



**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**  
**CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# The Wednesday Word

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and positive second week in school, and it has been particularly lovely to hear the sound of music filling our corridors once again. Music lessons are now underway, and those children who were members of our choir last year have already begun bringing their talents into our assemblies, singing harmonies together. There is something very special about hearing children making music in school, and we are looking forward to developing this further as the term progresses.

Over these first couple of weeks, we have placed a strong emphasis on re-establishing our routines and expectations, and the children have risen well to the occasion. We have been particularly impressed by the way they are lining up on the playground, moving calmly and sensibly around the school and showing consideration for those around them. These may seem like small things, but they make an enormous difference to the atmosphere of our school and help to create a calm, purposeful environment in which everyone can learn.

As we now begin to settle more fully into our classroom learning, our attention is turning to the work the children produce in their books. We will be encouraging every child to take pride in their work and its presentation, while ensuring that this sits alongside creativity, curiosity and independent thought. We want our children to develop their own ideas and opinions about what they are learning, to ask questions, to be interested in the world around them and to have the confidence to contribute their thoughts to class discussions. Beautifully presented work is important, but so too are the ideas, imagination and thinking behind it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children settling so positively into the new school year, and we are excited about all that lies ahead.

Mrs McMillan  
Senior Teacher

## ***Coming Up in school:***

- **Class 4 Trip - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**
- **Jeans for Genes Day - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept**
- **Harvest Festival - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**
- **Individual School Photos - Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**
- **Parents Evenings - Weds 7<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**
- **Nativity - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**
- **Panto Trip - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**
- **Christmas Workshop Day - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**



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## Introducing Class Dojo:

Over the coming week, we will also be introducing ClassDojo, a new way for us to recognise and share aspects of your child's school experience with you.

Children will be able to earn positive Dojo points when staff notice them demonstrating the attitudes, choices and learning behaviours that we value in school – for example, showing kindness, contributing thoughtfully, working hard, demonstrating resilience or taking particular pride in their learning. Where a child has not met an expectation, this can also be recorded, giving parents a clearer picture of both the successes we are celebrating and the areas in which we are helping their child to improve.

Parents will be able to connect to their child through ClassDojo and see the points and feedback that are shared with them. We hope this will provide another useful link between home and school and, most importantly, create opportunities for conversations at home about the positive things children are achieving each day.

There is also a fun side for the children. Through their ClassDojo account, children can access Dojo Islands, where they can explore, build and create in a child-friendly virtual environment. As part of our school reward system, the house points children earn will also help them unlock rewards for their Dojo monster character, giving them another enjoyable way to see their achievements recognised.

We will provide parents with further information about accessing ClassDojo and getting connected shortly. We are looking forward to using it not simply as a system for recording points, but as another way of celebrating the many positive choices, achievements and contributions our children make throughout their school day.



## Open Day:

**St Michael and All Angels CE Primary School**  
Brookside, Rearsby, LE7 4YB

**Open Day Dates:**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 3:15-5:00pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00-11:00am

**Visit Us at Our School Open Days!**

**Is Your Child Starting School Next Year?**

Nestled in the heart of Rearsby, St Michael & All Angels CE Primary School offers a warm, nurturing, and inspiring environment where every child can flourish.

Join us to:

- Explore our newly renovated facilities and vibrant classrooms
- Learn more about our fantastic Forest School space
- Meet our caring, compassionate, and dedicated staff
- Discover how we support every child's individual learning journey
- Find out more about the activities we offer, such as music and eco-club

At St Michael and All Angels, we pride ourselves on fostering curiosity, creativity, confidence, and a love of learning within a safe, inclusive, and supportive community.

Contact us for more information or to book a visit:  
01664 424453 | office@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk

Our school Open Days will be taking place on:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September - 3:15 to 5pm**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November - 10:00 to 11:00**

No need to book just show up



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## Attendance Statistics

July

Class 1: 100%

Class 2: 90.48%

Class 3: 95.31%

Class 4: 100%

## 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                                     |

### Contact us:

- Class 1 – [rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- Class 2 – [rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- Class 3 – [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.

## No Nuts Please

Polite reminder that as we have children in school that have nut allergies we are a nut free school. Please do not send any products containing nuts in your child's lunch box.

Thank you



## 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.

## 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 our lost property boxes based in class 3 and Class 4. Please ask your child to check these or alternatively parents are welcome to check the boxes themselves at the end of the school day.

