



## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels  
CE Primary School

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school, with lots of exciting learning taking place across all year groups. Here's a snapshot of what the children have been up to:

EYFS have been exploring the topic of Kings and Queens. They have been learning about what makes a good leader and looking at real-life monarchs and castles.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the remarkable explorer Mary Kingsley. They have explored her adventurous journeys to West Africa and discussed what life would have been like during her travels. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm while learning about her bravery and determination.

In PE, Year 3 and 4 have been taking part in golf sessions and are thoroughly enjoying developing their coordination and accuracy skills. In the classroom, they have also been learning about earthquakes and tectonic plates, discovering how the Earth's surface moves and what causes natural disasters. The children have asked thoughtful questions and have shown a real interest in how our planet works.

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying coding using Scratch. They have been creating their own interactive projects, developing games, and learning how to debug their code. It has been fantastic to see their problem-solving skills in action and their creativity shine through their digital designs.

Kind regards,  
Mrs McMillan  
Senior Teacher

## Parents Evening:

Parents evening is taking place **this evening and again tomorrow**. If you haven't been able to attend one of the appointments but would like to speak to your child's teacher then please do contact the school office and arrangements can be made.



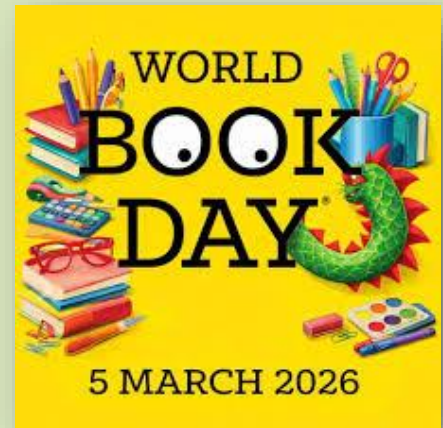
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## REMINDER – WORLD BOOK DAY:

### TOMORROW!!

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we welcome the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They can also bring along the book to which they are from if they have it at home.

**(We are not asking you to make a special purchase)**



## LAST CHANCE –

### Reading in unusual places challenge:

For World Book Day we are introducing a reading challenge. We would like children to take photos of themselves reading in unusual (safe) places (a parent can take the photo for them). It can be silly, imaginative or just their favourite place to read a book e.g. Miss Smith could take a photo of herself reading a book on 'Danny' her horse.

Photos can be sent in already printed or they can be emailed in to school for us to print.

These will then be displayed around school ready for World Book Day.

Voting will take place and a prize will be given for the best one.

**We have had some great responses – Good Luck**



## Mother's Day Coffee Afternoon:

Class 4 and Class 1 are looking forward to hosting a special **Mother's Day Coffee & Cake afternoon in the church on Tuesday 10th March at 2.15pm**. We are excited to welcome mums and special mother figures to enjoy a relaxed time together, with coffee, conversation and a sweet treat lovingly served by the children.

To help make this event extra special, we would greatly appreciate any donations of cakes, slices or baked goods from our wonderful school community. All donations will go towards creating a beautiful spread for the morning.

Thank you so much for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!



## Morning Snacks:

Please could we remind parents that morning snacks in school should be **fruit and veg snacks only** please. We have noticed a small number of crackers, cheese and yoghurts creeping in and whilst we recognise that these are healthy snacks we do have a whole school approach on this.

**Class 1 and 2** are provided with a morning snack via our school fruit and Veg scheme. This is provided free of charge and the children are all encouraged to try.



Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Class 3 Swimming – Summer Term:

We are excited to announce that we will be reintroducing Swimming as part of the National Curriculum.

All of our **Year 3 and Year 4** children will take part in swimming lessons in the Summer Term.

A letter will be coming home with your child soon.



## Free School Meals:

Your child could be entitled to Free School Meals.

If you think you could be eligible please follow the link below to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



## 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](mailto:rsmith@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 2** – [showitt@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:showitt@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 3** – [mhorler@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:mhorler@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)  
[jhall@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk](mailto:jhall@stmichaels.risemat.co.uk)
- **Class 4** – [cmcmillan@stmichaels.rise.co.uk](mailto: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:

- **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Easter activities**
- **Science Week**
- **Easter Holidays – School Closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Swimming Lessons – Summer Term**
- **Class Photos - April**