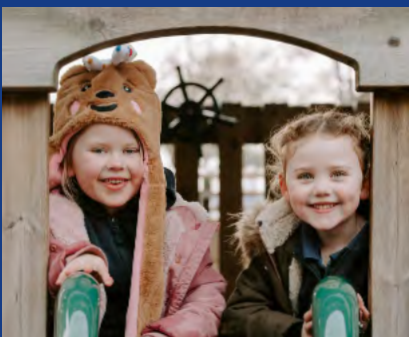




St Michael's C of E
Primary School



“THIS LITTLE
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I'M GOING TO
LET IT **SHINE!**”



Welcome to our School

We are so proud of our school, where our children rise to the challenges that school and life presents them with, always striving to be the very best they can be. Our school is alive with the buzz of learning, where there is no ceiling to what can be achieved. Our children are resilient and ambitious learners, who are encouraged and nurtured through their educational journey. Each day, we live out our school values (Community, Courage, Compassion and Creativity) and foster supportive and trusting relationships.

The school has fantastic staff whose aim is to ensure that every student achieves more than they thought possible, and is equipped for life in the 21st century. We are extremely ambitious for every student and do not put a limit on any child's potential.

This approach supports every student to succeed academically, socially and personally. Our teachers respond to every child's strengths, as well as areas of development to ensure that they can overcome every challenge.

We nurture essential skills to equip children to succeed in all aspects of their formative years so that they are prepared for the next steps in their learning journey.

It is a privilege for us at St Michael's to serve the community of Sandhurst and the surrounding areas. Together we will continue to ensure that each and every child has the best possible start to their lives.

“A school that inspires a love of learning that goes far beyond the classroom.”



“A small school where every child is known by name by every member of the community.”

Our School Vision

As a school community, we aspire to develop life-long learners who have the confidence to explore the world around them and grow as unique individuals. We provide a safe family environment, inspired by Christian values, in which the flourishing of each enables the flourishing of all.

‘This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!’

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:15

Our School Values The 4Cs

The 4Cs are integral to everything that we and our children do, believe in and strive to be at school. In addition, all adults in our school actively promote these through a variety of specific activities.

COMMUNITY

Providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where children, families and the local community unite and grow.

CREATIVITY

Providing rich and challenging learning experiences and opportunities for all across the curriculum.

COURAGE

Providing a nurturing environment where children feel safe to take risks and learn from failure

COMPASSION

Providing a loving, caring school family where all members flourish together.

Enrichment

At St Michael's, we offer much more than just academic success.

We are a school where:

- children visit the theatre, ballet, art galleries and sporting events
- national and historical events are celebrated and embraced
- children engage in philosophy, public speaking and poetry
- children of all ages go to the woods for outdoor learning
- sport is for all not just a few
- children learn to swim and play an instrument
- dance and piano lessons are offered on site
- children are part of a respectful community
- creativity and originality are highly valued
- all children learn to cook
- parents are welcome and are seen as partners



“The curriculum makes sure that pupils enjoy and learn from a wide range of experiences, including going on many trips to enrich their learning.”



“St Michael's provides a brilliant foundation for the rest of the children's lives.”

Outdoor Learning

St Michael's is unique in its approach to Outdoor Education. Our youngest class spend a morning each week in local woods, walking and climbing, discovering nature and letting their imaginations roam the wonders of the ever changing environment. Throughout the school the children continue to go to the woods at least once every half term and bring their curriculum to life there; painting, poetry writing, discovering science or learning how to cook outdoors. They learn to understand their place in the world in a way which Ofsted described as 'truly unique.'

Educational Visits

Educational visits play an essential role in our curriculum and take place on a regular basis across all year groups. These include visits to the local area, visits to museums and galleries, our annual whole school 'Wow' trip and residential trips in Year 5 and 6. At St Michael's, you are always invited to join us to support your child's learning during these opportunities.



Sport & Clubs

Sport is such a powerful vehicle for developing our children's confidence and self-esteem. Our vision for PE, competitive sports and extra-curricular activities is to offer the widest range of opportunities to our young people in order to allow them to experience new and exciting opportunities that help them to stay healthy physically, socially and emotionally. Our extensive range of clubs on offer are delivered before and school as well as at lunch by school staff or specialist external providers.



“ The curriculum is broad, balanced, exciting and well planned. ”

Ofsted

Our Curriculum

At St Michael's we are very proud of our curriculum and the breadth of learning that we offer. Our curriculum offers experiences and opportunities for our pupils that go far beyond the expectations of the National Curriculum.

We are immensely proud of our Creative Curriculum, a unique curriculum designed to meet our children's needs in a changing world and to create above all, lifelong learners who are self-motivated, creative and curious to learn. Ask any child at St Michael's and they will explain the Creative Curriculum to you at length and with great enthusiasm. Our Creative Curriculum embraces and exceeds the demands of the National Curriculum whilst maintaining our commitment to individual learning.

