



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Families,

We are almost at the end of term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their phenomenal hard work this term. The volume and quality of learning that has taken place is fabulous and I hope you all enjoyed sharing in it at Parent's Evening. The plate spinning that staff in school do is incredible and I am incredibly proud of the team.

I received some really lovely feedback from a parent this week who joined Willow and Acorn on their trip to Farmer Gow's. It was wonderful to hear how polite, interested and generally wonderful all of the children were on this exciting adventure. This echoes the feedback from lots of visitors recently. The most frequently used words are "calm" "engaged" "peaceful" and "delightful". This again, makes me feel incredibly proud.

As always, ahead of a longer holiday, we will be finishing at 1pm on Friday. School will re-open after the Bank Holiday, on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at 8:45am.

## Attitudes to Learning

I have shared on Dojo the Attitudes to Learning descriptors. If you would like a paper copy of these, please speak to your child's class teacher. These will be referenced in your child's end of year reports and at parent's meetings going forward.

## Attendance

I am getting an increasing number of requests for 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.

## Current attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Cohort Size	24	30	30	28	24	29	21	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%
+/-	-	=	=	=	+	+	-	=
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%
+/-	+	-	-	=	=	=	+	=



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## Football Results

St Michael's played away against Drayton on Friday. Despite losing 3-2, Mr Paynter was impressed with the team's tenacity, motivation and teamwork, especially in the second half. With lots of games coming up after Easter we are looking forward to seeing this team go from strength to strength.

## 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**

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Non Uniform Day for Y6 Leavers Fundraising

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Reception Class Vision Screening

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 9:30am Church Service

1:00pm School finishes for Easter

1:15pm – Duck Race for Y6 Fundraiser

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School re-opens 8:45am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 Fundraiser Football Match

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  
Headteacher



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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!



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