

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



Newsletter 11

Friday 24th April 2026

For I know the plans I have for you.....plans to give you hope and a future.' Jeremiah 29 verse 11

British Values Day

On Wednesday 6th May, we will be holding a special day in school to celebrate British Values. This will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to take part in recognising and appreciating the values and traditions that are an important part of British life. Throughout the day, the children will engage in a range of activities focused on British culture, and we will be holding a special worship to reflect these themes as a whole school. Children are also being invited to come to school on this day dressed in red, white or blue.



British Values Day is a dedicated school event focusing on promoting five core principles introduced by the Department for Education: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance.

Year 5 Food Technology Day

Yesterday, pupils in Year 5 were very busy completing their food technology project by making the bread they had carefully designed last term. The classroom was filled with excitement as the children measured ingredients, mixed dough, and practised their kneading techniques with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see how confidently they followed their plans, showing both independence and teamwork throughout the process. The children worked extremely well together, supporting one another as they baked, tested, and, of course, tasted their creations. The delicious smell of freshly baked bread filled the air, making the experience even more rewarding. You never know - we may even end up seeing one of our pupils on *The Great British Bake Off* one day!



Jewellery

Could we please remind you that earrings cannot be worn for PE, swimming and afterschool sports clubs. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please make sure you do this at home on the relevant days.

School Closure For Local Elections

Could we please remind all parents/carers that school will be closed to all pupils in The Ark and main school, with the exception of Year 6, on Thursday 7th May due to the premises being used as a polling station for local elections.

Year 6 will be expected to attend school as normal on this day. They will remain in school and continue working with their teachers in preparation for their upcoming SATs assessments. There will be no Bagel club or Giraffe club on this day so pupils in Year 6 will need to be dropped off and collected at the normal school times of 8.50am and 3.20pm. Children do not need to wear uniform on this day. If your child is entitled to free school meals, sandwiches will be provided otherwise your child will need to bring a packed lunch into school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Year 4 Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 28th April, we are inviting Year 4 parents/carers into school to attend a short Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Workshop. The workshop will begin at 9.00am and last for approximately 30 minutes. During the session, we will share information about the multiplication check including:



- What the check is and why it is completed in Y4
- How and when the children will sit the test
- Practical ways to support your child at home

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to ask questions and gain a clear understanding of what to expect, so that we can work together to support the children in feeling confident and prepared. If you would like to attend this workshop and have not yet returned the slip to school, please do so or call the school office to let us know you will be attending.

School Meal Charges

We would like to inform you that, from September 2026, the cost of a school meal for children in KS2 who are not eligible for free school meals will be increasing from £2.50 to £2.60 per day.

We have worked hard to keep meal prices unchanged over the past two years; however due to the continued rise in food costs and catering expenses, the adjustment has become necessary. Please be assured that we remain committed to providing high-quality, nutritious meals for all our pupils. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Come Dine With Me

Following the success of our Spring Term 'Come Dine With Me' lunch experiences, we are delighted to announce that this popular event will be returning in the Summer Term. During this term, parents and carers will once again be warmly invited into school to take part in this special experience. If you have not yet received a letter, closer to the time of your child's class 'Come Dine With Me' experience you will receive a letter home giving you further details of times and how to make your payment. Please see the list below notifying you of the dates for each class so that you can make a note in your diary if you would like to join us. We hope that you will take the opportunity to come and share this special lunch with your child.



05.05.26	Reception Come Dine With Me
05.05.26	The Ark Come Dine With Me
19.05.26	Year 1 Come Dine With Me
23.06.26	Year 2 Come Dine With Me
30.06.26	Year 3 Come Dine With Me
07.07.26	Year 4 Come Dine With Me
14.07.26	Year 5 Come Dine With Me
14.07.26	Year 6 Come Dine With Me

Forest School Afternoons

This term, all classes will be taking part in a Forest School afternoon with Mrs Owen and Mrs Merrick, where they will engage in a variety of exciting outdoor learning activities. These sessions will provide children with the opportunity to explore the natural environment, develop practical skills, and build confidence through hands-on experiences. Forest School encourages children to work collaboratively, take appropriate risks, and develop a deeper appreciation for the outdoors, all while having lots of fun in a supportive and stimulating environment.



Extra-curricular Activities

All school extra-curricular activities have begun this week, and we are extremely pleased with the high level of interest shown by the children. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils eager to take part and try something new beyond the classroom. Clubs running this term include Paper Craft Club, Cricket, Dodgeball, Healthy Eating and Cooking Club, Reading Club, Art & Craft Club and Sign Language Club. These activities provide a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, build friendships, and explore their interests in a fun and supportive environment.



KS2 National Tests

We would like to remind you Key Stage 2 National tests taking place during the week ending Monday 11th May and it is important that your child at school each day that week. To the time your child will be getting a letter home outlining the timetable for the week which you will also be able to access on the main school website under the heading 'Y6 SATs'. We want Year 6 pupils to sit the tests under the best conditions possible so that they can do their very best and therefore, during test week, a free breakfast club will be on offer to all Year 6 pupils. Children can be dropped off at 8.00am and have breakfast with their classmates, ready for the day ahead of them, if they wish.



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Mrs McLean would like to say a very big well done to all Year 6 pupils who are currently working extremely hard in preparing for their upcoming tests. They are doing amazingly well and remaining very focused.



28.04.26	Y4 MTC Parent Workshop
01.05.26	Y3 Forest School Afternoon
04.05.26	School closed for May Bank Holiday
05.05.26	Reception/The Ark Come Dine With Me
07.05.26	School closed for Local Elections
08.05.26	Rec Forest School Afternoon
11.05.26	Y6 SATs week commences
12.05.26	Reception Learning together Afternoon
15.05.26	Y4 Forest School Afternoon
19.05.26	Year 1 Come Dine With Me
19.05.26	Relationships, Sex & Health Ed Parent Workshop
21.05.26	Reception Learning together Afternoon
21.05.26	Adoption & Foster Carer Meeting
22.06.26	Y6 Forest School Afternoon
01.06.26	Class & Y6 Individual Photographs
01.06.26	Pentecost Service
02.06.26	Reception Learning together Afternoon
05.06.26	Y5 Forest School Afternoon
12.06.26	Sports' Morning
16.06.26	'When the going gets tough' Parent workshop
23.06.26	Year 2 Come Dine With Me
26.06.26	Y2 Forest School Afternoon
30.06.26	Year 3 Come Dine With Me
02.07.26	What's available over summer' Parent Workshop
03.07.26	Y1 Forest School Afternoon
07.07.26	Year 4 Come Dine With Me
09.07.26	Y5/6 Production
10.07.26	St Michael's Summer Fest
14.07.26	Year 5 Come Dine With Me
14.07.26	Year 6 Come Dine With Me
15.07.26	Leavers' Presentation
17.07.26	Leavers' Service

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