

St Michael's News



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Autumn Term 2026-2027

A message from Mrs Gordon:

Welcome Back to a new school year!

A very warm welcome back to all of our St. Michael's family.

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week: they have had a fantastic few days settling into their new classes. There has been such a lovely atmosphere around school, with children getting to know their new teachers, reconnecting with friends and beginning to find their feet in their new routines.

We are so excited to see what the year ahead holds for us. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend, and I look forward to another fantastic week ahead! Mrs Gordon.



Upcoming Events



- Monday 7th - Nursery start date
- Tuesday 8th - WYA registration meeting, 5:30pm at St. Michael's church
- Wednesday 9th September- Parent Welcome Meetings

DEAR PARENTS

PACKED LUNCHES

**MUST BE
NUT FREE**

Items containing nuts
must not be brought into school.



We have children in school with severe nut allergies.
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

**WILL NO LONGER BE HANDED OUT
IN SCHOOL.**

If your child would like to share a birthday treat with their friends, please bring in
pre-packed, individually wrapped items,
with allergy information printed on each packet.

Safe for
all our
friends!



INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED



ALLERGY INFORMATION
ON EACH PACKET



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!

Welcome
♥ BACK!
We Have
missed
you

School Uniform



We are so proud of our school and love seeing the children take pride in wearing their St Michael's uniform. To help everyone stay on track, I'd like to share a quick reminder of our expectations:

Children should wear a navy jumper or cardigan, white shirt/polo shirt and school tie, paired with grey or black trousers, shorts, or a navy skirt or pinafore. Black shoes for all pupils.

On PE days, please ensure your child is wearing their full kit: a plain white polo shirt, plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and black pumps or trainers. If it's a bit chilly, navy jogging bottoms are a great option to keep warm.

There is no need to buy branded items - plain, affordable versions from the supermarket are perfectly fine. Please speak to myself or Mrs Birch should you need support with uniform. Thank you.



ClassDojo



Make sure you are signed up to your class dojo page, so you can see weekly news and learning taking place in your child's class!

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First Holy Communion

From Year 4 upwards, the Parish invites Catholic parents to prepare their children for First Holy Communion.



If your child is in year 4 or above we would like to invite you to the Holy Communion preparation programme 2026/27 (With You Always). The programme is for parents/carers and their child/children.

You and your child are invited to an **introductory meeting on September 8th at St Michael's Church 5.30pm** where information about the programme, times and dates of sessions and registration forms for the programme will be available.

 **St Michael's Catholic Primary School**

You and your child are invited to an **introductory meeting on September 8th at St Michael's Church 5.30pm** where information about the programme, times and dates of sessions and registration forms for the programme will be available.

St Michael's Instagram Page

It's official, we are live on instagram! Come and find us and follow our school page.



Our handle is: **stmichaelsrcps**



Food Bank

Opening Times

Monday–Thursday

8:30–9:00

2:45–3:30

Friday

3:00–3:30





Keeping your family safe from fire

Advice for Parents and Carers



Fire safety starts at home

Most fires in the home can be prevented. Actions such as:



Testing smoke alarms every week, keeping them clean and well maintained

Storing and charging electrical items safely



Talking to children about fire risks can make a significant difference.

Fire safety is not about causing worry; it is about helping families feel prepared and confident about what to do if an emergency occurs. Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to protect your household, and every family should be aware of their escape routes and what to do if an alarm sounds.

Safety actions to protect your home

Many household fires start through everyday activities.

Cooking remains one of the most common causes of accidental fires, particularly



when food is left unattended or when cookers and cooking surfaces are used for extra storage, as items left on or near hobs can accidentally catch fire.

Faulty electrical equipment, damaged charging cables and overloaded plug sockets can also present significant risks. Developing safe habits, such as switching appliances off when not in use, avoiding overloading extension leads and keeping flammable materials away from heat sources, can help reduce the likelihood of a fire starting in your home.

As children grow older, they often spend more time independently in their bedrooms and make greater use of technology. It is important for parents and carers to know where devices are being charged and to encourage safe charging habits.

