

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy



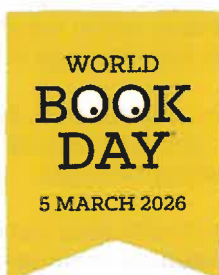
Newsletter 9

Friday 6th March 2026

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

World Book Day

World Book Day took place in school this week and to celebrate this event the children took part in a range of different reading activities throughout the day. The children particularly focused on looking at people who inspire them from both fiction and non-fiction stories. With this in mind the children came to school dressed up as someone who inspires them, be it a real-life person or fictional character. We saw an array of characters come to school on this day including Marie Curie, the Stickman, The Golden ticket from Charlie & the Chocolate Factory and David Attenborough to name but a few.



Each year in March, World Book Day is a great opportunity to join in with the national celebration around reading and to give children a choice, and a chance, to grow a lifelong love of reading. World Book Day is a chance to spotlight and celebrate reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

INSET Days

Please remember that school has an INSET day on Friday 13th March. School will be closed for all pupils on this day.

Giraffe Club Bookings

If you would like your child to attend Giraffe Club after-school provision, it is essential that you book their place in advance using the Arbor app. Please note that spaces are limited due to health and safety regulations, and we are unable to accommodate children who arrive without a confirmed booking. To avoid disappointment, we strongly recommend securing your child's place as early as possible. Pre-booking ensures appropriate staffing levels, maintains a safe environment for all children, and allows the club to run smoothly and efficiently.



Could we also 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 4 World Book Day Event

On Thursday 5th March, Year 4 visited the Grand Station to take part in a special event celebrating the *Little People, Big Dreams* series of children's books written by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. During the visit, the children had the exciting opportunity to meet Maria herself, along with illustrator Lizzie Knott, for an interactive and high-energy gameshow experience. The event featured five fun-filled rounds, including matching challenges, quizzes, drawing activities, poetry tasks and much more. The session was lively, inspiring and full of creativity, encouraging the children to think imaginatively while learning about the remarkable individuals featured in the series. Year 4 had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a memorable and engaging event.

St Michael's Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our first PTA meeting in school this



week. The PTA will play a vital part in strengthening our school community and supporting activities that enrich pupils' experiences. We look forward to hearing about the first event they will be planning to hold! If you did not attend the meeting this week but would like to get involved, please let the school office know.

Spring Term Parent Consultations

Your child brought home a letter earlier this week regarding Spring Term Parent consultations being held on either Wednesday 11th March or Thursday 12th March to discuss your child's progress. We would like to encourage you to attend the appointments with your child so that you and your child are able to share in the information being discussed. Appointments will last for 10 minutes and children's work will be available for you to view before and after your appointment. Time slots are available to book via the Arbor App on Wednesday 11th March between 5.00pm and 8.00pm and Thursday 12th March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. To book a time slot log into your child's profile and click on 'Guardian Consultations'. This will take you to the booking page where you will be able to choose a time slot to meet with your child's class teacher. If you require any support using the Arbor App, please contact the school office.

Parents Evening

We hope to see you at Parents' Evening however, if you are unable to make either of the evenings but still wish to see the Class Teacher then please arrange a convenient time with the class teacher separately.

Year 5 Topic Day

Today, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Ancient Maya Topic Day, where they deepened their understanding of the Ancient Maya civilisation and explored why it is still important to remember and learn from them today. The children arrived at school dressed in traditional Mayan colours, helping to bring the day to life from the very start. They learned about the significance of these colours and what they symbolised in Mayan culture - for example, how certain colours were linked to nature, life and religious beliefs. This helped the children gain a deeper appreciation of how symbolism played an important role in everyday life for the Ancient Maya. As part of their learning, the children also planned recipes for making basic bread, a staple food across many civilisations and cultures, including the Ancient Maya. They considered the ingredients that would have been available at the time and discussed how food connects us to history. Later in March, they will build on this learning in a practical follow-up lesson, where they will have the opportunity to make and taste their own bread.

It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning, creativity and historical discovery for our Year 5 pupils.

Good Shepherd Donations

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed items to our Good Shepherd trolley outside school each morning. Your kindness and continued support truly makes a difference to those in need within our local community. At the beginning of each year, The Good Shepherd traditionally experiences a noticeable decrease in donations. This can place added pressure on their resources at a time when many individuals and families are still in need of support. To help them maintain their vital services and keep their supplies well stocked, we are kindly asking for donations of the following items: Chocolate bars, biscuits, sweets, coffee, sugar, long-life milk, jam and gravy granules. These items may seem small, but they are greatly appreciated and help The Good Shepherd continue providing food and essential support to vulnerable members of our community. If you are able to contribute, please place your donations in the trolley outside school. Thank you once again for your ongoing generosity and for helping us support such an important local charity.



Football News

We are extremely excited to inform you that St Michael's have won the mixed team football league and have now progressed to the City Championships. These fixtures are being released on Wednesday so watch this space for more news. Well done St Michael's!!



Punctuality

Over recent weeks, we have observed an increasing number of children arriving late to school on a regular basis. Punctuality is extremely important, as persistent lateness can have a negative impact on a child's learning and progress. It can also be disruptive to lessons and the wider school environment. To ensure all pupils have the best possible start to their day, we have clear procedures in place to address and reduce lateness. Our official procedure is outlined below:



If your child arrives after 8:50am, they will receive a 'Late' mark in the register. If they receive two or more late marks within the same week, you will receive an Arbor App message informing you of this concern.

If your child receives five or more late marks in a half-term, you may receive a letter requesting that you attend a meeting in school.

If punctuality does not improve following this meeting and lateness continues, all relevant information may be referred to the Education Welfare Service for consideration of further action, which could include legal proceedings.

Please also be aware that if your child arrives more than 30 minutes after the start of the school day, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This will negatively affect their overall attendance record. Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that school registers should not remain open for more than 30 minutes after the start of the school day.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day, ready to learn and fully participate in school life.



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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