



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Families,

I can't believe how quickly time is flying this year. This week I have had the opportunity of spending time in English lessons across the school. I saw high quality teaching, ambitious learning and incredible independent writing. I say this every year but it really is a privilege to lead St Michael's and I never cease to be amazed at the work the children produce.

## Attendance

We are receiving an number of notifications about holidays. Just a reminder that any holiday is an unauthorised absence and in line with the Government Policy launched in August 2024, may be subject to a Penalty Notice.

Please can we also remind parents that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea then they cannot return to school until they are 48hours clear of this. This is to help stop the spread and protect those in our community who may be vulnerable. A full list of isolation periods for a whole range of illness can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources#exclusion-table>

## ALT

One of the many benefits of joining the Abingdon Learning Trust was the additional school improvement opportunities. We are already starting to reap the rewards of these. Mrs Tridgell (Director of Education) spent time in school last week and commented how quickly the children settle to learning and how well the teachers meet the needs of all learners.

We will be working with the Vulnerable Learner Lead for the Trust to help develop our opportunities for children and families at St Michael's. This is a really exciting chance to make sure our community get what they need, when they need it.



## Staffing

As you will know, Mrs Richardson will be leaving us at half term to start her Maternity Leave. We have had the great fortune to find two members of staff who will cover Year 2 whilst Mrs Richardson is otherwise engaged! Miss Hunnisett and Miss Wood will be teaching the children and have lots of great learning planned. There will be a thorough handover from Mrs Richardson and there will also be an opportunity to meet with them both before half term.

We also have Miss Holbourn joining us as a student teacher on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and will be working alongside the team in Year 4. Mrs Hyland will be her mentor. Miss Holbourn is training under the School Cantered Initial Teacher Training route so has had a great amount of time already teaching in schools. We are looking forward to welcoming her to St Michael's.

## Pupil Voice

Just before Christmas we completed a pupil voice survey with all children in Key Stage 1 and 2. The older children completed this anonymously online as part of their computing lessons and the younger children in small groups as part of their PSHE lessons. The children completed a series of questions based around school experience and belonging.

I feel like a part of my school	I feel included at my school	I have good friends at school	I feel listened to at my school	I feel proud to belong to my school	I can be myself at my school	My learning is the right level for me	My learning is interesting
93%	84%	92%	86%	87%	87%	88%	88%





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## SSA Logo



You may have noticed that the SSA have a great new logo! It beautifully links everything – school colours, the connection to the copse, class names – our incoming new library as well as our purpose to nurture and grow the future. Thank you to the SSA for being so mindful and creative!

## Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

- **School Safeguarding Team**

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Hayley Leyshon (HT)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Lina Sheehan (SENCO), Chris Paynter (DHT), Emily Green (EYFS Lead)

- **Immediate danger**

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

- **Immediate concern**

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

- **If you are a parent or carer**

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon  
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# QUIZ and pizza NIGHT

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**SATURDAY  
1ST FEBRUARY**

7PM TIL LATE

STEVENTON VILLAGE HALL

£10 per person [includes free drink]

Book using QR or email:  
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