Whole School Projects

In addition to our vast curriculum offer, each academic year starts with a whole school cross-curricular project which unites the school community and motivates the children from the very first day. Our children are excited to discover what they are going to study and where they are going to visit. They all start with a 'Wow trip' to inspire the children with the whole school and up to 100 parents all going out on the same day to a mystery destination.

These projects have deadlines and presentations built into them and help develop many of the skills the children will need in the working world, from time-management to self-confidence.



THE CURRICULUM COVERS THE 7 STATUTORY AREAS

Communication & language

Physical Development

Personal, Social Emotional
Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Knowledge of the World

Expressive Development

Foundation Stage

Ducklings Class

In the Ducklings Class, we help our children to grow and develop in confidence and independence in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. Our aim is for every child to attain to the very best of their ability and we achieve this through recognising the unique nature and abilities of each child and building upon these. Our children are encouraged to develop a lifelong love of learning through discovering and exploring rich and varied curriculum opportunities.

Phonics, reading, writing and mathematics are taught explicitly each day and further opportunities are created by the staff for children to use these skills in their own time on a daily basis through fun, independent activities set up in the classroom and outdoors and by providing time to play and learn.

The children are introduced to new areas of learning and knowledge through topics which capture their imagination and immerse them in the learning experience.

Physical development is promoted through outdoor learning and the use of real tools; such as implements for whittling wood in the forest. Fine motor skills and handwriting are carefully fostered in the classroom to enable children to commit their knowledge to paper with increasing fluency.

Parental involvement is key to success in learning and parents are frequently invited to help in class and to accompany trips.





Key Stages

One and Two

In Key Stages One and Two, we give opportunities for our children to become confident, happy and independent learners, in order to support their developing life skills and future learning.

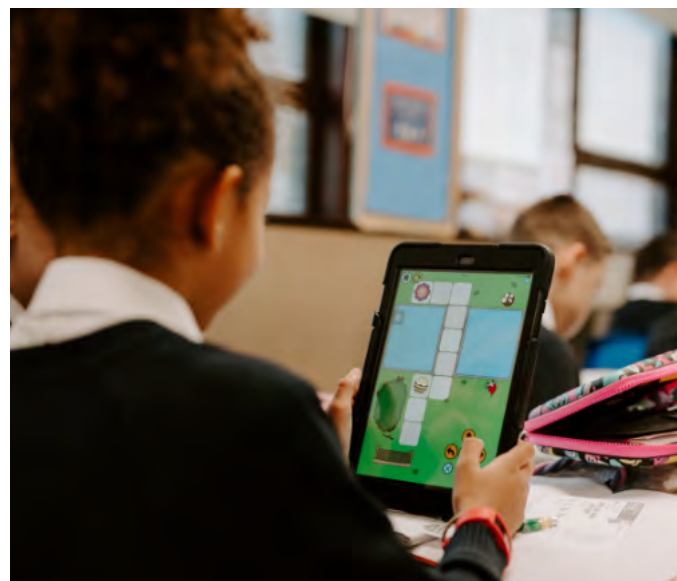
We encourage the children to reflect on their own learning, supporting them to identify how they can improve and progress further. English is taught daily, focusing on the development of reading, writing and speaking and listening. These skills are integral to everything we aim to achieve in school and we ask the children to use them in all aspects of their learning. Mathematics is also taught daily, where we aim to develop the children's mental understanding, as well as their ability to reason and solve problems using a range of strategies.

All other areas of learning identified in the National Curriculum are taught separately or combined to complement each other in a topic themed approach through our Creative Curriculum.

At the heart of St Michael's success lie committed, caring staff who endeavour to provide a learning environment which stimulates a love of learning whilst creating opportunities to try something new and, above all, to be ambitious.

Special Education Needs

Children with Special Education Needs, including those with English as an additional language, are supported within the school by the class teacher, support staff and by our specialist staff whenever appropriate. Each child's progress is monitored throughout their time at the school and is regularly communicated with parents to ensure that they reach their full potential.





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St Michael's CE Primary School is the oldest school in Sandhurst with one class per year group. Our traditional Victorian building, adapted to meet the needs of modern school life, is in an attractive location in Sandhurst where we are able to make use of the nearby woods and lake. Our school field is a short walk from the main building and is used for a variety of activities including PE lessons, sporting fixtures and outdoor learning.

Tours and Admissions

We would love for you to come and visit our school. On these tours, our children will be happy to guide you round and share their experiences of school with you. Visits can be arranged via the school website or by contacting the school office. You can also see what's going on at St Michael's by following us on social media.



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