

# St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



## Newsletter 6

Friday 19th December 2025

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

### Church Service

Thank you to all those parents, carers, family members and friends who joined us at St Michael & All Angels' church today for our Christmas service. The service was led by Years 3 & 4 who did a fantastic job leading the whole school in prayer and worship, asking God to keep everyone safe and well during the festive holidays. Please spare a little time during the holidays remembering those people less fortunate than ourselves.



### Nut Free School

Could we please remind all parents/carers that St Michael's is a nut free school. Please refrain from sending any nuts, in any form, into school as we have children with serious nut allergies.

### INSET Days

Please see below INSET days for next term when school will be closed to all pupils -

Monday 5th January  
Monday 23rd February  
Friday 13th March



### Bagel & Giraffe Club

Could we please remind all parents that your child **MUST** be booked onto bagel club or Giraffe club sessions through the Arbor App. Children should not be turning up if they are not booked onto a session. You will need enough funds in your account balance first before you are able to book a place for your child. It is imperative that you do this for Health & Safety reasons and to ensure staff are aware of who they should be supervising.



### Contact Information

Could we please remind parents/carers that should any contact information, dietary or medical requirements or collection arrangements change for your child, you are able to amend this yourself on the Arbor App.

### Christmas Disco

Back by popular demand was our St Michael's Christmas disco which was held on the evening of Tuesday 16th December. We were very fortunate to welcome professional DJ Nav back to school who played some of the latest tracks for both staff and children to boogie the night away to! It was lovely to see the children putting on their best party outfits and getting into the Christmas festive mood.



### Christmas At St Michael & All Angels'

Please see below a list of Christmas services taking place at St Michaels & All Angels' Church to celebrate this wonderful time of year

Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm  
Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight

Wednesday 24th December at 4.00pm  
Crib Service (Nativity with Carols)

Wednesday 24th December at 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December at 8.00am  
Eucharist

Thursday 25th December at 10.30am  
Snug Festive Eucharist



### Attendance

A very big thank you to all our parents/carers who have supported us this term by making sure your child is on time and in school every day.



Unfortunately, as with all schools across the region, we have been hit with a dreadful flu virus that has seriously affected our attendance. Our attendance this term is 95.1% which is sadly below our whole school target of 96.5%. However despite a drop in our attendance, we are still sitting about the national average of 94.7%. We hope that the worst of the winter illnesses have now passed and that we will be able to build our attendance back up. Please help us do this as we head into the Spring term. Whilst we appreciate that some absences are unavoidable there are also some absences that can be avoided such as minor coughs or colds and ailments which are non-contagious.

## School Arrears

Could we please request that you pay any arrears that you owe on the Arbor App for school lunches, bagel club or Giraffe club. We are aware that some parents/carers may have larger than normal arrears due to the change over in school systems from The School Gateway to Arbor Pay and therefore should you experience any problems clearing your arrears, we will be happy to set up an instalment account for you.



## Food Banks

There are a number of food banks operating in the Wolverhampton area that provide vital help and support to families who may be experiencing financial hardship. These services are available to ensure that individuals and families have access to essential food and basic supplies during difficult times.

If you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Staff can provide you with a list of local food bank locations along with relevant contact details. In addition, the school is able to make referrals on your behalf for food parcels where appropriate. All enquiries and requests for support will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

We encourage families to reach out if they need assistance, as help is available.

## Acts Of Kindness

Children and staff at St Michael's have been exploring the theme of kindness and the importance of showing care and consideration towards others. Each class has taken part in a range of activities focused on acts of kindness, helping pupils to understand how small, thoughtful actions can make a positive difference within the school community and beyond. Through discussions, practical activities, and shared reflections, children have been encouraged to recognise kindness in their everyday lives and to consider how they can demonstrate compassion, respect, and empathy towards others. Year 4 have delivered Christmas cards to a local care home, helping to spread festive cheer and bring joy to residents. Year 1 have planted seed bombs to help create a "bee highway," supporting local wildlife and promoting environmental awareness. Year 3 are writing letters of appreciation to be delivered to services within the local community, recognising and thanking those who support others. Meanwhile, Year 5 are exploring the importance of recycling, both within the school and the wider community, and considering how everyone can play a role in caring for the environment.



## Young Voices

On Thursday 15th January, Years 5 & 6 are taking part in the Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham, as part of the music curriculum. Young Voices is a unique opportunity in which children sing with thousands of others creating memories that last a lifetime. Children have been learning the songs they will be singing during their music lessons in school and are getting really excited at the prospect of performing live alongside others.



## Boreatton Park Residential Payments

Please could we remind all parents who have signed their children up for the Boreatton Park Residential 2026, that the payment instalments are now showing in the Arbor App under 'Trips'. Please could we request that you stick to the deadlines for paying these instalments as follows:



Instalment 1 - £60.00 payment required by 05.01.26  
Instalment 2 - £60.00 payment required by 02.03.26  
Instalment 3 - £60.00 payment required by 01.06.26  
Instalment 4 - £60.00 payment required by 14.07.26

And finally,

Staff and Governors of St Michael's would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Please look after each other and stay safe during this festive period. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school at 8.50am on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for what promises to be an exciting Spring term.

Dear God,

**Thank you for all the fun and excitement of Christmas.**  
**Thank you for the amazing nativity story, that tells us about the birth of Jesus.**  
**Thank you for sending us your Son, a gift from you into this world.**  
**As we look at the lights on the tree, remind us of the light Jesus brought to this Earth.**  
**When we sing songs and carols, remind us of the hope Jesus showed everyone.**  
**And as we open the gifts and presents, remind us that Jesus was the best gift ever.**  
**Help us to share special times with family and friends this Christmas,**  
**And to share the light, hope and gift of Jesus to the world. Amen.**

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