



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Families,

What a busy couple of weeks – from sporting achievements and escaped lizards to non uniform and Jolly Jars. Year 1 have done some fab home learning, Year 2 have made some amazing sunglasses cases in DT, Year 3 have had a great time at Forest school, Year 4 have made some great vehicles and the Year 5/6 production is underway - there is a never a dull day at St Michael's.



## **Sporting Achievements**

Our wonderful sports Leaders have written up the various events:

### *QuadKids*

Two weeks ago, a team from Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 took part in the QuadKids athletics event at Tilsley Park in Abingdon.

There were 4 events: Sprint, Long Run, Long jump and Howlers, 11 Schools took part in each event (around 300 kids).

Everyone took part in each event. It was hard to beat the challenges, but no one gave up! In my opinion, it was hard but no matter how hard it was I didn't stop. Everyone was supporting each other and the atmosphere was amazing! Even though we didn't win, we still tried our best and enjoyed it.  
Tima (Year 6) Sports Leader

Following on from this the Y3/4 QuadKids team went on to compete in the Vale finals. The team worked incredibly hard coming 5<sup>th</sup> overall. We are incredibly proud especially as all of the schools in places 1-4 are two form entry, with 60 children in each year group.

### *Cricket*

Last Thursday, a team of ten players from year 5 and 6 went to the Dynamos cricket tournament in Abingdon. We left at 11:30 and arrived back at 4:30.

We won our group and in the semi-final we played Marcham School, where we got 11 boundaries 6-fours and 5-sixes. We won that match now all that was left was to play Sunningwell in the final and we won that match by a country mile! The team was Barney, Ollie, Harvey, Oshie, Jerry, Timo, Jake(captain), Henry, Ethan and Hugo.

The team never lost hope and played superbly.

By Jake Jones(Year 6 sports leader)



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## Sports Day 2025

On Wednesday 25th June everyone took part in Sports Day. The school was divided into the four house groups and they competed against each other. The events in the morning were a long distance run, speed bounce, long jump, bean bag target throw and javelin. In the afternoon, after lunch on the field, there different events for each year group, including an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and skipping race.

The final results were:

1st Dormouse – 2474

2nd Fox – 2335

3rd Barn Owl – 2067

4th Hedgehog – 1715



After the results were announced, the House Captain and Vice House Captain of Dormouse, Kiki and Daniel, lifted the trophy. My favourite part of the day were the afternoon events, because it was really nice to get a chance to win races for my house team.

By Mason (Year 6) Fox House Vice Captain

A huge thank you must go to Scott Humpries for both rescuing us by painting the lines and for the amazing drone footage!



## Staffing

We are now in a position to share our staffing for September and we have some new faces to welcome to the team.

Mrs Simmons is an experienced EYFS Teacher who joins us with a wealth of experience and Miss Holbourn, who has been with us as a SCITT student since February. We look forward to working with them both and know that you will make them feel very welcome.

The classes will be as follows:

Acorn – Mrs Green and Mrs Gregory

Willow – Mrs Simmons

Maple – Miss Cooper

Sycamore – Mrs Drabble and Miss Wood

Rowan – Miss Heaps

Elm – Miss Holborn

Ash – Miss Fytche

Oak – Mrs Satchwell and Mr Paynter



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Unfortunately, due to unforeseen family circumstances, Mrs O'Brien will no longer be joining us as the Vulnerable Learner Lead. Mrs Satchwell will be returning to her position as our named SENCO and Miss Cooper will work alongside her as the Acting Vulnerable Learner Lead.

As you will know, after 15 years, Mrs Sheehan will be finishing at St Michael's at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her incredible dedication and passion in supporting and advocating for all children at St Michael's but especially those with SEND.

Mrs Sheehan will be taking up a really exciting position at an Alternative Provision for older children near her home in Kent and we know she will make such a difference to children and parents alike.

## **Diary Dates Comping Up**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 5/6 Cricket Finals

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 5 Hill End

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – ALT Conference – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 trip to Mudeford

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Willow Class to Cotswold Wildlife Park

- Governor Day
- Choir Summer Concert 5:30pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Hayley Leyshon  
Headteacher