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Newsletter

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What a Start!

Welcome to the Autumn Term at St Michael's!

We are delighted to share what has been a truly fantastic start to the 2025/26 academic year. Our children have returned with enthusiasm, positivity, and a real readiness to learn. Their behaviour, attitude, and engagement in lessons have been exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced new challenges and routines.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Attendance and punctuality across the school have been excellent, and this commitment plays a vital role in ensuring every child gets the best possible start to their learning journey.

As we move from summer into autumn, we're reminded of the beauty and transformation this season brings. The changing colours, cooler air, and sense of reflection offer us a valuable lesson as a school community: growth often comes through change. Just as nature adapts, so too do we—learning, evolving, and striving to be the best we can be.

We look forward to a term filled with curiosity, creativity, and connection. Thank you for being part of our journey.

Warm regards,

Mr Hynan

Headteacher

Pupil Attendance – Summer 1 – Headlines

There are 37 school days this half-term.

37 days	36 days	35 days	34 days	33 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

2025/26 Headlines

- 168 children have been to school every single day
- 14 children have missed two days or more of school
- The whole school average attendance is 97.4%

School Dinners - IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ!

- From Monday 22nd September, parents must select their child’s school dinners using the **Arbor app**
- Parents who must pay for their child’s meal must do so using the Arbor app
- **The School Food United app no longer works**
- School can **no longer** choose a child’s meal – **ONLY PARENTS** can select meals
- Children whose parents do not choose their meals via the Arbor app WILL NOT be provided with a school dinner. Instead, parents will need to bring a packed lunch to school for their children.
- **Mrs Begum will be available in the community hub this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45am to help parents get onto the Arbor app if they are unsure how to use it.**

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

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)

Community Hub

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	Saturday	Sunday
Main Morning 8:30am	Arts and Crafts Coffee Morning	Toddler Group with Mrs Delgado. Arts and Crafts – Clay and Sculpting	Adult English Class 8:30 – 10:00 Groove and Grow 10:15	Coffee Morning	Zumba and Fitness	Youth Pathway with Mr Tonn Various times	Church Café with Father Dominic 4pm – 5pm Prayer, song, a nice cuppa and lots of friendship and support
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!
- **Groove and Grow:** Groove and Grow is a joyful toddler-and-parent dance club designed to support early years development through movement, music, and play. The sessions focus on building gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and language through nursery rhymes, dance, and interactive musical activities in a fun and nurturing environment.

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.

Become a Parent School Governor – Make a Difference!

Have you ever wondered how you could play a bigger role in shaping the future of St Michael's? Becoming a Parent School Governor is a fantastic way to do just that!

A Parent Governor is someone who has a child at the school and volunteers to be part of the governing body. Governors work together with school leaders to help make important decisions about how the school is run—from supporting pupil achievement to helping shape the curriculum and ensuring the school's values are upheld.

You don't need any special qualifications—just a passion for education and a commitment to helping all children thrive. It's a rewarding role where your voice matters, and your perspective as a parent is highly valued.

As a governor, you'll gain insight into how the school operates, develop new skills, and be part of a team that makes a real impact. It's also a great way to meet other parents and staff who care deeply about our school community.

If you're interested in learning more or putting your name forward, please speak to Miss Hooper in the school office or Mr Hynan - we'd love to hear from you!

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
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 2	Back-to-Back Houses	
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