

St Michaels CE Primary School

Friday 17th July 2026

Newsletter



Welcome to the final newsletter of the year! We are so proud of the pupils' this year, how they have grown in confidence and their achievements both socially and academically. They have demonstrated the 4C's in their play, lessons and when representing the school in the community and we look forward to greater things next year! There have been so many achievements to celebrate this year: Bracknell Forest and TKAT sporting fixtures, music performances such as the choir at the Hexagon and the Summer music concert, performances from all year groups in assemblies, Nativity and Year 6 performance, and enrichment activities such as Chess and Bikability. All of these have helped pupils develop confidence, teamwork and leadership and enabled them to shine their light!

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Karen Allen and Mrs Philippa Hall who are both retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Hall has seen an impressive 40 years of dedicated service, seeing many changes in the school over the years and has impacted the lives of many children. Mrs Allen has also been dedicated to the more vulnerable pupils in our community, supporting them with kindness and sensitivity. On behalf of the governors, staff and pupils I would like to thank them both for their commitment to St Michael's over the years and wish them every happiness as they start a new chapter in their life!

I would also like to send a celebratory farewell to Year 6 as they finish this chapter in their journey of education and embark next term at their new schools. You have been truly an inspirational year group, have represented St Michaels in so many ways over the years and we look forward to hearing more about what you go on to achieve.

The summer holidays are a wonderful time to find rest and enjoyment as a family, so I hope you all have a wonderful time!

Mrs Lanfear's Summer Reading

I have attached a Summer Reading Challenge to keep everyone reading over the summer! Please bring the completed sheet to Mrs Lanfear in the first few days of September to receive your certificate!

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

Upcoming Dates

A reminder that the school year commences on **Thursday 3rd September**.

On **Monday 7th September** there will be a St Michael's School & St Michael and All Angels Community Day. This will be a fun filled day where the children will be joining in activities with the Church. There will be an opportunity for parents to come in and see what the children have been up to at the end of the day.

Year 4 will be swimming for 6 weeks starting on **Thursday 10th September**.

From September we are moving from **ScoPay to Arbor** for ordering and payments of School lunches.

Also please note that School meals will be increasing from **£2.80 to £2.90**.

Library Update

We're delighted to share that our school library has had a wonderful refresh with the money raised from the St Michael's Chocolate Bar sales!

With its bright new look and inviting space, we hope it will inspire a love of reading and provide a welcoming environment for all our children to enjoy.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the project through donations, fundraising and volunteering—we're absolutely thrilled with the transformation and can't wait to see our pupils making the most of their beautiful new library!

A special thank you goes to Katy, Jade, Martin, Lucy Cotterill and Scott Billins for spending their precious time on the weekend working so hard on this project.

We look forward to adding lots of new books to the library for September with the money raised from the Read-a-thon.



Headteacher Awards

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



Pride Winners

And congratulations to the winners of the Pride of St Michael's Award for the end of the school year.

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Peek at The Week

I cannot believe that the end of the year has come already, I'm ready for the break as are the children but I'm not quite ready to send my **Ducklings** off to the next challenge! What a year we've had and I'm so proud of how far they've all come. The children have worked so hard and have always been super keen to get into everything on offer, and our latest adventure was no different - the children have loved learning about King Henry VIII and his palace, so many questions! Despite being really tired from a fun day out the children have worked so hard on their creations and they are looking forward to showing it off on Monday. The trip to Hampton Court Palace was a wonderful way to end our year together and the children got stuck into everything whilst there. They were intrigued by the kitchens and how food was delivered, some children even asked to go and explore the inside with their parents after a full day.. just shows how lucky we have been to have such keen learners! Thank you to all the parents who joined us and for all your support through the year with your children's learning. I hope you all have a wonderful summer with your families.



The children in **Year 1** have had a fantastic end to their wonderful year! This last couple of weeks has seen them explore their creative side with weaving, plaiting and tying knots on their shoe boxes. Following our very successful trip to Hampton Court Palace they have been creating again...but you will have to wait until Monday to see what they have made!



This week, **Year 2** have had a wonderful week wrapping up all their learning with their final lessons. We had a lovely time at Hampton Court, exploring the palace, looking at the different fruits and vegetables that grow in the gardens and finally playing with our friends in the Magic Garden. The children were a credit and as ever represented the school well with the staff from our workshop commenting on how brilliant Year 2 were and 'what a fantastic bunch of children they were', we might be biased but we have to agree.

