



## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels  
CE Primary School

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see Class 1 so enthusiastically embracing their Forest School sessions this term. The children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors, developing their curiosity, teamwork and confidence through hands-on experiences in nature. Outdoor learning provides such valuable opportunities for children to problem-solve, build resilience and connect with the world around them, and it has been wonderful to see their excitement and engagement as it has taken off.

Meanwhile, we are currently in the middle of SATs week, and our Year 6 pupils continue to make us incredibly proud. They have approached each day with calm determination, maturity and hard work, showing resilience and positivity throughout. While these assessments are an important milestone, we are always mindful that our children are far more than test scores. SATs can only capture a small part of who they are and all they have achieved during their time at primary school. Their kindness, creativity, perseverance, talents and friendships are equally important, and we are immensely proud of every single one of them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs McMillan  
Senior Teacher



As you know our Sports Day is planned for Friday 22nd May.

If the weather decides to work against us on this day then our alternative date will be Friday 12th June.

**Timings will remain the same, 1:30pm Start - All are welcome to attend to cheer on the children**

## 🌳 FEED THE BIRDS 🌳

### Can you help?

We would like to tidy up our front space and make it more Eco Friendly. We are on the lookout for donations of bird feeders and houses/tables. Do you have any unwanted feeders or houses that you would be happy to donate to our school? Do you know anyone that could make us one and would like to donate it to us?

If you or anyone you know can help then please reach out to the school office

[office@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)

We are also accepting insect houses!



### Balance Bikes:

Are you handy with bikes?

Can you help us with ours?



The school has 4 balance bikes that were in the school shed when we flooded.

We are looking for someone who is handy with bikes that might be willing to help us by giving them a once over and checking they are working properly and are safe for our children to use.

If you are able to help us or know someone that can then please reach out to the school office.

### School Photos:

School photos should have come home with your child today.

**The 'Order by' date is Friday 22nd May**

Photos can be ordered online by scanning the QR code on the proof or by visiting the website and entering the code on there.

<https://hardysphoto.co.uk/>



## Reminder:

### Victoria Cake Sale

### Next Thursday!!

Please drop any donations of bought or baked cakes into Class on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alternatively, they can be dropped in to the office ready for afterschool.

The cake sales have all been a big hit so far. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to buy or donate cakes.



## 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](mailto:rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 2** – [showitt@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:showitt@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 3** – [mhorler@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:mhorler@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)  
[jhall@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:jhall@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 4** – [cmcmillan@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto: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:

- **Road Safety Education visit for Foundation, Year 2 and Year 5 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**
- **PTFA Victoria House Cake Sale – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**
- **Sports Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (weather permitting)**
- **School closes for Half term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**