

# **WEEKLY ROUNDUP**

# NEWSLETTER

7th February 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,** 



Message from our Head of School

O'Brien

This has been a lovely week at St Michael's.

Wednesday saw the return of the ever popular No
Pens Wednesday and it was such a pleasure to walk
around the classes seeing them hard at work on our
whole school art project - more exciting details to
follow on this!

We also had my favourite day, Feel Good Friday. I really enjoy seeing the pupils and staff in their feelgood outfits that bring them joy and make them happy!

Thank you to Kenya class for their wonderful family assembly this morning and for all your hard work!

Congratulations to Mr Houghton on the birth of his new baby, we are so happy for him and his family and wish them all the best as they settle into their new routine!

I hope you all have a great weekend Best wishes Sinead O'Brien





# Housekeeping

We are currently experiencing a large number of late-comers into school every morning.

Please be on time as arriving late can create anxiety that will disrupte your child's school routine.

Please make allowances for poor weather and roadworks.

## The School Day

## **Registration Time**

Nursery lines up in the top playground at 9am

Reception lines up in the top playground at 8.50

Years 1-2 line up in the KS1 playground at 8.50

Years 3-6: The school gate opens from 8.40-9am. Please drop-off your child and allow them to come in independently

\*the playground opens from 8.40 but requires adult supervision until 8.50am when members of the SLT are in the playground.

## **Collection Time**

3.30pm All years including Nursery

All children should be collected by 3.30pm. If you are unavoidably delayed, please call the School Office.

# **Climbing Frame and Scooters**

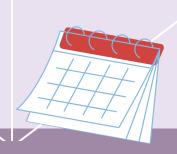
Please do not to allow your children to play on the climbing frame in KS1 before or after school and please ensure pupils don't ride on scooters and bikes in the playground. This is particularly important at drop off and pick up time when there are lots of people around and accidents can happen

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



# **KEY DATES**

# FOR THE DIARY



Wed	12th
Feb	

Year 4 Swimming
Year 4 Parents Information Eve 5.30pm KS2 Hall
Multiplication Tables

Thurs 13th Feb

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Mon 17th Feb Half Term Holiday 17th - 21st February

Mon 24th Feb	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight
Tues 25th Feb	Parent Talk - Smart Phones 7-8pm
Thur 27th Feb	Year 4 Flatford Parent Information Evening 6-7pm



School vision

We believe our children's future is created every day. Every moment counts.



To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.



# 2025 Term Dates

# Holidays in term time

We do not authorise holidays in term time under any circumstances. Please ensure that you do not book holidays or flights before term ends or after term has begun.

We see the number of absences rise considerably towards the end of each term and at the begining of a new term, this along with requests for leave are monitored by the Headteacher who may wish to meet with you to discuss your childs attendance.

Every day in school matters.

Date	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 6th January	Friday 14th February 2025	30
Half Term	Monday 17th February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025	30
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 April 2025	Monday 21 April 2025	
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	24
Half Term Holiday Monday 26 May 2025		Friday 30 May 2025	
Summer 2	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025	36
Summer Holiday	Wednesday 23 July 2025	Friday 29 August 2025	

## **Bank Holidays**

New Year's Day – Wednesday 1 January 2025 Good Friday (Bank Holiday) – Friday 18 April 2025 Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) – Monday 21 April 2025 May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025 Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 26 May 2025 August Bank Holiday – Monday 25 August 2025

## **INSET Days**

Friday 27 June 2025



## **Term Dates 2025-26**

### Autumn Term 2025

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
INSET Days	Monday 1 September 2025 Monday 6 October 2025 Friday 24 October 2025		
	Monday 24 November 2025		
Autumn 1	Tuesday 2 September 2025	Thursday 23 October 2025	37
Holiday	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	
Autumn 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	34
Holiday	Monday 22 December 2025	Friday 2 January 2026	

### Spring Term 2026

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	30
Holiday	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	
Spring 2	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026	25
Holiday	Monday 30 March 2026	Friday 10 April 2026	

