



St. Michael's

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Newsletter

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Greetings from St. Michael's



Dear Families,

As we approach the festive season, the excitement is palpable throughout our school community. Christmas is nearly upon us, marking the busiest and most joyous time of the year. We are thrilled to invite all families to join us for a series of special events that promise to bring warmth and cheer to everyone. Our **Nativity** performance will capture the true spirit of Christmas, while the **Cantata** musical extravaganza is set to dazzle with its array of talent. Additionally, our **Supper Club** will offer a delightful evening of food and friendship.

As we embrace the winter months, we kindly remind parents of the importance of regular **attendance**. This time of year often brings colds and other ailments, but maintaining consistent attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. Let's work together to ensure our students remain engaged and thriving.

Lastly, a gentle reminder for parents of children who will be starting school next year: the deadline for applying for a place in **Reception** for September 2025 is **January 15th**. Please ensure your applications are submitted on time to secure your child's place.

More information about all of the above can be found in this newsletter.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful season with you and your families. Warm wishes for a joyful and healthy holiday season!

Mr Hynan

Attendance



- 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	

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Collecting Children at the End of the Day



- Children must be collected from the **designated collection point** at the end of each day.
- Parents **can't collect** children from other locations.
- Only Year 6 pupils can **walk home alone** - written permission is required.
- Children can only be collected by **designated adults** (aged 16 or above).
- If you want your child to be collected by someone other than those who normally collect them, please phone the office during the day and inform Miss Hooper of your wish and the **password**.

School Uniform and PE Kit



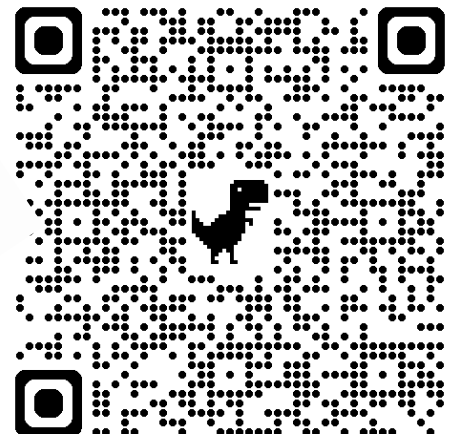
- Boys uniform: grey jumper, white polo t-shirt, grey / black trousers and black trainers or shoes
- Girls uniform: grey jumper or cardigan, white polo t-shirt, grey pinafore or grey / black trousers and black trainers or shoes; **NO BOOTS or HEELS**
- Children **MUST** wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Boys and girls have the same PE kit.
- PE Kit: Grey / black tracksuit bottoms, white polo t-shirt, and either the grey school PE jumper or a plain black hoodie. Children must wear trainers on the days when they have PE.

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 (0121 554 7818) for a chat about joining, regardless of what year group they are in.

Supper Club

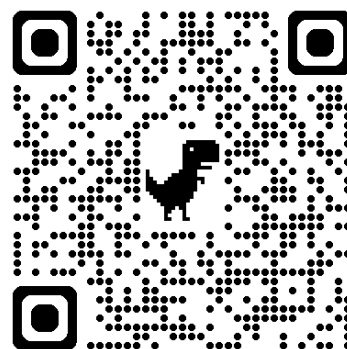


- Date: **Thursday 19th December @ 3:15pm**
- This is different to the date originally advertised - apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Job Vacancy - Teaching Assistant - Part-time



- We currently have a vacancy for a part-time teaching assistant
- Scan the QR code to apply
- Key Information:
 - Part-time - Monday to Friday
 - 12:45pm to 3:30pm
 - Contract runs from January to the end of the 2024/25 academic year (fixed-term contract) -
 - Relevant experience and qualifications essential



Coffee Morning - Every Tuesday Morning



- Every Tuesday morning - 8:45am - 10:00am
- Please join us for a cuppa, a biscuit (or two), a catch up with friendly faces and the chance to have a laugh and some fun!

School Trips - Diary



Date	Class	Destination	Cost	Letter Sent Home?
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



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.

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.
- **Supper Club** Join us after school for a warm meal, a chance to catch up with friends and some Christmas fun **3:15pm - 4:15pm**
- **Class Party** 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. **MOVED FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER.**

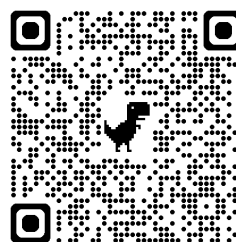
Friday 20th December

- **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.

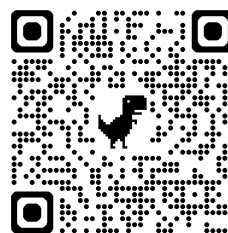


Google Play Store

Swimming - Year 4



- Year 4 will go swimming every Friday between January and Easter
- Swimming lessons ARE **COMPULSORY** - all children **MUST** attend swimming lessons
- Children should bring their swimming kit to school on a Friday, along with a towel and a bag
- Year 4 will walk to swimming
- Swimming lessons start on Friday 10th January



Apple Store

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

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