

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



Newsletter 13

Friday 12th June 2026

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

Paddington Film Night

On Thursday 18th June, as part of our Refugee Week we are delighted to be inviting children in KS2 to our Paddington Film night. The film will begin straight after school and finish at 5pm. The cost of this event is £3.00 per child and payment should be made via the school shop in the Arbor App under the heading 'Paddington Film Night' no later than Monday 15th June at 9.00am. Please note that Paddington is rated PG so we ask parents and carers to be aware of this before booking a place.



Osmington Bay Residential

Could we please remind parents/carers of children in Years 2 & 3 that the Osmington Bay residential deposit is currently available for payment in the Arbor App. The deadline for payment has now been extended to Monday 15th June at 8.55am. If you would like your child to attend this exciting opportunity, please make payment by this date so that numbers can be collated and the booking secured.



Wildside Activity Centre Visit

On Friday 4th July, Year 2 children will be visiting the Wildside Activity Centre to enhance their science topic on habitats. The children will spend the day doing a variety of activities including pond dipping and going on a mini beast hunt. The children will also have the opportunity to look at different animal habitats in the woodland and canal areas. As most of the experiences will be outside, please make sure your child wears weather appropriate, comfortable clothing which they don't mind getting dirty! If you have not yet made payment for this trip, please do so via the Arbor App in the trips section under the heading 'Y2 Wildside Visit' no later than Monday 15th June.



Wolverhampton Community Games Baton Relay

On Wednesday 3rd June, St Michael's proudly took part in the Wolverhampton School Games Baton Journey, an exciting event that saw the baton travel between nearly 100 schools across the local area. The initiative brought schools together in celebration of sport, teamwork, and community spirit. After receiving the baton from a visiting school, our Sports Captains had the honour of carrying it on the next stage of its journey. They ran with great enthusiasm and pride as they delivered the baton to its next destination, St Peter's Collegiate Academy. The event was a fantastic experience for everyone involved and generated a real sense of excitement throughout the school. The Baton Journey also helped to raise awareness of the upcoming Commonwealth Games, inspiring many children to take an interest in the athletes, countries, and sporting events that will be taking place during the summer. We are incredibly proud of our Sports Captains for their participation and for representing St Michael's so positively during this memorable community event.



School Library

Our school library is now open to all children during lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please remind your child of these library days so they can return any books they have borrowed and choose a new one to enjoy. In addition, the library is open after school on Thursdays, providing a great opportunity for parents and carers to visit with their child, explore the library together, and help them select books to take home. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child's reading and enjoyment of books.



Walk to School Week

We are pleased to inform you that next week St Michael's is taking part in a 'Walk to School Week' which has been organised by the school council. This initiative aims to encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school in the hope of reducing congestion and traffic outside the school gates, improving safety and promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. Throughout the week, the school council will be recording children's journeys on tracker sheets, which will be completed for each class every day which will help us celebrate their efforts and monitor our progress as a school community. During this week, in addition to travelling actively to school, we will also be promoting wellbeing through a range of in-school activities including mindfulness sessions and taking part in the 'Daily Mile'.

Free School Meal Expansion

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, Free School Meal eligibility will be expanded to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, regardless of household income. There will now be two categories of FSM entitlement: Targeted FSM and Expanded FSM. Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with an annual household income of £7,400 or less will continue to qualify for Targeted FSM and other educational entitlements that have previously been linked to eligibility for FSM, such as the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF). Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with an annual household income exceeding £7,400 will also qualify for Expanded FSM (meals only). For further information regarding these changes, please visit the Free School Meals information page for the latest DfE guidance by visiting the website www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Year 5 Viking Day

Last week, as part of their History topic on the Vikings, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Viking Day. The children arrived at school dressed in a variety of fantastic Viking costumes, helping to bring their learning to life and creating a real sense of excitement throughout the day. During the day, the children took part in a range of engaging activities designed to deepen their understanding of Viking life, culture, and traditions. One of the highlights was designing their own Viking longhouses. The children carefully considered the features and materials used by the Vikings and created detailed plans, which will be used later this term when they build model longhouses of their own. The children also explored Viking history through storytelling, listening to fascinating tales and learning about significant events from the Viking period. In particular, they enjoyed discovering the story of the Battle of Tettenhall and its importance in local history, helping them to make connections between their learning and the area in which they live. The day was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their historical knowledge in a fun, hands-on way. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and participation were outstanding, and it was clear that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



As part of their ongoing project, Year 5 are now collecting boxes and other suitable recyclable materials to help them construct their Viking longhouses later this term. If you are able to donate any clean cardboard boxes, please speak to Mrs Rai or Mrs Rogers. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help bring this exciting project to life.

Arley Arboretum Visit

On Wednesday 1st July, as part of their Science topic, Year 1 will be visiting Arley Arboretum, a beautiful and historic arboretum located on the banks of the River Sever at Upper Arley, near the market town of Bewdley. Set within the stunning grounds of the Arley Estate, this unique outdoor learning environment provides an excellent opportunity for children to explore and appreciate the natural world. Arley Arboretum is one of the oldest arboretums in Britain and is home to over 300 species of trees from around the globe. The site also boasts many impressive features, including the famous Laburnum Arch, which stretches for an incredible 65 metres and is believed to be the longest of its kind in the country. During their visit, the children will have the opportunity to observe a wide variety of plants and trees, develop their scientific enquiry skills, and enhance their understanding of habitats and living things through first-hand experiences. The visit will support and enrich their classroom learning while providing a memorable and enjoyable day outdoors. The cost of the visit is £16.11. We kindly ask that payment is made via the Arbor App in the Trips section under the heading "Year 1 Arley Arboretum" no later than Friday 26th June.



We are very much looking forward to what promises to be an exciting, educational, and adventurous day for our Year 1 pupils, and we are sure they will return with many wonderful memories and new discoveries to share.

Diary Dates

15.06.26	Rec & Y1 Dental Checks
16.06.26	'When the going gets tough' parent workshop
18.06.26	Y2 Wildside Visit
18.06.26	KS2 'Paddington' Film Night
19.06.26	Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle
19.06.26	Reception Pirate Day
23.06.26	Year 2 Come Dine With Me
26.06.26	Y1 Forest School Afternoon
30.06.26	Year 3 Come Dine With Me
01.07.26	Y1 Arley Arboretum Visit
02.07.26	'What's on over summer' parent workshop
03.07.26	Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate
07.07.26	Year 4 Come Dine With Me
09.07.26	Y5/6 Production 2.00pm & 6.00pm
10.07.26	St Michael's Summer Fest
13.07.26	Parent Consultations
14.07.26	Year 5 & 6 Come Dine With Me
15.07.26	Leavers' Presentation 6.00pm
17.07.26	Leavers' Service at 10.00am in Church

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