Phones, tablets, laptops and gaming equipment should never be charged under pillows, on beds or beneath blankets where heat can build up. Hair straighteners should be fully switched off after use and allowed to cool safely. It is also worth having conversations about candles, incense burners and any other items that generate heat.



Children are naturally curious and may have questions about fire, fireworks or emergency services. Open and age-appropriate conversations can help them understand both the dangers and the importance of safe behaviour. Encourage children to

tell an adult if they find matches, lighters or damaged electrical items. Explain that smoke can be just as dangerous as flames and that hiding during a fire can make it more difficult for firefighters to help them. Reassure children that knowing what to do in an emergency helps to keep everyone safe.



Creating a family escape plan

Every family should have a simple escape plan. Take time to identify the quickest way out of each room and, where possible, a second route in case the first is blocked. Make sure everyone in the household knows these routes and understands what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Keep exits clear so that everyone can leave quickly in an emergency and ensure keys are stored in a safe but accessible place.

All family members should know where they are kept. Choose a family meeting point outside the home as this helps ensure everyone can be accounted for safely and reduces the risk of anyone re-entering the building. If there is a fire, get out, stay out and call 999. Teach younger children never to hide during a fire and never to go back inside for toys, pets or belongings.



Your family escape plan should also cover what to do if you cannot leave the property safely. If your escape route is blocked, move to a room with a window if possible and close the door behind you. Use towels, bedding or clothing to block gaps around the door to help prevent smoke entering the room. Open the window, call for help and dial 999 if you can. If you are on an upper floor, do not jump from a window; stay where you are and wait for rescue. If you live in a flat, make sure everyone in the household is familiar with the building's fire safety arrangements, evacuation procedures and escape routes, including the importance of not using lifts during a fire.



Fireworks, Deliberate Fires and Hoax Calls

Some children might not fully understand the consequences of irresponsible behaviour involving fire. Deliberately setting fires, misusing fireworks or making hoax calls to emergency services can place lives at risk and divert valuable resources away from genuine emergencies. Parents and carers play an important role in helping young people understand how these actions can affect individuals, families and communities. Taking opportunities to discuss news stories, local incidents or community events can help reinforce these messages.

Knowing your rights and the support available

Local authorities, housing teams, Citizens Advice, community organisations and charities may be able to assist with a range of issues, including housing conditions, household safety and family wellbeing. Many local Fire and Rescue Services also offer free Home Fire Safety Checks, providing practical advice tailored to individual households and circumstances.

If you rent your home, your landlord has legal responsibilities to help keep you safe. In England, landlords must provide smoke alarms on every storey of a property, ensure gas appliances are checked annually where provided, maintain safe electrical installations and provide appropriate carbon monoxide alarms where required. They should also ensure that escape routes can be used safely at all times.

If you have concerns about fire safety, speak to your landlord or letting agent first. If problems are not resolved, your local council's housing team, Shelter or Citizens Advice may be able to offer support and guidance.

Useful Sources of Support

Further advice and support can be obtained from:

- Your Local Fire and Rescue Service
- Citizens Advice
- Shelter
- GOV.UK

These organisations provide information on home fire safety, housing rights, landlord responsibilities and support for families who may be experiencing difficulties.

Want to find out more?

- www.PoL-Ed.co.uk
- hello@pol-ed.police.uk
- [@PoL.Ed.UK](https://www.instagram.com/PoL.Ed.UK)
- [facebook.com/PoL.Ed.UK](https://www.facebook.com/PoL.Ed.UK)

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Weekly Attendance:

R Shining Stars	98.22 %
R Superstars	97.01 %
Y1 Quick Thinkers	95.3%
Y1 Record Breakers	96.1%
Y2 Golden Wonder	93.1%
Y2 World Beaters	91.1%

Y3 Heroes	92.8%
Y3 Olympians	90.7%
Y4 Hotshots	96.7%
Y4 Inspirations	96.3%
Y5 High Achievers	88.3%
Y5 High Flyers	92.2%
Y6 Whizz Kids	91.1%
Y6 Champions	90.8%

Attendance Ladder



ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE: Will you win a prize for your attendance this half term?

