



St. Michael's

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Newsletter

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Greetings from St. Michael's



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of this festive half-term, we are excited to share the many wonderful activities planned for the **Christmas season**. This time of year is always filled with joy and anticipation, and we look forward to celebrating with our students through various fun and engaging events. A full **timetable** can be found in this newsletter.

With the **colder weather** upon us, we kindly remind you to ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the season. A warm coat is essential to keep them comfortable during outdoor activities and breaks. Additionally, some of our **PE lessons** will continue to take place outside, so it is important that your child wears their full PE kit, including trainers and either their black hoodie or grey PE jumper.

Attendance remains a key focus for us, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all families who consistently strive for excellence in this area. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development, and we appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring they are present and engaged in their education.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to a joyful and productive half-term. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Hynan

Attendance



- There are 7 weeks in this half-term, or 35 school days.
- 139 children have come to school every day so far this half-term.
- 32 children have missed 2 or more of the 19 days this half-term.
- The whole-school attendance for this half-term is 96%.
- Parent attendance meetings will take place on Monday 9th December for those children who are classed as being persistently absent (attendance below 90%). Letters have been sent to parents to confirm time and dates of meetings.

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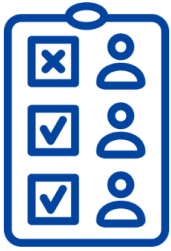
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Attendance - Autumn 2 Half-Term



- 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	

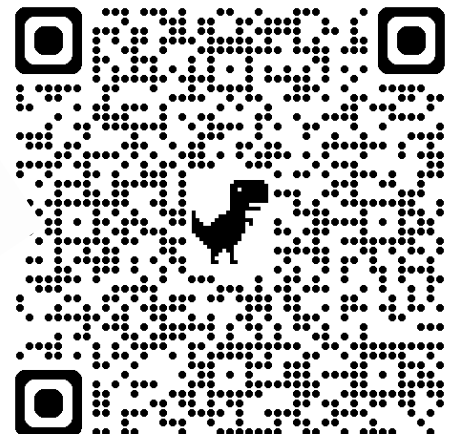
- If your child is persistently absent, we will have no choice but to enforce Birmingham Local Authority attendance policy, which could ultimately lead to a fine and legal action against parents.
- The more your child is in school, the more they will learn and the more academic progress they will make.

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.
- We currently have the following spaces for pupils: Year 1 (aged 5 and 6) - 9 places; Year 5 (aged 9 and 10) - 1 place
- If you know of a family looking for a school place, please ask their family to contact Mrs Begum for a chat about joining, regardless of what year group they are in.

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



- 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

Scan here:



School Trips - Diary



Date	Class	Destination	Cost	Letter Sent Home?
Wednesday 4th December		Selected children - Council House	£5	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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Christmas Calendar



Thursday 12th December

- **Supper Club** 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 18th December

- **Christmas Jumper Day** All children to wear a festive jumper to school - think sparkly and bright, garish and loud! Children are asked to make a donation of £1 with all donations going towards the St. Michael's Food Cupboard.
- **Christmas Dinner** All children are invited to have Christmas dinner at school. Parents must book this via the School Food United app as normal. Children are welcome to have packed lunch as normal if that is their preference.
- **Class Party** Each class will have a party on the afternoon following Christmas Dinner. Children should bring in an item of food or drink for the party buffet. Please only bring in packaged items, no home-baked items, and no nuts.

Thursday 19th December

- **Christmas Cantata** Families are invited to join us for a morning of festive song and music from 9:10am to 10:10am.

Friday 20th December

- **Reception and Year 1 Nativity** The highlight of the year! Families are invited to join us for the annual Nativity performance starting at 9:15am.
- **Break-up for the Holidays** School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 20th December and re-opens for all at 8:30am on Monday 6th January.

Arbor Phone App



- From January 2025, all trip payments must be made via the Arbor App.
- Please download the Arbor phone app and follow the activation instructions that have been emailed to you.
- All school communication will also come via this app.

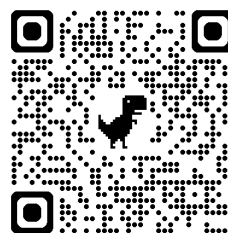


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Coffee Morning



- Our weekly Coffee Mornings have recently fallen away. We are keen to get this weekly even going again!
- Please join us on Tuesday for the first of our new Coffee Morning sessions, where we will plan out a calendar of events based on your ideas, from arts and crafts to keep fit sessions.
- Please come and help us plan for the relaunch of Coffee Morning! Our Coffee Morning needs you!
- **Tuesday 3rd December—8:45am - 10:00am**



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**Break up for Christmas:
Friday 20th December**

**Return to school:
Monday 6th January**

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