



## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

St Michael and All Angels  
CE Primary School

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in photos of their children reading in unusual places. We have received such a wonderful range of pictures, and it has been lovely to see the creativity and enthusiasm for reading. A display of the photos is now up in school, and the children have been thoroughly enjoying spotting themselves and their friends and seeing all the different places people chose to read.

This week has also been our assessment week across the school. As I have visited classrooms, it has been fantastic to see how hard all the children are working. They have been approaching their tests with focus and determination, and we are very proud of the effort they are putting into their learning.

Since writing last week, a particular highlight has been celebrating National Science Week. In Class 4 we had the exciting opportunity to join an online live lesson with marine biologists alongside 87 other schools from across the country. The children found it fascinating to hear about the work scientists do to study and protect our oceans. A special mention goes to Avni, who received a shout out during the session because she had submitted a question beforehand. She shared that she is interested in a future career in this area, which was wonderful to hear.

It has been lovely to see many of the older children beginning to think about what they might like to do when they grow up. They were particularly interested in exploring the different careers available and, I must admit, were very intrigued by the salaries associated with some of the different fields of work!

Looking ahead, on Monday we will be holding a special Easter Day as a whole school. During the day we will spend time reflecting on the Easter story and thinking about our hopes for the future. As part of this, the children will be considering what they would like to do and how they would like to be when they grow up, thinking about the kind of people they want to become as well as the careers they might pursue.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs McMillan  
Senior Teacher

## PTFA News:

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's PTFA meeting, we are pleased to announce the PTFA is back!

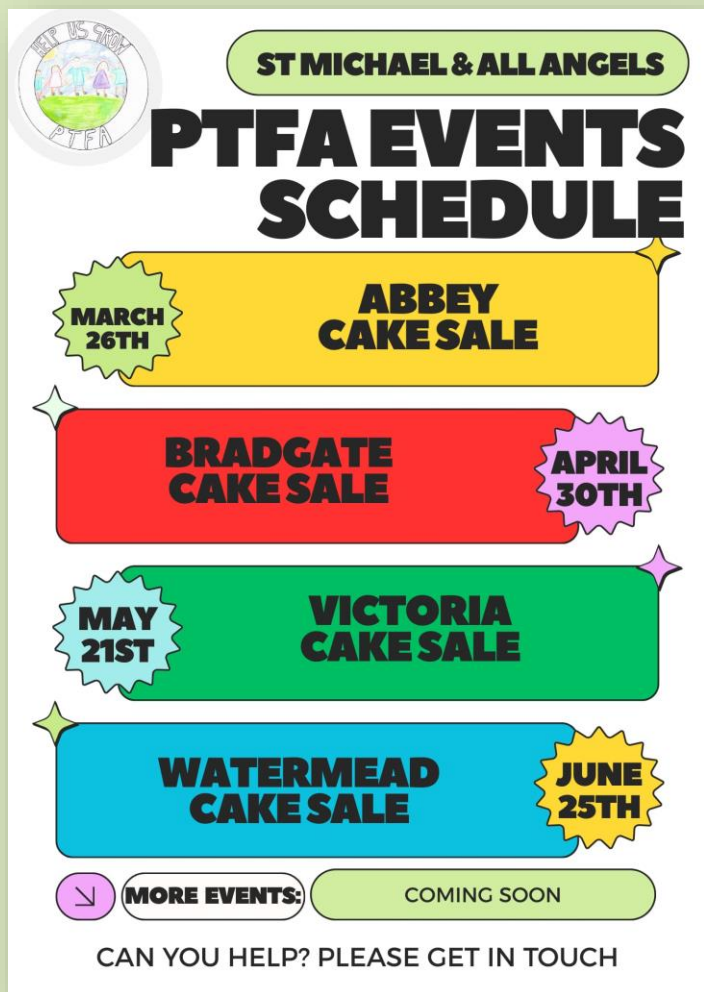
We're delighted to welcome Victoria as Chair and Rebecca as Treasurer.

Cake sales are returning, with school houses competing to raise the most—starting Thurs 26th March with Abbey. If your child is in Abbey, please send cakes in that morning.

Funds raised will support new playground ideas, an outdoor football table, classroom resources, and the eco garden.

You can also help by signing up to easyfundraising—raise free donations every time you shop online (St Michael and All Angels Primary School - Rearsby Fundraising | Easyfundraising).

Without the PTFA, we can't run these events—and need parent volunteers to help make them happen. Even 20 minutes helping at a cake sale makes a big difference! Please pass your details to the office & we'll be in touch if you can help.



**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

# PTFA EVENTS SCHEDULE

<b>MARCH 26TH</b>	<b>ABBEY CAKE SALE</b>
	<b>BRADGATE CAKE SALE</b>
<b>APRIL 30TH</b>	
<b>MAY 21ST</b>	<b>VICTORIA CAKE SALE</b>
	<b>WATERMEAD CAKE SALE</b>
<b>JUNE 25TH</b>	

**MORE EVENTS:** COMING SOON

CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH



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PTFA

# ABBEY CAKE SALE

THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
3:15pm

Donations of bought or baked cakes, please drop off the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup>

## Reminder - Easter Service:

A little reminder that next Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March @ 2:15pm in  
St Michael and all Angels Church**



## Can you help?

Mrs Hall is asking if anyone has any plastic axes at home, maybe from a Halloween costume that the children could borrow for their Easter performance.

Please bring in for Mrs Hall if you have one she could borrow please, Thank you!

## Opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our school community:

Please keep a look out for a letter coming via Arbor regarding the children having the opportunity to have a simple Henna design put on their hand on Monday afternoon (23<sup>rd</sup>) by a member of staff in celebration of Eid.

**If you would like your child to take part please give your consent on Arbor by Monday morning.**



## Wombles in Litter Assembly:

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we were kindly visited by the Wombles in Litter Education group who were delighted to come into school and talk rubbish in our school assembly. The children were fascinated to hear about the length of time items took to perish in the rubbish. It was an interesting afternoon for all involved.



## International Day of Happiness:

### Did you know!?

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> is International Happiness Day

## International Day of Happiness Friday 20 March 2026

This year's theme looks at how social media affects our happiness. It highlights the challenges it can create for our wellbeing as well as the positive ways we can use technology to support ourselves and others.

### Why happiness matters?

- Supports good mental health
- Strengthens relationships
- Boosts learning and motivation



### Habits to support happiness

- Get enough sleep and stay active
- Spend time with people who uplift you
- Take breaks from screens
- Be kind to others



**Mental Health Support  
Teams in Schools**

### Need more support?

**MySelfReferral** - 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.

**NHS 111** - Head to **NHS 111 online** or **call 111** and select the mental health option to get advice and support from trained professionals, day or night.

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



[leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health](https://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](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.risemat.co.uk](mailto:cmcmillan@stmichaels.risemat.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 25<sup>th</sup> March***
- ***Easter Holidays – School Closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March***
- ***Swimming Lessons for CLASS 3 – Summer Term***
- ***Class Photos - April***