



St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Families,

What a difference a little sunshine makes! It has been a wonderful start to Term 5. The children's learning has been fabulous and the hard work that has gone into their writing has been very impressive.

Elm class have written some hilarious alternative explanations to how household objects work. Think chameleons in washing machines, polar bears filling fridges with ice and dragons heating food in microwaves. Oak have written some incredibly moving poetry and air mail letters based around their Windrush topic.



Before and After school

Please can I remind everyone that all children need to be supervised by parents until they line up to come into school at 8:45am and that they should walk their scooters and bikes when on the school site and not ride them. We have again had a few near misses or children getting hurt when climbing in places they shouldn't be!

Weather and Suncream

Please can all children have a hat and water bottle in school each day. The weather means that we take every opportunity to do our learning outside, even if it is just listening to a story so it is essential the children are suitably prepared.



It is easier (and quicker!) for children to come to school with all day, high factor suncream already applied. However, if this is not possible, please could I ask that children bring in a roll on suncream. Aerosol, spray or other suncreams often leave a residue on the floors which means they are then slippery.

Please can you also reinforce that children should not be sharing their suncream. Thank you!

Attendance and Punctuality



We have a steady stream of children who are arriving at school after 8:45am. I appreciate that the traffic from outside of the village can cause delays however the regularity of lateness means that children often do not have the smooth start to their learning that they need. Being on time for school allows children to begin the day as part of a "team" rather than joining once the rest are settled.

As the summer term is underway, I am aware of people taking term time holidays. Please note that these days are unauthorised and depending on the length of time, may be subject to a Penalty Notice. All adults with parental responsibility are subject to the fine, irrespective of whether they live together or not.

The fines are £80per parent, per child. Therefore, for two children of compulsory school age the total fine will be £160 per parent.

Staff will not provide children with work to take on holiday with them. If you do wish to complete some work then please use the termly homework grids on Dojo at the start of the term.

Please remember to contact the office by phone or email if your child is absent as Dojo is not always check by staff before school.



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Current attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Cohort Size	24	30	29	29	23	29	22	186
Attendance Jan	96.5%	94.2%	96.4%	95.6%	93.69%	95.84%	94.06%	95.22%
Attendance March	95.8%	94.9%	96.6%	95.5%	94.5%	96.8%	93.5%	95.3%
Attendance May	95.6%	95.1%	96.4%	95.6%	94.6%	96.3%	93.3%	95.3%
+/-	=	+	=	=	=	=	=	=
Unauthorised Jan	0.25%	1.0%	0.81%	1.14%	0.76%	0.76%	1.77%	0.92%
Unauthorised March	0.36%	0.81%	0.61%	1.12%	0.73%	0.71%	2.10%	0.97%
Attendance May	0.60%	0.93%	0.62%	1.23%	0.74%	0.78%	2.09%	1.02%
+/-	+	+	=	+	=	=	=	+

Consultation to change the age range of school

This consultation asks for your views about extending the age range of St Michael's C of E Primary School, from 3-11 to 2-11 for 1 September 2025.

By extending the age range of the school, the opportunities for the children within the village to access early education are maximised and there is operational and financial resilience within the School to implement and sustain this change. As the Nursery Class is based in the former Steventon pre-school building, the space is already equipped to accommodate children aged 2½ and as such no remedial alterations to the fabric of the building will be required.

The Early Years curriculum and goals can be looked at from age 2½ to age 5, giving children a smooth start to their education from starting Nursery into KS1, and then KS2.

We know that there are a shortage of places of children before they reach 3years of age and that with the Government introduction of more funded places in Early Years settings that this has increased the demand. A survey of parents within our school community has suggested that there is already local demand for this age range change.

The leadership and governance arrangements already in place for our Nursery Class will remain and the headteacher of the school will be held to account for the work of all areas of the School by the local academy board (LAB) and Trust CEO.

We want to know what questions or concerns you might have and whether you would support this proposal to merge, or not.

Please send any comments to enquiries@abingdonlearningtrust.org or office@stmichaelsprimary.school titled 'Age Range Consultation', or via letter in an envelope marked 'Age Range Consultation' to the School. Your consultation responses should be received by Friday 16th May.

This letter is available on the websites of St Michael's School and Abingdon Learning Trust. There are some FAQs that follow, which we hope will be helpful.

At the end of the consultation period, all responses will be collated and discussed by both the Local Academy Committee and the Abingdon Learning Trust trustees.

At that point the decision whether to go ahead with the change of age range, or not, will be taken.



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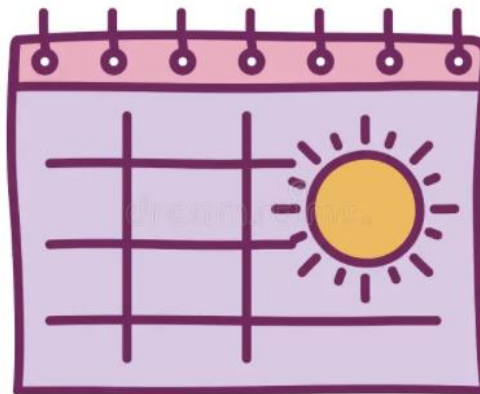


Diary Dates

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Thursday 8th May - VE Day Celebrations
Monday 12th May - KS2 SATs Week begins (Year 6)
Friday 23rd May - Year 1 Pirate Day
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half Term
Monday 2nd June - INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 3rd June - Term 6 Begins

Advanced Diary Date Notice

Wednesday 11th June Y3/4 Quad Kids
Thursday 12th June – Year 5/6 Quad Kids
Tuesday 17th June – Year 6 End of Year photos
Thursday 19th June = Year 6 Cricket
Monday 23rd June – Year 5 Cricket
Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day
Thursday 3rd July – Year 5 Hill End residential
Monday 7th July – Trust Conference – School closed
Saturday 12th July – SSA Summer Fete



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

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Attachment

EASTER FUN

The SSA invites
you to have fun this Easter!

SPONSORED HOP-A-MILE

At school during the last week of term
Sponsorship money in by Monday 31st March
Prize for the most sponsorship!

EASTER HAT COMPETITION

Design an Easter Hat!*

£1 entry per child

Hats to be completed and presented
during assembly on Thursday 3rd April
Prizes for best hat!



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School
Association

*There will be a drop-in family Easter hat making session held after school on Wednesday 2nd April. All welcome!