities to stay active and develop their athletic skills. Pupils can join clubs such as football, multi-sports and dodgeball, where they can learn new techniques, improve their fitness, and enjoy friendly competition. These clubs are a great way for pupils to build teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship while having fun and making new friends.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons are an integral part of our curriculum for Key Stage Two pupils. These lessons provide essential life skills, ensuring that all pupils learn to swim confidently and safely. Lessons are taught by qualified instructors who support pupils to build their confidence in the water, improve their physical health, and develop lifelong skills.

# Curriculum Enrichment

## Educational Visits

At St Michael's, we believe that educational visits are a vital part of our pupils' learning experience. We offer a variety of trips to enrich their understanding of the world around them. Pupils have the opportunity for multiple visits including the Black Country Museum, different places of worship, Cadbury World and Warwick Castle. These visits provide hands-on learning experiences, deepen their knowledge and help them make real-world connections to their classroom studies.

## Visitors

Our school enriches pupils' learning experiences by hosting a variety of visitors and events. Theatre companies perform engaging plays and conduct drama workshops, while Birmingham City Mission offers insightful sessions on community service. History workshops bring the past to life with interactive activities. We also host lively pantomime performances, and graffiti artists inspire creativity through mural projects. These diverse activities foster a well-rounded education and vibrant school community.



## Charity Work

Our school is dedicated to supporting charitable causes and engaging children in meaningful fundraising activities. We proudly partner with Birmingham Hospice, contributing to their vital work through various initiatives. Among our popular events are the Rudolph Run and Bunny Hop, which bring the community together for fun, themed runs that raise funds and awareness for the hospice. These events not only support important causes but also teach pupils the value of giving back and foster a spirit of generosity and community involvement.

# Pastoral Care

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At St. Michael's, we place equality and inclusion at the heart of everything that we do, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to flourish and achieve their full potential. We embrace the fact that all pupils are different and have diverse learning needs. We offer high quality, inclusive teaching which enables all children to make the best possible progress in school and feel they are a valued member of the school community. In addition, we work closely with a range of external agencies to ensure that children receive the specialist support they need to thrive both academically and emotionally.

## Emotional and Mental Health Support

Supporting emotional and mental health is crucial for pupil well-being. Our approach includes early identification and intervention, professional counselling services, mental health interventions and support programmes. We have multiple Senior Mental Health

Leads and a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant to provide expert guidance and targeted emotional support.

## The Hub

The Hub is a key part of our school's provision for supporting emotional wellbeing. It offers a calm, supportive environment where children can explore and manage their emotions in a safe and structured way. Our Inclusion Teaching Assistant works with pupils individually and in small groups, delivering nurturing activities tailored to their emotional needs.



# Ofsted and SIAMS

## The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)

At St Michael's, we are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for our pupils. Our dedication to excellence is reflected in our latest Ofsted inspection where the school was judged as 'Good' in all areas.

### Ofsted said...

- *Pupils are happy and feel safe at St. Michael's.*
- *Teachers have high expectations of pupils' learning and their behaviour.*
- *Pupils show positive attitudes to learning.*
- *Leaders and teachers encourage pupils to embrace diversity and difference across the community.*
- *Pupils learn to reflect on aspects of faith and equality with sensitivity and respect and describe their school as being 'a school for everyone'.*
- *Pupils like the words 'aspire' and 'courageous' in the school's vision because it helps them to be confident when trying new things.*



## The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

At St Michael's, we are proud to be recognised for our strong Christian ethos and commitment to nurturing the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of our pupils. We were delighted to be graded as 'Good' during our last SIAMS inspection.

### SIAMS said...

- *School leaders use resources to create an inspirational environment that strongly proclaims the school's Christian distinctiveness.*
- *The curriculum and culture of the school focus on the value and uniqueness of each individual enabling them to grow and flourish.*
- *School leaders are passionate about achievement for all.*

# Admissions



St Michael's is a Church of England Primary School with a distinctively Christian ethos. This underpins the values of the school and reflects its nature. We ask all parents applying for a place here to recognise and support this ethos and its importance to the school. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the faith of the school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. Applicants must apply to their home Local Authority by the closing date.

The school's admission number is 60. Where the number of applications is lower than the school's admission number, all applicants will be admitted.

If you wish to apply for your child to join St Michael's during the academic year, please contact the school office who will be happy to take the relevant details from you.

## Nursery

Admissions to our Nursery are managed directly through the school office. Parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in our Nursery should contact the school office for detailed information and assistance with the application process.

# Contact Us

For any inquiries or further information, please contact the school office directly. Our office staff are available to assist you with admissions, provide detailed information about our school, and answer any questions you may have. You can reach us via phone, email, or by visiting the school office.

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We look forward to welcoming you to our school community and hope you consider joining us.



