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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Families,

As we begin to wrap up another vibrant and successful academic year, I'm incredibly proud to reflect on the many milestones we've reached together. This year has been one of transformation, enrichment, and community spirit.

School Development

- **Academy Conversion:** A major milestone this year was our successful transition to academy status—opening new doors for innovation, collaboration, and growth

Wellbeing & Inclusion

- **Enhanced Support for Emotional Wellbeing:** We expanded our in-school provision with the introduction of:
 - Soft Start Club to ease morning transitions,
 - PAWS Animal Therapy for calming companionship,
 - Music Therapy to support emotional expression,
 - and an expanded Nurture Forest School to promote resilience and connection with nature.

Sporting Excellence

- **County-Level Success:** Our students shone in sports once again, with standout performances in cricket and Quad Kids, reaching county-level recognition.
- **Girls' Football Club:** Newly launched this year, the team showed incredible determination and teamwork—finishing 2nd in the league

Creative & Performing Arts

- **Drama Productions:** We staged two fantastic performances, showcasing our children's creativity, confidence, and talent on stage.
- The choir put on several incredible public performances brilliantly demonstrating our value of courage!

Enrichment & Clubs

- **12 Extra-Curricular Clubs:** From chess to athletics, football to beekeeping, our club programme has never been more diverse.
- **Wraparound Care Growth:** Our before- and after-school provision has grown significantly, supporting more families than ever.

Community & Fundraising

- **SSA Events:** A huge thank you to our Steventon School Association for organising several successful events that raised vital funds to enhance our school environment and opportunities.

The end of the year is also a time for goodbyes.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils and all those moving on to new adventures,

As you prepare to take your next steps, we want you to know just how proud we are of each and every one of you. You've grown in confidence, kindness, and curiosity—and it's been a joy to watch you flourish.

Whether you're heading off to secondary school or starting a new journey elsewhere, remember this:

- You are capable of amazing things.



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- You are brave, even when things feel uncertain.
- You will always be part of our school family.

We've shared laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories—from drama performances and sporting triumphs to quiet moments of support and friendship. You've left your mark here, and your legacy will continue to inspire those who follow.

As you move forward, take with you the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've made, and the belief that you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

We will miss you—but we know your future is bright. Go forward with courage, kindness, and the confidence to be yourself.

A Heartfelt Thank You

To our children: your enthusiasm, kindness, and achievements have made this year unforgettable.

To our families: your support and trust mean the world.

To our staff: your incredible dedication and care continue to inspire.

To our Governors: your challenge and support continue to ensure the best for the children of Steventon

A message from the Governors:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and School Community,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, the Governing board would like to share updates on our recent activities, school achievements, and plans for the future.

This term has been filled with remarkable accomplishments by both students and staff at St. Michael's. We continue to be impressed by the dedication shown throughout the school community, and are pleased to share some highlights with you.

- *The integration of St. Michael's School with the Abingdon Learning Trust continues to go from strength to strength. Governors have been aligning their roles and individual responsibilities with those of the Trust which should lead to further positive results.*
- *Throughout the Summer term, governors have been actively involved in school life through learning walks and safeguarding visits.*
- *As we look forward to the next academic year, our priorities include continuing to develop our inclusive curriculum and enhancing the school's outdoor learning spaces.*

There were several changes to the Governing board this year, and we would like to send our heartfelt thanks to Ann Parham and Kathryn Mendus for all of their dedication and hard work during their time as governors. We're also very pleased to now have Alex Rennie-Lis as our Chair, and are actively recruiting for two new governors to join our ranks.

Thank you all, again, for your continued support of our school. We wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

I will now pass you over to our Chair, Alex, for his message as Chair.

Alex's Message from the Chair

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to thank our parents, carers, and wider community for your continued support. This has been an evolutionary year for St Michael's full of challenges, growth, and shared achievements as we joined the Abingdon Learning Trust. On behalf of the governing board, I extend our gratitude to the wonderful staff and inspiring pupils who make our school such a special place. Your dedication and encouragement truly help our children thrive. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another successful year ahead.



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With kind regards,

Sarah Hudson

(on behalf of the Governing Board of St. Michael's, Steventon)

Here's to a restful summer and an exciting year ahead!

We look forward to seeing you Wednesday 3rd September at 8:45am!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon
Headteacher