



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels
CE Primary School

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding week here at school, filled with learning, creativity and moments of reflection.

Yesterday, we were pleased to welcome a visitor to our assembly who spoke to the children about the importance of loving one another. This linked beautifully with our current learning about Jesus' perseverance in showing love during difficult times. The children have engaged thoughtfully in these discussions and have shown great maturity in reflecting on how they can show kindness and compassion in their own lives.

We were also joined yesterday by a representative from the Trust who was taking photographs for our school website. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing the wide range of activities taking place across the school, from computer lessons and recorder music sessions to interesting science experiments. It was wonderful to see our children engaged and enthusiastic in their learning.

Around school, it has been lovely to see new displays going up, celebrating pupils' work and bringing colour and life to our corridors. The display pictured below marks the launch of Miss Smith's Spring Bird Watching project, which we are all very much looking forward to seeing develop over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very proud of the positive, caring community we share.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher

Choir Club:

Polite reminder that Choir Club will resume from this Thursday (15th)

3:15 to 4:15 with Mrs McMillan



Census Day:

Tomorrow we have our Spring Census and Relish have put on a special menu. We encourage all children to have a hot dinner on Census day as all meals ordered directly impact our school funding for the year. Please encourage your child to try a hot dinner on this day especially those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as those meals are not chargeable.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:

Be a part of the Big Garden watch with the RSPB. This is the world's largest garden wildlife survey and every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part. Your child can take part to. Ask them to come and speak to Miss Smith or take a sheet from our Birdwatch display. Or follow the link below to their website.

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

Between 23rd and 25th January choose an hour to sit in your garden and record the birds that land on your patch. You can submit your results online via the RSPB website.

Miss Smith would love to see pictures of your children taking part.



New website for our school:

We are pleased to announce that our school has launched a new website!

As we complete the final stages of the transition, automatic redirection may not yet be in place so please do visit the new site for the most up to date information, news and resources.

<https://www.stmichaels.risemat.co.uk/>



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.rise.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:

- **February Half Term Break – School Closes Thursday 12th February**
- **Teacher Inset Day (School closed to pupils) – Friday 13th February**
- **Parents Evening – March (more details to follow)**
- **SATS Information evening for Year 6 Parents**