

Wednesday 21st January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around school and seeing some kinaesthetic learning taking place in some of the classrooms!

In Class 3, the children's science experiment work was evident, with eggs placed in different liquids to explore the effects on teeth as part of their learning about dental hygiene.

I was also delighted to see children practising their geography skills so confidently in action, just as shown in the photograph. It is always encouraging to see learning being applied so practically and enthusiastically.

In Class 1, the vibrant splat paintings on display today are a joy to look at as the children explore different ways to paint and express themselves creatively. Alongside this, I have loved hearing about their learning on polar animals – and enjoyed helping them carry buckets of ice from the freezer as they investigated what had happened to it! Their excitement and curiosity made the experience even more special.

It has been a week full of creativity, investigation and smiles, and it has been truly lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning.

Thank you for your continued support – it really is a pleasure to be part of such a positive and vibrant school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher



Parents Evening – Save the Dates:

Parents evening will be taking place in March. A message will go out via Arbor once appointments are available for booking.

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 5th March



Parents
Evening

Afterschool Clubs:

Our afterschool club team have now put together some new clubs for this term that will run up to Easter. Each club is open to all year groups and will start from next week, week commencing 26th January. Sign up is via Arbor and there are plenty of spaces available.

Monday – Dance Club

Tuesday – Crafts Club

Wednesday – Football Club (A spare change of clothes and shoes is required for this session)

Thursday – Dodgeball Club (A spare change of clothes and shoes is required for this session)

Max 20 per session.



Rainbows Santa Fun Run:

On behalf of St Michael and All Angels and the Trust we want to send out a huge thank you to all who took part in the Rainbows Santa Fun Run back in December. It was a trust run event covering all RISE schools and collectively we all raised a massive amount.



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We care for babies, children and young people in the East Midlands – wherever they are.
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We would like to say a huge thank you to:

Rise Multi Academy Trust Schools

For supporting Rainbows and raising:

£6,006.88

Your amazing fundraising will help us support families across the East Midlands.

Signed: Glenford Date: December 2025

 

Registered Charity Number: 1014051

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:

There is still time to 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.



Year 5 – Taster Sessions:

As part of their transition programme Year 5 pupils from local Primary Schools are invited to go and try some of the lessons at Wreake Valley. The next session they have running is Science.

To book a place for your child please visit Wreake Valleys website.

www.wreake.bepschools.org

THIS IS FOR YEAR 5 PUPILS ONLY



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 – Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March**