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St Michael's CE Primary School

Creating a community where we learn together through:

Respect, Kindness, Curiosity and Faith

Monday 11th November

I hope you all had a restful half term break. We had a fantastic first term back at school, with a lot going on, and much more to come this term leading up to Christmas. So far this term we have had an African drumming workshop, football tournaments, trips to the Living Rainforest and the Model Village. This coming term we have Remembrance service, the Art Gallery, class assemblies, Christmas plays, tree trimming and the PTA Christmas events.

Events

As I mentioned there are a number of events coming up and further information will come out in due course where necessary. The first big event is the return of the art gallery on 25th November which will take place over at Cordes Hall. An email has been sent out with timings and details of how the day will function.

Our church service will be on the morning of 18th December, please remember we will lead the children in to church to get seated before we let any parents in. This is for safeguarding and safety reasons and once again we ask that you respect this request. If parents are in the church before we arrive, we will kindly ask that they come outside in order to get the children in first. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Uniform

We are having a big focus on school uniform and starting as we mean to go on with high expectations. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE lessons, hoodies are to be worn on PE days only, as are trainers. Please do contact the PTA if you require any second-hand uniform and remember to label all clothing. Please check the lost property box if you are missing any items of clothing.

Attendance and punctuality

As we previously shared in July 2024, school attendance is a key focus and all schools are required to work to meet certain targets and follow the updated Government guidance effective from August 2024. There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of exceptional circumstances. As a school, our attendance is closely monitored by our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and we are now required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Punctuality is also important to ensure children are prepared and ready to start their day. We ask that children arrive as close to 8:35am as possible as every day starts with 'morning motivation', which is selected tasks and activities based upon what they have been or will be learning.

Our Whole school attendance for autumn term 1 was 95.71%, our aim is to be above 95%. Below is a table of attendance for each year group:

Year Group	Percentage
EYFS	93.49%
Year 1	95.32%
Year 2	94.85%
Year 3	96.92%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	98.24%
Year 6	92.68%



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Dates for your diary

Below is a list of events taking place this term and throughout the year. More events will be added, and this list will be updated with times, plus extra events throughout the year. Some dates/times may change; we will do our best to give plenty of notice.

Headline calendar dates 2024-25	
Date	Event
Monday 4 th November	INSET day
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Service Y6 10:45
Wednesday 20 th November	Prospective parent morning 9.15am
Friday 22 nd November	Children in Need – dress like your hero
Monday 25 th November	Art gallery – all day
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 3 class assembly 9am
Monday 2 nd December	Tree trimming. KS1 9am and KS2 10am
Friday 6 th December	Pantomime
Tuesday 10 th December	Y2 Christmas assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas lunch and X-mas jumper day
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception/Y1 play AM time TBC
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Church Service 9:30am
Friday 20 th December	End of term 1:30pm
CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Tuesday 7 th January	Children back in school
Monday 13 th January	Parents evening 1:30 – 5pm
Tuesday 14 th January	Parents evening 1:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 5 class assembly 9am
Friday 14 th February	End of term
HALF TERM	
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 17 th March	Work Viewing Afternoon 2 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 1 st April	Rock Kidz
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Church service 9:30am
Friday 4 th April	End of term 1:30pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Wednesday 23 rd April	Children return to school
Monday 28 th April	Parents evening 1:30 – 5pm
Tuesday 29 th April	Parents evening 1:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 30 th April	Class photos
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 class assembly 9am
Friday 23 rd May	End of term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Wednesday 11 th June	EYFS/Reception class assembly 9am
Monday 23 rd June – Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 1 st July	Charters Transition day (year 6)
Tuesday 1 st July	In-school transition morning
Wednesday 9 th July	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9:30am



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Thursday 10th July	KS2 Sports Day 9:30am
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Play 3:30pm
Monday 21st July	Leavers Church Service 9:30am
Monday 21st July	Reports home
Wednesday 23rd July	End of term 1:30pm

*Dates and times subject to change and more dates will be added throughout the year.

Parent/ carer optional donations on Scopay

Parent/ carer donations to school are welcomed and greatly appreciated. There is an optional donation that appears in Scopay accounts automatically which is set up with a suggested amount of £30. However, parents can support the school by making a donation for the amount they choose, or not pay at all. We understand finances for so many are a challenge and there is no pressure to donate, but we are grateful for any donations that come through, which will be used to further develop and improve provision for children in school. With continuous budget constraints, donations play such an important part in supporting St Michael's and ensuring children have resources and opportunities to ensure they have the best education possible.

PTA

A Busy October Half Term

This October half term was bustling with excitement, thanks to our spooktacular Scarecrow Trail! We were thrilled to see so many amazing scarecrows crafted with creativity and enthusiasm. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated and to our School and the Sunninghill community for their unwavering support, along with the Sunninghill high street businesses who created some amazing scarecrows again, We couldn't have done it without you and all proceeds go straight back into the School for our kids, so THANK YOU!!

Scarecrow Trail Winners - We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's Scarecrow Trail! Drum roll please...



Congratulations to all our winners and participants for making the trail a memorable event! Can't wait to see what spooky and creative scarecrows adorn the streets next year.



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Upcoming Events



Wreath Making Workshop

Get into the festive spirit with our wreath-making workshop! This is a wonderful opportunity to unleash your creativity and craft beautiful wreaths to adorn your homes during the holiday season. Open to everyone, so bring a friend or neighbour!! All materials will be provided, and your ticket includes a glass of Prosecco along with a festive treat. Additional beverages will be available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting the St. Michael's PT. Spaces are limited, so be sure to, reserve your spot without delay!

Elfridges and Grotto

December 13th is when Elfridges is returning to the school where there will be a variety of gifts for your little Elf to select and gift wrap as their gift to you. Don't miss out! Grab your tickets on the PTA website before they vanish on December 10th! After that, they will embark on a magical journey to Santa's grotto, where they'll receive a special gift and have their photo taken to cherish forever! The PTA would also love your help to keep this festive wonderland alive each year, so feel free to sprinkle some donations on the PTA website.

Save the Date

Curry and Quiz Night

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of delicious curry and challenging quizzes on **1st February 2025**. Gather your teams and get ready for a night of laughter, competition, and great food. Tickets are now Live on the PTA website, open to everyone so don't be shy!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and thank you for your continued support. The PTA is open to everyone in the school community and we really couldn't do it without your support so please consider joining the PTA WhatsApp group, or ask your class Rep for more details.