Attendance initiative to be announced NEXT WEEK.....

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Birch	Co-designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Reilly	Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gordon	Safeguarding Team Member Mrs Roscoe	Safeguarding Team Member Ms Cornett	Safeguarding Governor Ms Riley
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If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please speak to a member of the team.

If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to a member of the team

Autumn Term 1

Key Dates



2nd September - 21st October 2026 (inclusive dates)

- Tuesday 8th September 'With you Always'- Holy Communion Registration session at 5:30pm in St Michael's Church
- Wednesday 9th September Parent Welcome Meetings
- Thursday 17th September KS2 Cross Country 4pm at Croxteth Park
- Friday 18th September Jeans for Genes Day - *Children wear their own clothes and jeans - 50p donation*
- Monday 21st September Fairtrade Fortnight Begins
- Tuesday 22nd September - 'With You Always' Session 1 for Holy Communion begins at *5:30pm in St. Michael's Church*
- Tuesday 29th September Y5 & Y6 'St. Michael's Feast Day' Class Assembly in Junior hall
- Wednesday 30th September- KS2 Cross Country- 4pm start at Newsham Park
- Friday 2nd October Year 4 - Museum Trip: Discover Ancient Greeks and Romans
- Monday 5th October KS2 Cross Country 4pm at Stanley Park
- Monday 5th October Y3 & Y4 'Harvest' Assembly at 9:15am in St. Michael's Church
- Tuesday 6th October Y1& Y2 'Harvest' Assembly at 9:15am in Junior hall
- Tuesday 13th October KS2 Cross Country at 4pm start at Clarke's Gardens
- Tuesday 13th October 'With You Always' Session 2 at 5:30pm in the Irish Centre
- Wednesday 14th October Year 3 - Museum Trip: Discover Ancient Egypt
- Friday 16th October Year 1 - Museum Trip: Toys Then and Now
- Monday 19th October to Wednesday 21st October Y4 CHET residential
- Wednesday 21st October School Finishes for October Half Term at 3:20pm

Autumn Term 2

Key Dates



2nd November - 18th December 2026 (inclusive dates)

- Thursday 12th November Year 5 - Museum Trip: Invaders, Anglo Saxons and Vikings
- Monday 16th-20th November- Anti-bullying week
- Thursday 19th November 'Parents Evening' 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 25th November Flu vaccinations during the school day
- Monday 30th November Year 3 'Advent One' Class Assembly at 9:15am in Junior hall
- Thursday 3rd December Whole-school Book Breakfast at 8:15am in Junior hall
- Monday 7th December Year 4 'Advent Two' Class Assembly at 9:15am in the Junior Hall
- Monday 7th December KS1 and Reception disco after school until 4:30pm in the Infant hall
- Wednesday 9th December Reception Nativity at 9:15am in Infant hall
- Thursday 10th December KS2 disco- After school until 4:30pm in Junior Hall
- Thursday 10th December 'Christmas Jumper' Day- children can wear their Christmas jumpers
- Thursday 10th December 'Christmas Dinner' Day
- Thursday 10th December EYFS & KS1 Father Christmas visit during the school day
- Friday 11th December Year 1 & Y2 Nativity at 9:15am in Junior hall
- Monday 14th December Year 5 'Advent Three' Class Assembly at 9:15am in Junior hall
- Monday 14th December KS2 Christmas Craft workshop at 2:15pm in Infant hall
- Wednesday 16th December Whole-school Pantomime visit- **No Afternoon Nursery on this day** at the Echo Arena
- Thursday 17th December Year 6 'Advent 4 and Nativity' Class Assembly at 9:15am in Junior hall
- Thursday 17th December KS1 and Reception Christmas Craft Workshop at 2:15pm in Infant hall
- Friday 18th December School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

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Useful Links

- [Term Dates for the Academic Year 2026-27](#)
- More information on [School Uniform](#)
- More Information on [Family Support Worker](#)
- More Information on [Attendance and Punctuality](#)
- More Information on [Extra-curricular Activities](#)
- More information on [Food Bank](#)