

# St Michaels CE Primary School

Friday 12th December 2025

## Newsletter



### Staff News

We have been very pleased to have Jack O'Keefe as our PE coach over the past year. He is ending his role with Step Up Foundation to go travelling- we wish him well and safe travels! Consequently, Finlay Wood will be joining us as our new PE coach from In2Sport; he will be following the same curriculum with our children and the dates have already been communicated by Miss Smith in a separate email. Step Up Foundation will continue to provide our after school provision.

I also have some exciting news to share that Mrs Milanovic will be relinquishing her role as SENCO at St Michaels to begin a new chapter in her studies to train as an Educational Psychologist. She will however continue to teach her current days in Year 2 with Mrs Baker and she will be on hand to advise with her extensive knowledge. Mrs Polly Greswell will be taking over the role from January and Mrs Milanovic will be working with her next week by way of handover. Mrs Greswell is an experienced SENCO in two other schools in the Keys Academy Trust and will work with our SEND children and their parents on Thursdays as Mrs Milanovic has done. As soon as she starts in January she will be getting to know the children and talking with class teachers. She will also arrange the next SEND Coffee Morning so that she can meet parents and discuss how she will continue the excellent work that Mrs Milanovic has been doing.



## Nativity and Carol Service

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas celebrations so far this season. The Ducklings and KS1 children shone their lights brightly as they performed on the stage- we were so proud of their courage as they stood on stage and remembered all their lines and words to songs. Thank you to staff for all their hard work in getting the children ready, it was such a wonderful occasion! Thank you to KS2 staff who organised the Carol Service and well done to the KS2 children for their wonderful portrayal of the Christmas message.

Thank you for your extremely kind donations for the retiring offering for **The Cowshed Charity** which will provide presents and essential items for families in Berkshire over Christmas, another demonstration of the wonderful compassion at St Michael's! We will have one final opportunity to donate at the Santa Run on Monday!



## Read Write Inc

We have had a successful term in the implementation of our new Phonics programme, Read Write Inc. Staff have been fully trained to implement the programme and the children are enjoying 'Fred talk' to read the words.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent workshop. If you were unable to attend, please see the [phonics page](#) on the school website for more details.



## Ducklings & KS1 Numbots

A reminder that your children have access to 'Numbots' - an engaging online learning platform designed to help children develop their confidence and fluency in number facts and basic calculations.

We encourage all children to spend around 20 minutes each week using NumBots at home to support their maths learning. Every child has their own individual login details, which you will find stuck in the front of their reading diary.

NumBots can be accessed from a phone, iPad, tablet or computer. Ducklings will get a login sent home after Christmas.

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the Headteacher Award for the last two weeks, keep shining your light!



*"This Little Light of Mine,  
I'm going to let is Shine"*

## Dates Coming Up this Week



### Monday 15th December

#### Whole School Santa Run - 1:30pm at the School Field

Wear PE Kit & optional Christmas Hats or Festive Accessories  
Collection being taken for The Cowshed afterwards

#### KS1 Disco: 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Bring party clothes to get changed into after school

#### KS2 Disco: 5pm - 6:30pm

### Tuesday 16th December

#### Ducklings & KS1 Pantomime Visit

Children can wear party clothes  
Bring packed lunch / have school packed lunch

#### Ducklings & Year 1 Class Christmas Parties

### Wednesday 17th December

#### School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wear Christmas Jumper with uniform for that day

#### Year 2 & 3 Class Christmas Parties

Children can wear party clothes



### Thursday 18th December

#### Ducklings & KS1 in School Round Robin of Christmas Activities

Children to wear PE Kit

#### Year 4, 5 & 6 Class Christmas Parties

Children can wear party clothes

### Friday 19th December

#### End of Term - Finish at 1:30pm



## Year 5 & Year 6 leaving School

A little note to request that Year 5 & 6 do not use the fire exits when leaving school at the end of the day, but that they use the main exit where they come into school in the mornings. This is to make sure that we keep all children safe and that staff know where they are, thank you!



## Sign up for Clubs for the Spring Term

A reminder to sign your children up for Clubs for the Spring Term.

We are excited to offer two new after school clubs this term which is Indoor Cricket on a Wednesday and Basketball on a Thursday!

Please see the posters below & the [website](#) for more details.

### Monday

Judo (after school) Years 1 - 3

Tennis (after school) Years 1 - 6

### Tuesday

Rocksteady (lunchtime) Years 1 - 6

Dodgeball (after school) KS2

### Wednesday

Multi-Sports (after school) Ducklings & KS1

Indoor Cricket (after school) KS2

### Thursday

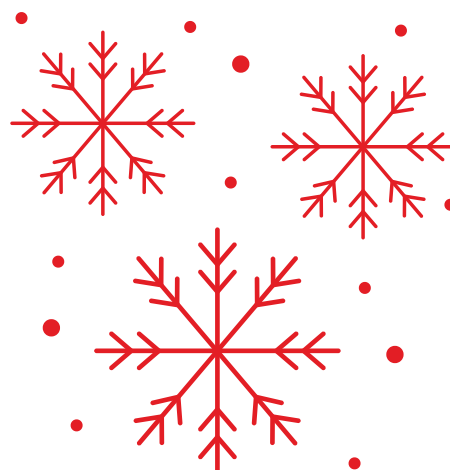
Chess Club (lunchtime) Years 1 - 6

Street Dance (after school) Years 2 - 6

Basketball (after school) KS2

### Friday

Judo (after school) Years 4 - 6



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# INDOOR CRICKET CLUB



**SCHOOL: ST MICHAELS C OF E SCHOOL**

**DAY : WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

**PRICE : £7.50 PER WEEK**

**TIME : 1515 - 16.15**

**YEAR GROUPS -KS2**

**BOOKING LINK : [HTTPS://IN2SPORT.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://in2sport.classforkids.io)**

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# BASKETBALL ASC



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# Bracknell Healthy Parent Carer Programme

Led by SEND parent carers, to improve the health and wellbeing of other parent carers of children and young people with SEND in Bracknell Forest.

The Healthy Parent Carers programme is a journey of discovery for parent carers of children with SEND!

Over 11 fun-filled weeks, you'll be guided to discover the magic within yourself, boost your confidence, and build in some small changes that fit with your busy life. It's not about food, weight, going to the gym, or your child(ren)

It's all about **YOU!**

**In person at:** The Rowans Family Hub RG12 7JZ  
**Dates:** Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (break for Half Term)  
**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30am

