

Year 1 2025 2026

The Year 1 team are delighted to welcome you all to this new academic year. Your child's class teacher will be Mrs Fawkes, supported by Miss Milstead and Mrs Breslin. Mrs McComish will cover PPA on Monday PM and Mr O'Keefe will teach PE on a Monday afternoon too.

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 will continue to build on the skills the children have learnt in reception class. Our focus will be writing sentences which are correctly demarcated. We will learn how to write letters correctly and prepare ourselves for joining in Year 2 at the end of the year. We will learn how to write stories, information text, poems and descriptions. We will read reading high quality texts and model good quality writing.

Each child will bring home a reading book to be read with you at home. They will also bring home a sharing book that they have chosen themselves to share and read with you to promote their love of reading. The books will be changed by the class teacher, and all children will read at least once a week with an adult in school. Please read with your child as much as possible and look in their reading record to see how they can receive a bronze award.

Maths This year the children will investigate numbers up to 50 and learn how to compare, order and represent them. They will learn to add and subtract as well as grouping and sharing numbers. The children will explore position, direction, properties of shape as well as time and learning about coins.

PSHE PSHE has never been more important, and this term we will be exploring how the children can explore the dynamics of their day-to-day relationships. 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.

PHONICS SCREENING Year 1 children all take their Phonics Screening in June 2026. Before this time the children will have daily phonics lessons where they will learn new sounds and use them to read and write. More information will be communicated in due course.

P.E Our P.E lessons will take place on Monday 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 1, we will be visiting the woods at least 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. Children must come to school ready for the walk and bring a change of clothes (either PE kit or school uniform dependent on the day they are going) Please ensure all spare uniform is named.

Home Learning In Year 1, the children will be expected to complete reading 4 times a week and complete phonics practise as much as possible. From time to time, they may have small activities to complete to aid them in the foundation subjects, such as History.

'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'. In addition, we have Reading Certificates for reading the allotted number of times and writing certificates for the best writing in class.

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.

Volunteering Year 1 are always keen to have adults in class to help with reading and other activities. If this is of interest to you, please let Mrs Fawkes or the office know.

What to bring to school Children need to bring: Water Bottles: with only water in please. Lunch box if applicable, Book bag: with reading books. (if possible, no rucksacks as we have limited space in class) Named Uniform