



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels
CE Primary School

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to see mothers and family members at our Mother's Day service in church yesterday. The children truly enjoyed the opportunity to come off timetable and spend time serving the grown-ups who do so much for them. There was a lovely atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see the children taking pride in welcoming and looking after our visitors. Thank you also for the generous cake donations – they were very much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

It has also been lovely this week to see many of our Class 4 pupils taking time to nurture and support the children in Class 1. They have shown great patience, kindness and encouragement, and it has been heart-warming to watch. There are certainly one or two budding teachers among them!

The highlight of the week has undoubtedly been World Book Day. There was a real buzz around the school as the children and staff celebrated their love of reading. We would like to congratulate parents for the wonderful effort that went into the costumes – the creativity was fantastic. We hope to share some photographs on our social media soon. It has been such a busy week in school that staff have not yet had the opportunity to post them, as so many wonderful activities have been taking place.

In Class 4, we immersed ourselves in the incredible story of Ernest Shackleton and his crew of explorers. The children embraced the challenge with great enthusiasm, pulling makeshift sledges around the school, carrying out "excavations" in ice, and even tackling grammar games inspired by the texts we were reading. It was a brilliant way to bring our learning to life and the pupils approached every activity with energy and curiosity.

It has certainly been a full and joyful week in school, and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning and in supporting one another. (see pictures)

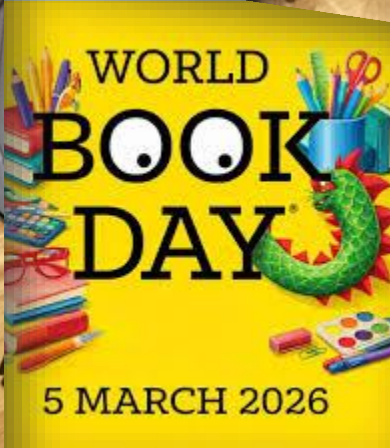
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warmest regards
Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher

Class 4/Class 1:



WORLD BOOK DAY:



Easter Service:

On Wednesday 25th March Class 3 will be performing a short Easter themed play at the church for parents and carers. All parents are welcome to come along but please note that only Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in the performance.

**Wednesday 25th March @ 2:15pm in
St Michael and all Angels Church**



Reading in unusual places challenge:

We had some great responses to our reading in unusual places challenge. Mrs Smith has been busy getting the photos ready to display.

Voting is due to take place on Friday



Class 3 – Hinduism:

Today Class 3 were looking at Hindu Artefacts and Mrs Smith our Midday Supervisor was kind enough to bring in a selection of her own items to show the class.



Mother's Day Coffee Afternoon:



World Sleep Day:

Did you know!?

Friday 13th is World Sleep Day

World Sleep Day

Friday 13 March 2026



Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Sleep well, live better

World Sleep Day encourages people worldwide to promote the importance of healthy sleep. It's an opportunity to highlight how **quality rest supports mental well-being, physical health and overall quality of life.**

Why sleep matters?

- Supports mood and emotional regulation
- Improves concentration and memory
- Reduces stress and burnout

Healthy sleep habits

- Stick to a regular sleep and wake time
- Limit screen usage before bedtime
- Quiet, dark and calming environment

Mental Health Support
Teams in Schools



Need more support with sleep?

My Self Referral - My Self-referral is a website available to young people up to the age of 18 who want advice and support for their mental health. It enables young people to self-care and access a broad range of advice, resources and services.

Health For Teens - Health for Teens is a fantastic resource for young people to find out more about health, covering the likes of feelings, growing up, health, lifestyle, relationships and sexual health.

Health For Kids - Find top tips and advice on all aspects of children's emotional and physical health, from keeping kids active and eating well, to building their confidence and equipping them to cope with specific health issues.

Support for parents and carers - Head to the website lptnhs.com/SupportForParents for clear, practical guidance and resources for families with children of all ages.

Scan this QR code or visit the link for more about our support services:

leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health



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:

- **Easter Service in Church – Wednesday 25th March**
- **Easter Holidays – School Closes Friday 27th March**
- **Swimming Lessons – Summer Term**
- **Class Photos - April**