

Welcome to Year 6!

The Year 6 team are delighted to welcome you all to this new academic year. Your child's class teachers will be Mr Handy (Monday) and Mrs Cotterill (Tuesday - Friday), supported by Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Ash.

We have set out below some helpful information about what you and your child can expect over the course of this school year. If you require any further information, as always, please come and chat to the class teacher after school or send an email via the school office secretary@st-michaels-school.org

English

We already know that our Year 6 children are creative and confident writers, and their writing will be developed further this year to extend their grammatical and composition skills. This term, the children will be planning, writing and editing non-fiction non-chronological reports, letters, along with fictional setting descriptions, and a Christmas narrative piece. As the academic year progresses the children will work on further genre. Our grammar focus will include using the active and passive voice, formal and informal language appropriately, as well as becoming confident in the use of colons, semi-colons and dashes to mark clauses. We will also revisit grammar from previous years to enable the children to be confident writers.

We love, value and reward reading. The class will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week to pick new books from 'The Big Cat' series the school is using. We also have a well-stocked class book corner, where children are welcome to borrow additional books. Children will be heard read every week and will benefit from in-depth guided reading sessions of our class text. Please continue to hear your child read at least three times a week and to update their reading record, which will be checked by Mrs Cotterill every Tuesday.

Maths

This year children will continue improving their competency with the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). We begin every maths lesson with a daily 7, which revisits the use of the four number operations in many different contexts. We begin our school year looking at place value, understanding the value of and rounding and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000. We then cover fractions, statistics, decimals, percentages, shape and space and measurement.

Statutory Assessment Test (SAT's)

As I am sure many of you are aware the children in Year 6 will carry out the statutory Year 6 SAT's during the week beginning 10th May 2027. This will comprise of a grammar and spelling paper, a reading paper, along with 3 maths papers (Paper 1 – Arithmetic, Paper 2- Reasoning 1 and Paper 3 – Reasoning 2). Our learning throughout the year will support the children in preparation for these. Nearer the time we will hold a meeting to clarify details with yourselves.

PSHE

PSHE has never been more important, and this term we will start by looking at how the children can explore the dynamics of their day-to-day relationships with family and friends. We will be engaging in regular class sessions where we discuss important topical issues such as managing our friendships and how we can express our feelings safely in school and on a wider scale.

P.E

Our P.E lessons this academic year will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Children must come into school on P.E days wearing their correct, named P.E kit. Earrings and watches must be removed for P.E lessons.

Outdoor Education

In Year 6, we will try to visit the woods once per half-term. Our visits will be linked to curriculum subjects with teacher-led outside learning and children are also encouraged to use their imaginations and explore the environment. Later in the academic year we carry out a geographical enquiry which can impact our immediate surroundings.

Lakeside

The annual Year 6 pilgrimage to Lakeside has been booked from Sunday 23rd May until Friday 28th May 2027. We will shortly be holding a meeting to provide you with further information regarding this trip and costings, so that we can support people with a payment plan to cover the trips cost.

Bikeability

Within Year 6 the children will be given the opportunity to participate in a series of sessions to learn road safety awareness on their bikes. This will be taking place in the week beginning 9th November 2026. Nearer the time you will be provided with the relevant information needed to book your child a place.

Home Learning

Children will be issued with an English and Maths homework sheet on a Tuesday, which will then be marked the following Tuesday. It is extremely important that homework is completed and brought into school by the deadline. In addition, it is important that children read every day and practice their times tables.

'Wonderful We Wills' and Class Rewards

Each academic year starts with the class discussing their responsibilities and the learning environment they want to create. These form the basis of our 'Wonderful We Wills' which is displayed in class as a charter, signed by each child. Children will be awarded house points and the Head Teacher's award for demonstrating the school values of 'Courage', 'Compassion', 'Creativity' and 'Community'.

Appointments

St Michael's is proud to have an open-door policy to parents and if you need to speak to your class teacher, please contact the school office by telephone or email and an appointment will be made to accommodate you as soon as possible.

School Website

Each class will have a page on the school website which will be updated regularly. This will contain information about important dates, trips, homework, curriculum information, as well as class photos and recordings. Links to support your child's learning can also be found on the class page.

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