Next week, we are looking forward to making healthy wraps with the children, please don't forget to sign up to bringing an ingredient in.

On a final note, from all the Year 2 staff, we would like to say how proud we are of all the children and their achievements this year. It has been wonderful to get to know them and watch them grow. We know they will flourish going into Year 3 and we can't wait to see what they have in store next.



Year 3 have had lots of fun in their last few weeks of the school year! We had a fantastic time at Hampton Court Palace on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed our workshop in the palace kitchens, seeing how food was stored and prepared for King Henry VIII. The children had a wonderful time in the Magic Garden to end a fabulous day!

Year 3 have had lots of fun in DT constructing their own castles, they used junk modelling and 3D nets to create their impressive master pieces. We have also been working scientifically and been carrying out investigations with forces and magnets in Science. The children enjoyed planning and investigating how different surfaces affected the amount of friction there was between a toy car and the surface it was on and exploring with magnets and discovering what materials around the classroom were magnetic.

Year 3 have had an incredible year and we are so proud of all they have achieved.



Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Hampton Court Palace, where we brought our Tudor learning to life! We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an exciting Tudor Jobs Workshop, discovering the important roles people had in Henry VIII's palace, before exploring the magnificent halls, kitchens and gardens. Throughout this week, we have loved learning about all aspects of Tudor life, including the monarchs, jobs, homes, medicine and entertainment, and the trip was the perfect way to celebrate our learning. We can't wait to welcome our parents into school next week to share everything we have discovered and showcase all of our wonderful Tudor work!

In **Year 5** we have spent our time extending our knowledge of Henry VIII, prior to the Big Day out. We had a great time at Hampton Court and were able to impress during our workshop with our prior knowledge. We were astonished to learn that Henry VIII wore glasses!



Well what a year it has been, we are so proud of the **Year 6** children for their commitment all year. We have packed a great deal in and in our final full week together it has been another busy week! Preparing for our leavers service, our trip to Hampton Court and our final performance to parents of our production of, 'Let the Games Begin'! What a week!



School Association

On behalf of the School Association we wanted to say THANK YOU for another fantastic year of fundraising. We have had so much going on this year as you can see from the list below, but a few things to highlight would be:

Two wonderful Fayre's, our thrilling St Michael's Chocolate Bar sale followed by the Read-a-thon, our first Family Bingo night, a few discos and the new Craft afternoons.

None of the events or sales would have been possible without everyone's involvement whether that's with your time or generous contributions so we truly are grateful!

We are excited to share the total amount that has been raised this year and what we plan to spend some money on next week after our final Ice Cream, Uniform & Book sale have taken place. Have a lovely Summer and we look forward to a fun year ahead again in September!

School Association Events & Sales 2025 - 2026

September - December

Cake & Ice Cream Sales
Movie Night
Disco
Christmas Fayre
Family Photoshoot
Secret Santa Shopping
Mince Pies at Nativity
Christmas Treat Sales
Clothes Collection
Quiz Night
Uniform Sale
Christmas Jumpers
Santa Letters
Amazon Wishlist for Teachers

January - March

Valentines Disco
Valentines Hamper Raffle
Valentines Treat Sale
Mothers Day Shopping
James Beyer Fundraising
Easter Craft Afternoon
St Michael's Chocolate Bars
Easter Treat Sales

April - July

Ice Cream Sales
Summer Concert
Clothes Collection
Uniform Sales
Craft Afternoons
Read-a-thon
Bingo Night
Break The Rules Day
Fathers Day
Shopping
Non Uniform Day
Crazy Hair Day
Summer Fayre
End of Year Disco
Book Sale





Come and sing with **St Michael's** School Choir

A friendly 45 minutes of singing together every week, building up to performances the whole school and your families will hear.

WHEN

Mondays

3:15 – 4:00pm, straight after school

Starting Monday 7th September

WHERE

Music Room

Meet in the music room

WHO

Years 3–5

No audition – just enthusiasm!

Where you'll perform this year

-  **AUTUMN** Harvest Service
-  **AUTUMN** Christmas Fayre
-  **AUTUMN** Christmas Service
-  **SPRING** Spring Concert
-  **SPRING** Easter Service
-  **SUMMER** Summer Fayre

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Register through the school office to save your place

Only 16 places available – first come, first served. Questions? Ask Mrs Milanovic.