



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels
CE Primary School

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to spend some time around the school this week whilst my class have been busy having fun in PE! I have definitely seen some enthusiastic learning taking place! In Class 2, I enjoyed watching the children practising their addition skills in maths. They have been using Base 10 equipment to support their understanding, and it was good to see how confidently they are using this to explain their thinking.

I also visited Class 3 during their English lessons where they were busy with their story writing. The pupils were giving careful thought to the fronted adverbials they might include and how to punctuate them correctly. It was lovely to hear such thoughtful discussions about how to make their writing more interesting for the reader.

At the end of last week, we welcomed the Head of the Trust to school. He spoke warmly about what he saw, commenting on the vibrant atmosphere and the positive attitudes of our children. Yesterday we also hosted visitors from Severn Trent along with two local councillors who came to see our SUDS in action – please see Miss Smith if you would like to find out more about this exciting project.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher

Parents Evening:

Parents evening is now live on Arbor. Please log in to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

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Parents
Evening

Inset Day
.. school closed to
pupils

Inset Day reminder:

Please be reminded that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 13th February for our school onset day. We will re-open on Monday 23rd February.

Visit from Severn Trent:

On Wednesday 3rd February we were visited by Severn Trent and two of our Borough Councillors who came to see our SUDs units in action. These were installed last year from a £5000 grant provided by Severn Trent and they were thrilled to come back and see the units fully installed and up and running. The plants are not yet looking up too much but with Spring just around the corner we hope to get them thriving and full of colour and life.



School Uniform:

We have noticed a small number of pupils are coming to school in jumpers that are not part of school uniform. Please can we gently remind parents that the school follow a uniform policy and pupils should only be coming to school in the correct uniform. Jumpers as outwear must be removed in school and pupils must have an appropriate coat (with a hood where possible).

The link to school uniform can be found following the link below:

[St Michael & All Angels Church of England Primary School - Uniform Information](#)

Donations:

Do you have any blankets or comfy rugs that you no longer use and would like to donate to school?

Miss Smith, EYFS, is on the lookout for her classroom to make carpet activities more comfortable for the children.

She is looking for the following;

- **Blankets**
- **Rugs**
- **Cushions**
- **Beanbags**

They must be in a good condition as they are for the children to sit on during carpet time.



Thank you for the items that have already been donated.

YEAR 4 RISE Voices Choir Event:

Reminder for **YEAR 4 ONLY**

You should by now have received the Save the Date letter for the upcoming RISE voices Choir event that is being held in April. **Please remember to complete your child's Arbor consent by Tuesday 10th February.**

Rise Voices is a key Trust-wide experience and forms an important part of our Pupil Charter Year 4 offer. The children will have an amazing time and in previous years have described it as 'the best day ever'. We therefore would expect all Year 4 pupils to attend so they don't miss out!

Further details will be shared closer to the event.

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**
- **World Book Day – Thursday 5th March**