### Summer Term 2026

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
INSET Days	Monday 20 July 2026		
Summer 1	Monday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	29
Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	
Summer 2	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	35
Holiday	Tuesday 21 July 2026	Tuesday 1 September 2026	

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Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2026
Good Friday (Bank Holiday)	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	Monday 6 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026

**INSET Days:** 5 days are set by the school for training; the school is closed on these days.

**Holidays in term time:** We do not authorise holidays in term time under any circumstances. Parents and Carers, please ensure that you do not book holidays or travel for before term ends or for after term has begun. Every day in school matters. We see the number of requests for time out of school for personal illness rise considerably towards the end of each term.

All requests for leave during term time are monitored by the Head of School who may wish to meet with you to discuss your request further.

Also available to view and download on our website

# House Points & Attendance



KS1 **Year 2 K2** 

Year 4 LKS2 Etna

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**House Winner** 

St Patrick 800





Class with the best attendance:

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### St Michael's Learning Fund

As a Voluntary Aided school, the local authority only funds 90% of our building works and improvements.

The remainder is funded partly via the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS), and partly via your voluntary contributions to the St Michael's Learning Fund.

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to those of you who already donate regularly to the Learning Fund. If you don't already do so, will you make a monthly contribution to our school to support us in maintaining and enhancing our exceptional school.

Your support will make a huge differnce.





St Michael's C of E leading Meekly me	Primary School - Wee Pnu Tuesday	ek Three Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato & Basil Pasta	Beef Chilli Con Carne served with Rice	Chicken Sausages in a Bun & Wedges	Creole Chicken Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Veggie Pizza with Tomato & Basil Pasta	Vegetable Chilli Con Carne served with Rice	Vegetarian Sausages in a Bun & Wedges	Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry served with Rice	Vegetable Wrap served with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
-	Yr 5 & 6 only Tomato Soup & 1/2 Cheese Baguette	Yr 5 & 6 only Butternut Squash Soup & 1/2 Tuna Baguette	Yr 5 & 6 only Vegetable Soup & 1/2 Ham Baguette	
Sweetcorn & Potato Salad	Sweetcorn & Winter Coleslaw	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans
Forest Fruit Flapjack	Jelly with Fresh Fruit	Strawberry Mousse	Marbled Sponge	Yoghurt & Fruit
Available daily  Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt, Salad Selection, Jack	et Potatoes, Homemade Bread.			
				HARRISON food with thought

Every month at Harrison Catering, we promote a different fruit or vegetable and this month its oranges.

Did you know there are over 600 types of oranges grown all over the world.

They originated in Southern China, Northeast India, and Myanmar; and contain high amounts of vitamin C.

Look for the poster in the service area to learn more.

Why did the Orange wear sunscreen? It didn't want to peel!





# Nursery



This week in Nursery the children have been various medical professionals in the role-play area. They could take turns being a patient, paramedic, nurse or doctor.

There were x-rays to examine, injections to give and notes to be written.











# Reception



## Cooking

This week the cooks made chocolate cornflake cakes.

The cooks carefully stirred the melted chocolate with the cornflakes. We put the mixture into cake cases and counted them so that there was enough for everybody. The best bit was licking the spoon and bowl at the end!

## They were delicious!















# Reception

## People who help us

Joly's mum came in to the class to talk about her job as a structural engineer. She showed us pictures of how buildings are made and the materials they use.

It is very important to build these structures so that they are strong and, in some countries, built to withstand earthquakes. The children had the opportunity to build their own structures using straws, cardboard and play dough. They worked as a team to design strong structures. When they were built the children wore special PPE to test their structures against an earthquake simulator to see how long they would last.

Thank you Jessica!

























