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Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome Back to St. Michael's – A Joyful Start to 2025/26!

Dear St. Michael's Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break, filled with special moments and well-deserved relaxation. It was truly wonderful to see our school come alive again yesterday as we welcomed our children back for the start of the 2025/26 academic year.

The atmosphere was full of excitement and positivity, and we are so proud of how brilliantly the children settled in on their first day. Their enthusiasm, smiles, and readiness to learn reminded us of the incredible community we have here at St. Michael's. We are thrilled to begin another year of growth, learning, and shared success.

A very special welcome goes out to all our new families joining St. Michael's this year. We're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and your children as part of our school community. We also warmly welcome ten new members of staff who have joined our team. Each brings a wealth of experience, energy, and passion for education. You can learn more about them in the dedicated section of this newsletter.

As always, we deeply value your support. Your partnership is essential to everything we do, and we know that when school and families work together, children thrive. One of the most impactful ways you can support your child's education is by ensuring they attend school every day and arrive on time. Consistent attendance gives your child the best chance to fulfil their academic potential and feel confident and connected in their learning journey.

Thank you for being part of the St. Michael's family. Let's make 2025/26 a year to remember!

Warm regards,

Philip Hynan

Headteacher

Pupil Attendance – Summer 1 – Headlines

- There are seven weeks in this half-term. That is 35 school days.

35 days	34 days	33 days	32 days	31 days
0 days off	1 day off	2 days off	3 days off	4 days off
100% attendance	97% attendance	94% attendance	91% attendance	88% attendance

Thank you for your continued commitment to school attendance!

Staffing – The New St. Michael’s Team

We are pleased to announce that the two new Assistant Headteachers are **Mrs Delgado** and **Mrs Okolie**—both of whom are highly respected, experienced members of the St. Michael’s team. Their promotions are a celebration of talent from within and an affirmation of the values that make our school strong: consistency, collaboration, and deep-rooted trust.

Both individuals are outstanding educators who understand the unique ethos of St. Michael’s and who are held in the highest regard by pupils, colleagues and families alike.

New Teachers

We’re delighted to introduce the new members of the St. Michael’s team.

Miss Faronilo, Miss Dow, Miss Salau and **Miss Heybe** are newly appointed teachers who bring great energy, ambition and passion for working with children.

- Miss Faronilo – Reception
- Miss Heybe – Year 2
- Miss Salau – Year 4
- Miss Salau – Year 5

New Support Staff

Our new **sports coaching team** consists of **Mr Brennan** and **Mr Whittle**. They will be working together to enhance PE lessons and increase opportunities for pupils to take part in sporting events and competitions. Their arrival allows us to build on the fantastic work that has already taken place in school sport and ensures every child has the chance to be active, develop skills, and enjoy being part of a team.

We’re also delighted to formally welcome **Ella Tucker** as our **Community Hub Manager**. Since the opening of our school hub, she has played a key role in developing a space where families feel welcome, supported, and connected. Her continued leadership will help ensure the hub remains a thriving part of our school community.

Finally, our **Breakfast Club** and **dinnertime** teams have grown with the addition of **Mrs Lin, Mrs Mobeen** and **Miss Nadari**.

We look forward to all they will bring to St. Michael’s in the year ahead!

Senior Leadership Team

- Headteacher – Mr Hynan
- Assistant Headteacher – Ms Dawn Delgado
- Assistant Headteacher – Ms Anthea Okolie

Teaching Team

- Reception – Miss Faronilo, Mrs Loyal, Mrs Kauser
- Year 1 – Miss Malik, Mrs Begum, Mrs V. Devi
- Year 2 – Mr Soor, Miss Ishwaq, Mrs Kaur
- Year 3 – Miss Noble, Mrs Jakhu
- Year 4 – Miss Salau
- Year 5 – Miss Dow
- Year 6 – Mrs McMahan
- Whole School Art Leader – Mr Goodyear
- SENCO – Mr Soor

Teaching & Learning Support

- Special Educational Needs Support – Mrs Gul, Mrs S. Kauser, Mrs K. Kauser
- Reading & Language Support – Mrs K. Devi
- Lead Sports Coach – Mr Brennan
- Assistant Sports Coach – Mr Whittle

Pastoral & Community Support

- Family Support Worker – Mrs Begum
- Community Hub Manager – Miss Ella Tucker
- Learning Mentor – Mrs K. Devi

