

St. Michael's C of E Infant School

Newsletter



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St. MICHAEL'S
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great few weeks at St Michael's as the weather starts to turn and autumn settles in. Here is a round-up of what we have been up to, along with some important information for families.

Harvest at St Michael's Church

This week we made our first trip of the year to St Michael's Church for our Harvest celebration. We are very lucky to have such strong links with the church and the opportunity to visit during the children's time with us. The children did us proud, singing beautifully, reading their lines and showing their work during a service led by the Diocese. It was great to be joined by parents to share in this celebration. Thank you for your kind donations; these are so helpful to families and neighbours in their time of need. The Community Grub Hub will be collecting the donations at the end of next week, so if are yet to donate and would like to, please hand your donations into the school office or your child's class. Once again, long life food items are ideal and well received. These could be tinned items, pasta/rice, cooking sauces, and hygiene products such as shower gel or toothpaste.

Crazy Hair Day

Today's Crazy Hair Day brought some fantastic hairstyles into school, and the children were rightly very proud of their creations. I could not believe the number of artistic styles that were on show - cupcakes, cherries, spiders, and seasonally inspired hair! Amazing! It was also lovely to share the day alongside our friends at St Michael's Junior School. Thank you for your support - we will let the children know the full amount raised in the near future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Kirsty Kingham

Keeping Children Safe Online - AI and Images

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools can now create and edit pictures very quickly and easily. While AI has many positive uses, we want to make you aware that these tools can be misused to manipulate ordinary photos of children - including everyday family pictures shared on social media - into harmful and abusive images. Images like this are illegal in the UK whether or not they have been made using AI, and they can cause real harm.

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have published a helpful guide for parents and carers. It explains the risks in clear language and suggests simple steps you can take, such as checking the privacy settings on your social media accounts, reviewing who can see photos of your child, thinking about who else (family, friends, clubs) shares images of your child, and talking with your child about AI and asking permission before sharing pictures.

You can read the guide here: [Stopping AI Child Sexual Abuse Imagery: Advice for Parents and Carers](#)

If you have any concerns about your child's safety online, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Team.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th – Friday 16th October
– Harvest Donation Week

Tuesday 13th – Individual School Photos

Wednesday 14th - Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th - Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd – school closed INSET DAY

Monday 26th- Friday 30th - Half Term

Monday 2nd November – First day back

Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for parent volunteers to assist with trips and off-site activities. In December, Year R will visit the church for our Christmas Service. If you are a new Year R parent and would like to volunteer with us, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Reception 2027 - School Tours

We have been delighted to welcome so many families looking around as they choose a school for their child starting Reception in September 2027. It has been wonderful to show visitors our school and the happy, caring start we give our youngest learners.

Because so many families have asked, we have added extra tour dates:

- 12th October at 16:00
- 03rd November at 10:30
- 12th November at 10:30
- 19th November at 10:30
- 01st December at 18:00

If you have friends, family or neighbours with a child due to start school in September 2027, please share these dates with them. Hearing about our school from current parents is one of the best recommendations we can have.

To book a place on a tour, please contact the school office or email the admin team adminoffice@st-michels-inf.hants.sch.uk . As a reminder, the deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2027.