



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels
CE Primary School

Wednesday 20th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good week in school and there has been some lovely learning taking place across all classes.

In Class 4, it has been especially nice to see the children relaxing and enjoying their artwork. Today they have been particularly creative with clay as they explored sculpting techniques used during the Renaissance period. The children showed great imagination and concentration while creating their own sculptures.

In Class 3, the children have been learning to tell the time in Maths. I have enjoyed seeing lots of hands-on learning as they moved the hands on their clocks to practise different times. In PSHE, the children have also been enthusiastically telling me the story of "The Pig of Happiness", sharing thoughtful ideas and reflections together.

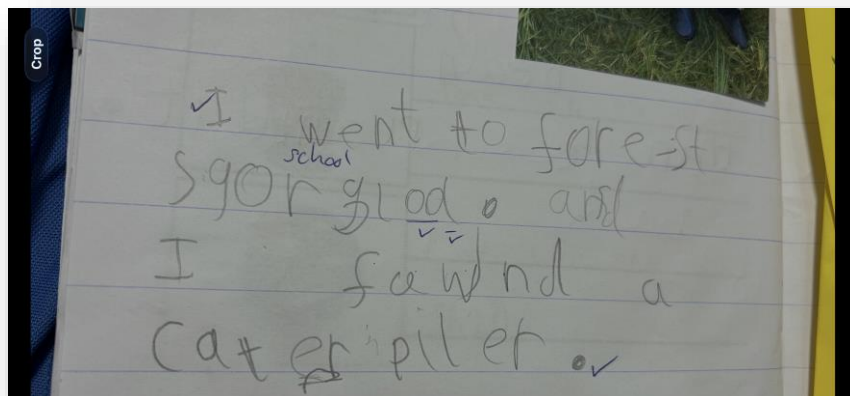
Class 2 have written some excellent setting descriptions about a school, and Mr Howitt has been really pleased with the progress the children are making in their writing.

The same can certainly be said for Class 1, where Miss Smith is very happy with the progress being made in writing. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and are definitely earning their well-deserved break next week!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher



Sports Day:



Our School Sports Day is being held on **Friday 22nd May for all children from 1.30pm on the main playground**. All parents /grandparents etc are welcome to attend. Please **arrive via our rear gate on Melton Road rather than the front entrance**.

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit with their house colour top as the houses will be competing against each other (Foundation children already have their kits in school). **They will need a water bottle in school as well as a sun-hat and sun-cream already applied** as we will be outside all afternoon and the forecast is looking good.

Census Day - Tomorrow:

Reminder that tomorrow is Census day. Any hot meal ordered on this day directly impacts towards school funding. Please encourage your child where possible to try a hot dinner for this day. Thank you.



Nut Free School:

We have noticed a few items containing Nuts in the childrens lunch boxes. Please can we remind parents that we are a Nut Free school as we do have children with nut allergies. Thank you for your support.



Reminder School Photos:

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/>



Gel Squishies:

Please be aware of a concerning viral trend currently circulating on social media platforms that has resulted in serious injuries to children. The trend involves heating or microwaving soft "squishy" or gel-filled toys. While these videos may appear harmless or entertaining, they are extremely dangerous. When heated, these items can overheat internally and may burst or explode, releasing very hot gel that can cause severe burns, including long-lasting or permanent injuries.

Can we ask that these items are not bought into school. Thank you.



Reminder - Victoria Cake Sale

TOMORROW!!

Please drop any donations of bought or baked cakes into Class in the morning.

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
- **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:

- PTFA Victoria House Cake Sale – Thursday 21st May
- Sports Day – Friday 22nd May (weather permitting)
- School closes for Half term – Friday 22nd May
- School Re-opens – Monday 1st June

Have a lovely half term break!