Administrative Support

- School Office – Miss Hooper

Breakfast Club and Dinnertime Supervisors

- Mr Gaddu
- Mrs Ahmed
- Mrs Parkash
- Mrs Lin
- Mrs Mobeen
- Miss Nadari

Arbor Parent App

- All parents **MUST** download the parent Arbor app
- This app will be used for the following:
 - Choosing meals
 - Paying for meals
 - Booking clubs
 - Paying for trips
 - Buying PE kit, homework books, book bags etc
 - Booking parent evening appointments
- We are a **CASHLESS SCHOOL**
- Please download the Arbor parent app

Download the Arbor parent app here:





Apple Store



Android / Google Play

School Dinners

- Parents must select their child’s school dinner 24-hours in advance using the Arbor app
- Parents who have to pay for their child’s meal must do so using the Arbor app
- The School Food United app that we used previously no longer works

School Uniform

- **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**
- We have limited stock of pre-loved uniform that families can access for free - Please speak to Mrs Begum

PE Kit

- Children should 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; children must NOT wear shoes when they have PE



- We have a limited number of **NEW PE JUMPERS** that can be purchased via the Arbor app from next week.

PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Year 6	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4	Year 3 Year 5 Year 6	Year 4	Reception Year 2 Year 3 Year 5 (swimming)

Visit The Orchard – Our Community Hub

We're delighted to remind families that *The Orchard*, our wonderful community hub, is open daily and ready to welcome you! Whether you're looking for a quiet moment, a friendly chat over a cuppa and a biscuit, or a chance to take part in one of our many classes and activities, The Orchard is here for you. It's a space designed to support and connect our St. Michael's families – with access to practical resources like a washing machine, as well as opportunities to learn, relax, and feel part of our vibrant school community. Drop in anytime – we'd love to see you!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Morning 8:30am	Arts and Crafts	Toddler Group	Adult English Class	Coffee Morning	Zumba and Fitness
Daily from 8:30am	Tea, Coffee and Friendship Food Pantry A Safe Place for Peace and Quiet!				
After School Opens at 3:15pm		Family Club		Youth Pathway with Mr Tonn	

Morning Clubs

- **Arts and Crafts Club:** Our **Parent Arts & Crafts Club** is a relaxed and welcoming space for parents and carers to explore their creativity, learn new skills, and enjoy some well-deserved time for themselves. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just curious to try something new, come along and join in with a variety of fun, hands-on activities.
- **Toddler Group:** Our **Toddler Group** is a welcoming and fun-filled space for parents, carers, and children aged 0–4. Held weekly at the Hub, it's a great opportunity to enjoy playtime, games, songs, and social activities in a relaxed and friendly environment.
- **Adult English Class:** We're pleased to offer **Adult English Lessons** here at St. Michael's, designed for anyone who would like to improve their English language skills in a friendly and supportive environment. Led by Mrs Jakhu, one of our experienced St. Michael's teachers, the sessions focus on practical language for everyday life, helping you build confidence in speaking, reading, and writing. Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your skills, everyone is welcome.
- **Zumba and Fitness:** Looking to get fitter, boost your energy, and have a great time doing it? Our **Zumba class** is just the thing! Aimed at parents and carers, this fun and upbeat session combines dance, movement, and music to help you stay active while enjoying yourself. No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm and a smile!

After School Clubs

- **Family Club:** Our **Family Club** is a fantastic opportunity for children and parents to spend quality time together while enjoying a wide range of activities. From arts and crafts to games, sports, and more, there's something for everyone to get involved in.
- **Youth Pathway with Mr Tonn:** This club is for children in year 5 and 6 only. Places are limited and parents MUST BOOK via Arbor. The multi-sports club is a great way for our oldest children to let of steam towards the end of the week.

Swimming Lessons

- Year 5 will go swimming every Friday between now and Christmas
- 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 5 will walk to swimming
- Swimming lessons start on Friday 12th September

Year 6 Pupils Walking Home

- **Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk home** alone if parents provide written permission
- ONLY children in Year 6 can walk home alone
- If you would like your YEAR 6 child to walk home alone, please return the separate letter that has been sent home

Mrs Begum – Family Support Worker

- Mrs Begum is here to help!
- As our Family Support Worker, Mrs Begum's job is to try and help parents and families who are in need of support. She might not always be able to solve a problem, but she will certainly try!
- If you need support with matters like housing, food or school, please speak to Mrs Begum.

School Trips

Please make payment for trips on the Arbor app.

Date	Class	Trip	Cost
Thursday 2 nd October	Year 2	Brig House – Daytrip	£17
Thursday 16 th October	Year 1	Brig House – Daytrip	£17
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 6	Walsall Art Gallery	£15
Thursday 18 th March	Year 3	Brig House – Overnight	£30
Thursday 21 st May	Year 4	Brig House – Overnight	£30
Monday 1 st June	Year 5	Brig House – Overnight	£30
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6	Brig House – Overnight	£30