

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



Newsletter 3

Friday 24th October 2025

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

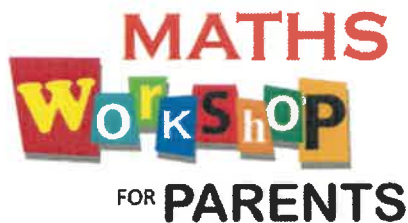
Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those parents, carers and friends of our school community who joined us last week at St Michael & All Angels' Church for our Harvest Festival. Years 5 & 6 did an excellent job in leading the service - well done! A special thank you to all those families who donated food items into school as part of our Harvest celebrations. These food donations are being passed onto The Good Shepherd, Wolverhampton, whose mission is to create sustainable pathways out of poverty to end homelessness in Wolverhampton. The Good Shepherd achieve this by providing crisis support including food, practical support and interventions to relieve homelessness, support to prevent people from becoming homeless and interventions and activities that support recovery from homelessness and mental health. The work of The Good Shepherd relies on the generosity of others and therefore your kind generosity will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated.



Year 1 Maths Workshop

Thank you to all those Year 1 parents and carers who joined us in school yesterday for our maths workshop led by Miss Cooper. The aim of the session was to share with you some of the things your child will be learning in school as well as the home learning activities which will be taking place over the coming weeks. We hope that this session has improved your confidence in helping your child with maths but as always, if you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. As a school we are continuing to participate in a national project called Mastering Number which focuses on learning to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense from Reception through to Year 1 & 2.



We look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents to their workshop on 18th November.

David Walliams Event

On Monday 20th October, a group of year 4, 5 & 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to visit Wolverhampton Grand Station to see David Walliams's Laugh-out-loud event to celebrate the launch of his first ever Christmas novel, *Santa & Son*. The book tells the the hilarious, heartwarming, action-packed story of a boy and his father, who works as Santa in a grotto, coming together to save Christmas from some nefarious thieves. Brimming with humour and festival warmth, the event was a memorable experience which the children will remember for a long time.



On Friday 17th October, we were delighted to host our very first Scarecrow Festival at St Michael's to raise funds for new resources to enhance our children's learning. It was wonderful to see so many children, parents, and family friends enjoying the wide variety of games, stalls, and activities. As always, Splat the Teacher renamed especially for this event as Splat the Scarecrow - proved to be a huge hit! A big thank you to Mr Rogers and Mr Lee, who both took their soakings in great spirits. A big thank you goes to everyone who entered the Scarecrow Competition. The creativity and effort on display was truly impressive! We are thrilled to announce that the winner was Evangeline from Y1 - a huge well done, especially with such strong competition! Our guessing game winners were Ariana in Y5 for guessing the name of the puppy, Luca in Rec for guessing the number of sweets, Aiza in Y1 for guessing the Bear's favourite food and Shanaya in Y1 for guessing the weight of the cake. A big well done to all of you!

Scarecrow Festival

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who kindly donated items, offered their time, or helped out on the day. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing total of £1020.17. These funds will make a real difference for the children of St Michael's and The Ark.



Ink Cartridges

Please remember that we are still recycling your empty ink cartridges. If you have any, please just drop them in the recycling box outside the main school reception. Recycle4Charity is a free and accessible used ink cartridge programme, that helps raise funds for charity and non-for-profit organisations. Of the 300 million inkjets sold in Europe per year, only 15% of all inkjets sold are remanufactured and 45 million cartridges still end up in landfill in the UK.

Transition to the Arbor App

You will have recently received a letter home informing you that from **Monday 3rd November 2025**, our school will be switching to the Arbor App for all payments and communications. This means that the School Gateway and Marvellous Me will no longer be used after this date. The last date to make any payments via the School Gateway was **4pm on Monday 20th October**. Arbor offers a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage school payments, dinner money, trips, clubs, and messages all in one place.



What You Need to Do

Download the Arbor App Search for "Arbor" on the **App Store** or **Google Play**.

Log in with your email Use the **same email address** you have registered with the school.

Set your password Tap "*Forgot password*" when you first log in to create one.

Check your child's account You can view balances and make payments straight away.

School Photographs

As you are aware your child recently had their school photograph taken. If you would like to order any photos, this is done directly through the School Photography Company and NOT through school. If you experience any problems when ordering you can contact the company directly by emailing them on info@schoolphotographs.co.uk or calling 01295 250 812 and select option 1 where a member of their customer care team will be able to assist you.

Soccer 2000 Holiday Camps

Soccer 2000 are offering October half term holiday camps at Wolverhampton Grammar School. Spaces are limited so if you would like your child to attend online booking is available at www.soccercoaching2000.co.uk

Cricket Taster Day

On Wednesday 22nd October, Kieran Patel who is the School & Community Development Officer from Staffordshire Cricket club visited St Michael's. Kieran spent the day with Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 delivering the clubs 'Chance to Shine' programme. The children enjoyed a variety of different fun cricket activities including learning the correct batting techniques and how to field. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and you never know we may have a future Freddie Flintoff or Joe Root amongst our children—watch this space!!



Tax-Free Child Credits

You recently received a letter home confirming that we now accept Tax-Free Childcare payments for our Wrap-around Giraffe Club. If you are using this service to ensure your payment is allocated correctly we request that you please email the school office each time you make a payment via Tax-Free Childcare with the amount paid, the payment reference number (if one is provided) and your child's name. As these payments must be added manually, your prompt email helps us process them efficiently. There may be a short delay (usually 1–2 working days) before the payment appears as a credit in your account while we await confirmation from the Tax-Free Childcare system.

Reception Santa Safari

On Friday 28th November, Reception children will be visiting the Santa Safari at the West Midlands Safari Park. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the natural world and see animals they may have only ever read about or seen on screen. The visit links very closely with the EYFS framework and will support your child's learning and development in several of the key areas including understanding the world, communication and language and personal, social and emotional development. As an added treat the children will also have the opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto as well as picking their choice of present from the Elves' workshop. The cost of this visit is £32.07 and is payable by 21st November via Arbor pay. If you have any concerns relating to the cost, please see Mrs Hallam in the school office.



24.10.25	School Break Up
03.11.25	School Reopens
05.11.25	Y4 Eucharist
10.11.25	Diversity Concert
11.11.25	Remembrance Service
12.11.25	Y6 Height & Weight Check
18.11.25	Y2 Parent Maths Workshop
25.11.25	Reception Parent Maths Workshop 9.00am
25.11.25	Music Concert 6.00pm
26.11.25	Y2 Eucharist
28.11.25	Reception visit to WMSP
10.12.25	REC & KS1 Christmas Production
12.12.25	Christmas Lunch
16.12.25	Christmas Disco
19.12.25	Christmas Service in Church 10.00am
19.12.25	School Breaks up for Half Term
05.01.26	School Reopens

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