



St. Michael's

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Newsletter

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Greetings from St. Michael's



Dear Families,

On Thursday 7th November, we had the immense honour of welcoming the **Secretary of Education, Bridget Philipson**, to St. Michael's. This visit was a testament to the incredible transformation our school has undergone over the past three years. As the most senior political leader responsible for education in the UK, Ms Philipson chose our school to witness first-hand the high standards of learning we've cultivated. But more than that, she wanted to delve into the heart of what makes St. Michael's special - our vibrant community here in Handsworth and the unity that propels us forward for the benefit of our pupils.



You should be very proud of **your school** - we certainly are! What's more, we know there is even more to come from this amazing school!

Speaking of our wonderful pupils, I'm thrilled to report that our **attendance** continues to be robust. The figures from the first half-term are truly impressive:

- An outstanding 123 pupils didn't miss a single day of school!
- A total of 152 pupils had one or fewer days off.
- Our whole-school average attendance stood at an impressive 97%.

These numbers are more than just statistics; they represent countless opportunities for learning, growth, and development. Remember, every day in school is a chance for your child to flourish. Let's keep pushing for excellence in attendance - the more your child is in school, the more they will learn and thrive.

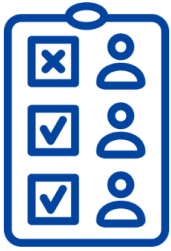
I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Harvest** food drive. Your generous donations have been passed on to Father Dominic and St. Michael's Church, where they'll benefit our wider community. This beautiful act of kindness embodies two of our core values - love and community.

As we move forward, let's continue to support one another, celebrate our successes, and strive for excellence in all we do. The visit from the Secretary of State is a wonderful recognition of our journey, but it's the daily commitment of our pupils, staff, and families that truly makes St. Michael's shine.

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Attendance - Autumn 2 Half-Term



- There are 7 weeks and 35 school days this half-term.
- If your child attends school every day between now and Christmas, their attendance for that period will be 100%. However, for every day that they miss, their attendance for that period will reduce as detailed below:

Days Attended	40	39	38	37	36	35
Days off	0	1	2	3	4	5
Percentage	100%	97%	95%	92%	90%	87%
School Concern	No concern		Concerned		Persistently Absent	

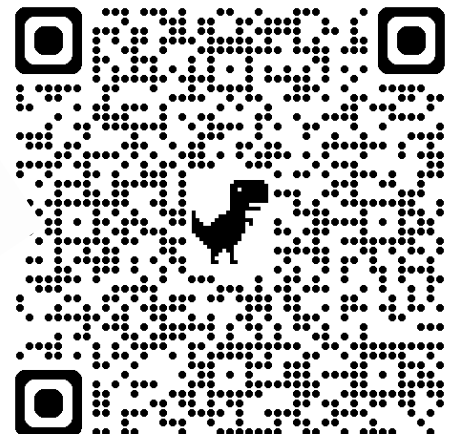
- If your child is persistently absent, we will have no choice but to enforce Birmingham Local Authority attendance policy, which could ultimately lead to a fine and legal action against parents.
- The more your child is in school, the more they will learn and the more academic progress they will make.

September 2025 - Reception Class



- We're excited to announce that we're now recruiting children for our Reception class starting in September 2025. If your child turns 4 by the start of September 2025, they're eligible to join us. Parents can easily apply online by scanning the QR code we've displayed.
- We understand that the application process might seem daunting, but don't worry! Mrs Begum is here to help. She's more than happy to sit with parents and guide them through the application step-by-step.
- We need your help, too! Please spread the word about our fantastic school. The more pupils we welcome in September 2025, the more funding we receive to invest in St. Michael's. This means better resources and opportunities for all our children.
- Together, let's grow our school community and create an even brighter future for St. Michael's. Your support in increasing our pupil numbers is invaluable.

Scan here to apply for a September 2025 Reception place:



Deadline 15 January 2025

School Places



- Our pupil numbers are currently the highest they have been for close to 30-years.
- However, we still have a very limited number of school places, especially in Year 1.
- Please help spread the word and help us fill the remaining few places we have.
- If you know of a Year 1 pupil (current age 5 or 6) looking for a school place, please ask their family to contact Mrs Begum for a chat about joining.

Maths Homework Book



- If you wish to buy a maths homework book, please bring the exact payment of £6 to the school office
- Books will be issued at the point of sale and can be taken by parents immediately after payment is made

PE Kit

Scan here:



- Children must wear the correct PE to school on PE days
- Children MUST NOT wear any other clothing apart from the school PE kit - football shirts, designer tracksuits etc are not part of the school PE kit
- Children MUST wear trainers on the days they have PE



School Trips - Diary



Date	Class	Destination	Cost	Letter Sent Home?
Thursday 28th November	3 to 6	Panto	£13	Yes
Thursday 5th December	Rec	Brig House - Day Trip	£15	Yes
Thursday 10th April	5	Brig House - Overnight	£30	No
Friday 2nd May	6	Tower of London	TBC	No
Thursday 5th June	4	Brig House - Overnight	£30	No
Thursday 12th June	3	Brig House - Overnight	£30	No
Thursday 19th June	6	Brig House - Overnight	£30	No

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Friday Sports Club



- **From Friday 8th November, we will be hosting an after-school sports club every Friday evening. The club will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm.**
- The Friday sports club is NOT delivered by St. Michael's, but by a private company.
- The club is delivered by a company called Neo Sports who work in several schools locally.
- Each Friday, children will play a range of sports, including:
 - Football
 - Basketball
 - Dodgeball
 - Archery
 - Boxercise
 - And much more
- The club is open to **all children in Years 3 to 6.**
- The cost of the club is **£20 for 7 weeks.** School makes no profit from this club. Full payment is passed onto Neo Sports.
- There are 15 spaces available in this club.
- If you would like your child to attend this club, please return this form completed with payment by Friday 25th October.

I would like my child to attend the Friday after-school sports club:

Name of Pupil:

Class:

Name of Parent:

Parent Signature:

I have included a payment of £20

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