

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



Newsletter 8

Friday 13th February 2026

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

Dads' & Grandads' Reading Breakfast

A very big thank you to all those dads, grandads and male carers who joined us yesterday for our reading breakfast. We hoped that you enjoyed this lovely opportunity to enjoy breakfast with your child whilst reading in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Regular reading to children is crucial for their development, building foundational language, cognitive and emotional skills while fostering creativity and strengthening the parent-child bond. It enhances vocabulary, improves concentration, aids brain development and boosts academic success. It also provides comfort and helps children understand emotions. We hope that you were able to learn more about how we teach reading at St Michael's and how to support reading at home.



Our next reading breakfast for KS2 dads and grandads is due to take place in school at 9.00am Thursday 26th February. We hope that as many of you as possible can join us for this special event, celebrating reading and spending time together.

INSET Days

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

Monday 23rd February
Friday 13th March



Ink Cartridges

Could we please remind parents/carers that we are still collecting any used ink cartridges on behalf of Recycle4Charity. Recycle4Charity is a free and accessible used ink cartridge programme that helps its thousands of members raise funds for charity and not-for-profit organisations. If you have any used cartridges, please pop them into our recycling box outside the main school reception.



Number Day

On Friday 6th February, we were delighted to have supported the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day. The NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great



way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards maths. Children and staff came to school dressed in items of clothing with numbers on and took part in a fun filled day of maths activities.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported this event and donated via GiftT to the NSPCC. The NSPCC needs our support more than ever, by raising money we can help to fund their vital services such as childline - the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

St Michael's Parent Teacher Association

We are delighted to announce the establishment of the St Michael's Parent Teacher



Association (PTA). All parents and guardians of children at St Michael's are automatically members and are welcome to join us for the first meeting which will take place in the school hall at 2.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March.

The PTA will play a vital part in strengthening our school community and supporting activities that enrich pupils' experiences. We would like to actively encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend the meetings, volunteer their time and put themselves forward as class representatives.

School Arrears

Messages have been sent out this week regarding any arrears that parents/carers may owe for school lunches, bagel club or Giraffe club. Please could we request that you settle any arrears ASAP via Arbor Pay so that these are all cleared ready for returning after half term. As you will appreciate our school budget is intended to support children's learning and we cannot use it to cover debt owed to the school.



Giraffe Club Medication Procedures

Could we please remind you that if your child attends Giraffe Club and has a medical condition or allergy that requires medication to be held on site, an additional supply is required specifically for use within Giraffe Club.

Year 1 History Learning

A very big thank you to all those grandparents who came into school last



week to talk to our Year 1 children about what life was like when they were young. The children learnt some fascinating facts and interacted with games that used to be played. The session was a huge success and greatly enhanced the children's history topic 'Has childhood always been the same?'

Come Dine With Me

Our Come Dine With Me Lunches have once again proved very popular this term. A very big thank you to all those parents/carers from Rec and KS1 who have already joined us. Following the half term break we look forward to welcoming our KS2 & The Ark parents/carers to share in this special event with us.



27.02.26	Year 3 Come Dine With Me
06.03.26	Year 4 Come Dine With Me
20.03.26	The Ark Come Dine With Me
20.03.26	Year 5 Come Dine With Me
27.03.26	Year 6 Come Dine With Me

Table Cricket Festival

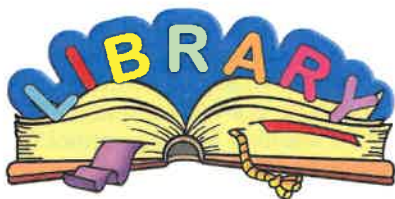
We are very pleased to inform you that some children have been selected to represent The Ark in a Table Cricket competition at Westcroft on Tuesday 25th February. Table Cricket provides competitive opportunities for those who do not normally have access to them, helping to instill pride and team spirit, but most importantly of all, Table Cricket is great fun! Thanks to a successful funding application to the Lord's Taverners, Staffordshire Cricket have been able to organise a Table Cricket Programme in various schools across the county, culminating in a Table Tennis Festival. We look forward to letting you know how The Ark get on!



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St Michael's Library

Our school library is now open every Wednesday lunchtime and a Thursday after-school. Please feel free to come along on a Thursday and help your child to choose a book from our vast range to take home to enjoy. Does your child like to read fiction or learn about facts, do they like history or geography? Whatever their preference, there will be something to choose.



Greet Your Child With A Smile, Not A Mobile

Please can we politely request that you greet your child at collection time with a smile not a mobile. By discouraging mobile phone use, we aim to foster better communication whilst making sure parents are fully present for their children's post-school conversations. The focus is on encouraging parents/carers to talk to their children about their day and build stronger family relations. We are also very conscious that if parents are talking on their phones they are not always fully supervising their children and as a result a number of children have been riding bikes and scooters on the playground and playing on the tyres and trim trail, neither of which are permitted due to health & safety reasons.



Reception 'After Ever After Topic'

Our Reception children have been having a wonderful time exploring their 'Happy Ever After' topic. Their imaginations have truly taken flight as they are transforming ordinary cardboard boxes into amazing spaceships, ready to soar into outer space! It's been a joy to see their creativity and teamwork as they plan exciting space adventures among the stars.



Diary Dates

13.02.26	School Breaks Up For Half Term
23.02.26	INSET Day - School Closed To All Pupils
24.02.26	School Reopens To All Pupils
24.02.26	Mixed Football Match v/s St Andrews
25.02.26	Reception Height, Weight & Vision Checks
26.02.26	KS2 Dads' & Grandads' Reading Breakfast
27.02.26	Y3 Come Dine With Me
04.03.26	Y2 Eucharist
05.03.26	World Book Day
06.03.26	Y4 Come Dine With Me
11.03.26	Y1 Eucharist
11.03.26	Parents' Evening - 5.00pm
12.03.26	Parents' Evening - 3.30pm
13.03.26	INSET Day - School Closed For All Pupils
18.03.26	Y6 Eucharist
20.03.26	Y5 & The Ark Come Dine With Me
25.03.26	Easter Prayer Spaces
26.03.26	Y4 Bikeability
27.03.26	Y6 Come Dine With Me
27.03.26	Easter Service in Church - 10.00am
27.03.26	School Breaks Up For Easter
13.04.26	School Reopens To All Pupils

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