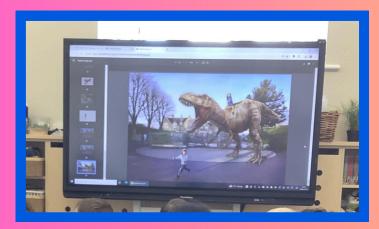
# Reception

## People who help us

Isabella's mummy came in to the class to talk about her job as a graphic designer. She showed us images of tv programme adverts and posters and explained how she made the pictures. She showed us examples of how she made Isabella look as if she were swimming with a dolphin under the sea and another one where Isabella is riding a dinosaur that's chasing her brother in the school. She explained how to make these pictures look so realistic. It has definitely inspired us to make some pictures of ourselves in different environments and situations. Thank you, Rufina!













As part of our Well-Being Week activities, the children of Year 2 started on their Legacy Art project.

Inspired by the work of Dindga McCannon the children used a variety of media, paint, collage, pencil drawing and marbling, to create self-portraits.











Well done to Kenya Class for their colourful and informative assembly about the Zones of Regulation. The assembly told us all about what the zones mean and how they can be helpful to us. They also gave a wonderful performance of the story from The Heart and The Bottle by Oliver Jeffers.

A special thank you to Mr. Lawrence for creating the props and Ms. Ligbi for her patience and support for the class.



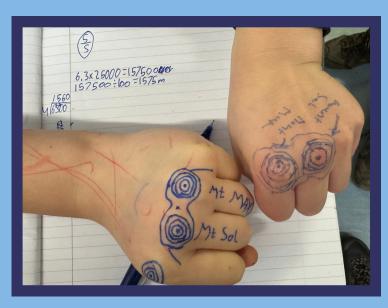


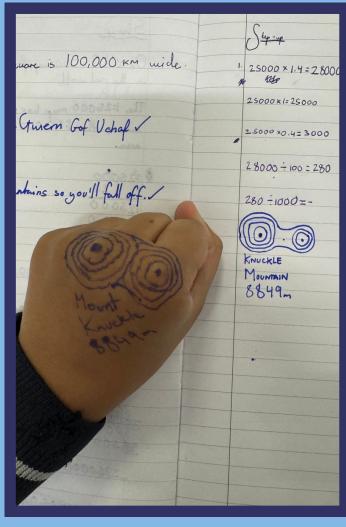




To continue their work with maps, Year 6 have been learning about contours in an unusual lesson. They made "knuckle mountains" by making a fist, drawing contour rings on their hands, and then flattening their hands out to turn the 3D model into a 2D drawing.







This week Year 4 have been learning about perimeter and area.

We worked outside using meter sticks and chalk to draw rectangular shapes with different perimeters.

We even managed to fit everyone in a 8m and 6m perimeter (the 6m perimeter was a bit too cosy).







Year 6 began their investigation into the artist
Dindga McCannon, a multidisciplinary artist who
creates sculptures, paintings and quilts; in preparation
for their legacy project.













# **SMSA Update**

Thank you to Reception Machu Picchu Class for providing the tasty treats at this week's cake sale.

This year's quiz tickets are now available to buy on Classlist. Tickets are £20 and include a welcome drink and a delicious grazing board.

Each team should be made up of 6 people. You can still come if you do not have a team, as we will put another team together on the night.

It is a fun night with 7 quiz rounds with the winning team winning £100 and as always, a raffle with some great prizes!

Start getting your teams together and buy your tickets ASAP before they sell out!

Please don't forget to email us at smsahighgate@gmail.com if you have any thing you would like to donate to the silent auction later this year.

Thanks so much to everyone who has contacted us and offered to donate something!

Important Dates
Thursday 6th March – Quiz Night

Sunday 1st May- Footie and Netball Funday – Please try not to schedule Birthday Parties on this date!

Next week's cake sale is Year 3 Toubkal Have a great weekend!

Vanessa, Charlotte, Philippa and Jeremy

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# Year 4 Parents'

**Information Meeting** 5.30 pm, Wednesday, 12th February 2025

in Key Stage 2 Hall

## **Call for entries**

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

**Open for submissions** 6 January – 5 March 2025

Find out more and enter roy.ac/youngartists #RAYoungArtists

# Suntists's Summer Show

Royal Academy of Arts

# Calling all St Michaels Artists!

We have registered the school with the Royal Academy of Arts.

