



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels
CE Primary School

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the class photos take place in the sunshine on the grass today. It took me back to having them on the grass in Syston last year. It feels both five minutes ago and a lifetime since then! What a long way our school community has come this year!

We have also had Bikeability in today topping up on a session for the last of the few Year 5s that missed out in the Autumn Term.

With the weather turning brighter, we have snuck in a few extra playtimes and the children have been enjoying having more equipment out at lunchtimes.

Please note, we are trialling a new football rota, which has come about from both communication with parents and the children's opinions in House Meetings. A number of children wanted the opportunity to play football with children from other classes and we have tried to facilitate as much as possible. We are, of course, experiencing some teething problems as we roll it out but feel it's important to keep it going for a while. If your child has any concerns about football play, please feel free to come and speak to myself or the class teacher about this. We definitely have many passionate football players in the school!

I write this before we head outside for assembly this afternoon in our eco-garden, too. May the weather continue to become warmer so that we can enjoy the sunshine together!

Kind regards,
Mrs McMillan

RISE Voices:

YEAR 4 ONLY– Rise Voices is taking place **TOMORROW**.

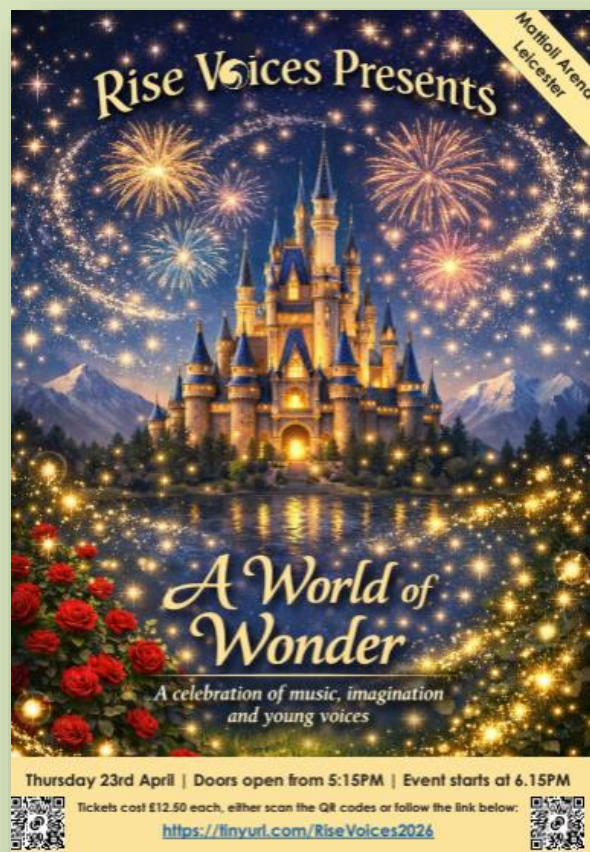
REMINDER:

Coach will collect the YEAR 4 children from school at 1pm

Children will need a packed dinner (in disposable packages if possible) and plenty to drink

Performance finishes at 7:15 and pupils will be taken back to school to be collected by parents

Coaches should arrive back in school approximately 8:10pm



The children will have some time waiting around so are welcome to bring a small card game to them occupied (UNO, Dobble, Top Trumps etc) NO ELECTRONICS!!

Please ensure they have your child's name on as there will be a lot of children in the same room.

We really hope you enjoy the performance!!

Year 3:

Year 3 will be helping out in the ECO garden tomorrow.

Please can they bring in a spare change of shoes to change into for gardening in case they get muddy.



Please note:

The school field is now open for break, lunch time and afterschool club. If your child suffers from Hay fever please can they start taking precautions





CLASS 3 – Swimming:

Swimming started this week and was a great hit.

The first session was more about assessing each child's ability but next week will see them in their groups and starting their learning.

The children were all very excited about their new sessions.



Lateness in School

Punctuality is essential for maintaining consistent attendance and supporting effective learning.

Impact of Lateness

Late arrivals disrupt both the child's learning and the classroom environment. Missing initial activities can lead to gaps in understanding and progress. Example: Being 10 minutes late every day equates to nearly 7 full days of lost learning annually.

Attendance Monitoring and Penalties

From 19 August 2024, penalty notice fines may be issued for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, which constitutes irregular attendance. Lateness will be closely monitored to prevent this.

Learning Time Lost Due to Lateness

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Class Teacher Email addresses



- Class 1 – rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk
- Class 2 – showitt@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk
- Class 3 – mhorler@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk
jhall@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk
- Class 4 – cmcmillan@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher using the email addresses above if you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to share information. We are always happy to hear from you and work together to support your child.

Lost Property:

We have a lot of lost property in school. If your child has lost an item that is not named it is placed in to our lost property boxes based in Class 3 and Class 4. Please ask your child to check these, alternatively parents are welcome to check the box themselves at the end of the school day.



Illness in school:

To help keep everyone well, we ask that children stay at home for 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea. We know it can be tricky when children are keen to get back to school, but this short time really helps protect others from catching the same bug.



Coming up:

- Bradgate House Cake Sale – Thursday 30th April
- Year 6 SATs week – w/c Monday 11th May
- Road Safety Education visit for Foundation, Year 2 and Year 5 – Friday 15th May
- PTFA Victoria House Cake Sale – Thursday 21st May
- Sports Day – Friday 22nd May
- School closes for Half term – Friday 22nd May