ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Wednesday Word

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into November, we have several busy and important weeks ahead of us. Alongside our clubs getting fully up and running, we will be marking both Remembrance and Anti-Bullying Week through a range of activities designed to help our children reflect on kindness, peace and respect for others.

Tomorrow in assembly, we will begin exploring *The Smeds and the Smoos* by Julia Donaldson. This wonderful story celebrates the idea that our differences should never keep us apart and that everyone deserves to be accepted and valued for who they are. The themes link closely to this year's Anti-Bullying Week message of *Break the Silence*. We will be encouraging children to speak out if they witness or experience bullying, particularly when someone is treated unfairly because they are different. Our differences are something to celebrate, and our school community is made stronger by the unique qualities each person brings.

National Anti-Bullying Week begins on Monday 16th November. As we do each year, children are invited to wear odd socks to school to show that they are proud of what makes them unique. This year, we are inviting children, if they wish, to wear one red sock and one blue sock as a visible way of saying that they stand against bullying and support kindness, inclusion and respect for everyone.

Next week, we will also welcome visitors into school to help deepen our learning about Remembrance. These experiences will support the children in understanding the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed, while also helping them reflect on the value of peace in our world today.

Our prayer spaces this week have been focused on the theme of peace, and it has been lovely to see so many children engaging thoughtfully with them. Children have been using peace stones and adding dove stickers carrying their prayers and hopes for peace. These quiet moments of reflection are wonderful opportunities for children to think about how each of us can contribute to a kinder, more peaceful world.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we help our children develop not only academically but also as thoughtful, caring and responsible members of our community.

Best wishes,
Catherine McMillan



Coming Up in school:

- **Odd Sock Day - Mon 16th Nov (one Red sock and one Blue)**
- **Santa Fun Run - Fri 4th Dec**
- **Nativity - Wed 9th Dec**
- **Panto Trip - Fri 11th Dec (during the school day)**
- **Christmas Workshop Day - Wed 16th Dec (all day for children only in school)**
- **RockSteady Concert - Fri 18th Dec (PARENTS OF ROCKSTEADY PUPILS ONLY)**



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Lunchtime Road Safety Club!:

Miss Smith will be starting a Road Safety Club from **Tuesday 10th November.**
This will run at lunchtimes on a Tuesday from 12:30 to 12:55.
Children will get a chance to become road safety champions through various activities.
Please sign up via Arbor - Open Now!





Create with Clay Afterschool Club:



Miss Smith's Clay Club starts tomorrow Thursday 5th November afterschool from 3:15 to 4:15pm throughout the month of November.

This club is now FULL!

Odd Sock Day:



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On **Monday 16th November.**
Wear one **RED** sock and one **BLUE** sock!!

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Lunch Time Choir Club: KS2:

CHOIR CLUB IS BACK once again with Mrs McMillan starting Tuesday 10th November!!

There are still spaces available if your child would like to join.

This is open to **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 only** at this time. (Max 15 pupils)

Please sign your child up via Arbor if they would like to attend. Open Now!!



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PTFA News:

We had a wonderful turnout for our colouring competition and it was lovely to see so many different ideas. A massive `Thank You' goes to our school governors Rita and Barbara who kindly gave up their time to come into school and judge the entries.



And the Winner is...



The PTFA are now taking payments for the Christmas Disco.

Please ensure all payments are made no later than Friday 4th December

Please see payment details here



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out at any of the events or become a part of the PTFA then please reach out to

stmichaelallangelsptfa@gmail.com

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Attendance Statistics

5th to 9th October:	12th to 15th October:
Class 1: 95%	Class 1: 93.8%
Class 2: 100%	Class 2: 97.1%
Class 3: 92.6%	Class 3: 94.4%
Class 4: 99.5%	Class 4: 92.8%

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
- Class 2 – rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk
- Class 3 –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.

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 childs 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 inour 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.