Parents please register yourselves and select St Michaels CofE School and submit your child's artwork following the guidance below.

Good Luck to all our artists

Royal Academy of Arts

# **Guidance for submissions**

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a wonderful opportunity for UK-based artists and schools to engage creatively in the making and sharing of a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and artists age 4 to 18 can, via parents or teachers, submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, or surprise us!

What we're looking for: — Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill.

- Each artist can submit one artwork along with a short artist statement or description, preferably written by the artist themselves. Rather than solely focussing on the artmaking process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if your work is selected, will be subject to editing by the RA before display.
- A good image of the artwork is very important and could influence the way that the artwork is viewed by the judges. You can read more about photographing your artwork in our FAO's.
- Teachers, if you intend to submit artwork for each student in your class, we advise against submitting visually similar works. We also recommend making your submissions well ahead of the deadline to avoid last-minute or technical difficulties.

## We can't accept submissions

- Exceed 950mm wide x 3000mm high.
- Pose a health and safety risk.
- Are submitted late.
- Might infringe others' rights or break the law in any way, including copyright. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, we are looking for original artwork.

So please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters, for example.

- —Are Al-generated.
- Contain content in the artwork or artist statement that may be harmful or otherwise unsuitable to display publicly in an exhibition for artists aged 4–18.

The RA is committed to freedom of expression and, at the same time, has a duty to safeguard the young people involved in and visiting the show.

All submissions must therefore be considered in this context. This is not always possible to predict in advance and for that reason submissions will be subject to review, through the selection process described in the Terms and Conditions of Entry, before they can be accepted and potentially included for display as part of the show.

Supporting young artists to create and submit original artworks is an achievement and something worth celebrating and we encourage this to be the focus over being accepted to the show.

We enjoy seeing each and every artwork submitted and can't wait to see what our young artists will make this year!

If you would like further support submitting artwork, please contact us at

YASS@royalacademy.org.uk



Have a look at the previous exhibitions on our website to give you some inspiration and here are some good examples of original ideas and interesting descriptions to get you started.







# A Collection of Numbers (sculpture) by Ethan, aged 5

A collection of numbers were having a lovely day, when bad guy 7 comes along to eat them. But never mind, superhero 1 is going to save the day!

Here Comes the Kickflip (painting) by Oskar, aged 11 This is me, the feeling of determination mixed with a sense of freedom and taking off into the air when I try to do a kickflip when I'm skateboarding. I wanted to focus just on my legs, the board, and the landscape around. It's the moment when you have to trust your legs and psyche yourself up to do this difficult move. I wanted it to feel full of movement and excitement.

## I Just Want To Be Seen (mixed media) by William, aged 18

I adore film and TV, but where were my role models whilst growing up? I never saw myself represented so in my film poster homage to Edgar Wright's 'Hot Fuzz', I have made myself the "hero" that I wanted to see on the big screen. I have studied the work of Cindy Sherman, Cold War Steve and Jo Spence ('Putting Myself in the Picture') to solidify my ideas about myself and how the world sees me. #EndAbleism #DontDismissDis



# Permissions form

The Young Artists' Summer Show offers students aged 4–18, and studying in the UK, the chance to exhibit their artwork at the Royal Academy of Arts, online and onsite.

Student's full name	
Student's signature	Student's age
I am a student 13 years old or over and given the least the terms and conditions and use the least terms.	ve my permission to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show.
,	be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' dia channels. — The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image sts' Summer Show.
I am a parent/guardian and give my per Summer Show. I have read the terms ar	mission for the named student to participate in the Young Artists' and conditions and understand that:
Summer Show website and/or social media	be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' a channels. e image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show
Parent/guardian full name	
Relationship to student	
Parent/guardian's signature	Date

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Date: Tuesday 4th March 2025 Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

