ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Wednesday Word

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need and Celebrating Our Differences

This Friday, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need. Throughout this half term, the children have been reflecting on how we can all be friends together, showing kindness and respect for one another despite our differences. We have been celebrating what makes each of us unique whilst recognising the many things we share as a school family.

To mark **Children in Need, Friday will remain a school uniform day,** but children are warmly invited to add a touch of Children in Need to their uniform. This could be through official Children in Need merchandise, spotty socks, a spotty hair accessory, a Pudsey badge, or another simple spotty addition to their usual uniform.

Children in Need reminds us of the importance of caring for others and supporting those who may be facing challenges. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to think about how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a big difference in the lives of others.

In assembly, (and for some children in RE) we have also been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We have enjoyed exploring themes of hope, kindness and the triumph of good over evil. It has been especially lovely to see the photographs that Mrs Smith shared from her own Diwali celebrations, helping us to learn from lived experience and giving the children a deeper understanding of this special festival.

As the Diwali celebrations draw to a close, we would like to wish Mrs Smith and all members of our community who are celebrating a very happy and prosperous New Year. Saal Mubarak!

Thank you for your continued support.

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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Children in Need!:



If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need you can follow the link below

DONATE TO CHILDREN IN NEED HERE

Friendship Display:



Happy Diwali:



Odd Sock Day:



Children are invited to wear odd socks to school to show that they are proud of what makes them unique.



On Monday 16th November

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.

Break the Silence:

In honour of Remembrance Day the children had a special assembly and marked the date with a 1 minute silence.











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PTFA News:



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

26th October to 6th November:
Class 1: 98.75%
Class 2: 97.35%
Class 3: 97.96%
Class 4: 97.37%

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.

