ST MICHAEL'S C of E PRIMARY HIGHGATE

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

NEWSLETTER-

9th May 2025



Message from our Head of School

Sinead O'Brien **Dear Parents & Carers,**

It has been a short but packed week at St Michael's and all the pupils have been busy as you can see from the wonderful photos included in the newsletter.

Next week is Year 6 SATS week and we wish all our year 6 pupils the very best of luck. They have worked hard all year and the end is in sight! Please ensure that if your child is sitting the SATS they have an early night and a good breakfast!

Well done to our Year 2 pupils who have been taking their end of KS1 tests this week, I have been so impressed with their focus and the sensible way they have all approached this week!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Sinead O'Brien

Let us Pray Dear Lord,

Please grant all our pupils strength and confidence and the focus they need to do their very best.

May they feel our care and know that we are thinking of them

Amen





KEY DATES

FOR THE DIARY



Mon 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week		
Tues 13 th May	Year 3 Trip to Verulamium		
Wed 14 th May	Year 5 Swimming		
Fri 16 th May	Barnet Powerleague Tournament Year 6		
Sun 18th May	Footy Fun Day 12-5pm		

Tues 20 th May	World Heritage Day		
Wed 21 st	Year 1 History Of Toys Workshop Year 5 Swimming Year 5/6 Athletics Championships		
Fri 23 rd	Year 5 Cairngorms trip to Lauderdale House		

Mon 26th May-Friday 30th May

Half Term 26th - 30th May



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.



House Points & Attendance

Class House Point Winners

Y1 Denali KS1 463

LKS2 Y3 Toubkal 387

UKS2 Y5 Eryri

House Winner

St Patrick 497





Class with the best attendance:

Year 2 K2 with 98.1%





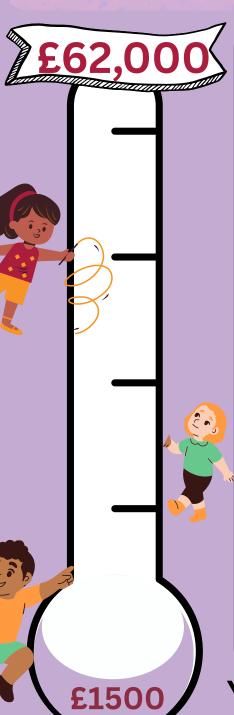
Please help us to reach our



262,000







St Michael's is proud of its academic and extra-curricular excellence, reflected in our Outstanding Ofsted rating.

To maintain this standard, we rely on voluntary contributions via the Learning Fund.

Thanks to your generosity, last year we upgraded the Year 3 and Year 4 toilets.

Our next urgent project is renovating the older, flood-prone Year 1 and Year 2 toilets, which require damp proofing and full replacement. These facilities have served thousands of St Michaels pupils and now need modern, efficient upgrades at a cost of £62,000.

Your continued support is vital to providing the exceptional learning environment our pupils deserve.

Your support makes a difference

Account name: St Michael's School

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Menu



St Michael's Week 1 Weekly me Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Garlic Bread	Beef Bolognaise Served with Penne Pasta	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Korma Served with Rice	Fish Fingers with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Veggie Chilli with Rice	Lentil & Vegetable Bolognaise Served with Penne Pasta	Vegetable Pinwheel Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Korma Served with Rice	Veggie Fingers with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings
Salad Selection	Tomato soup and cheese baguette	Carrot and coriander soup with a ham baguette	Chicken noodle soup with cheese baguette	Salad Selection
Coleslaw /Peas	Garlic Greens Carrots	Green Beans Cauliflower	Sweetcorn /Carrots	Peas/ Baked Beans
Ice Cream With Sliced Seasonal Fruit	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Jelly with Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Chocolate Shortbread
Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Platter/Yogurt
				HARRISON food with thought



Last week we completed our first rotation of the new menus.

Some popular dishes in the past 3
weeks have been
Chicken pie, Roast turkey, chicken
curry and vegetable stir fry noodles.

School attendance

Every day at <u>school</u> counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.

Children who miss school may:

- fall behind with their work
- not perform as well in exams

By law, children aged 5 to 16 must receive a suitable full-time education.

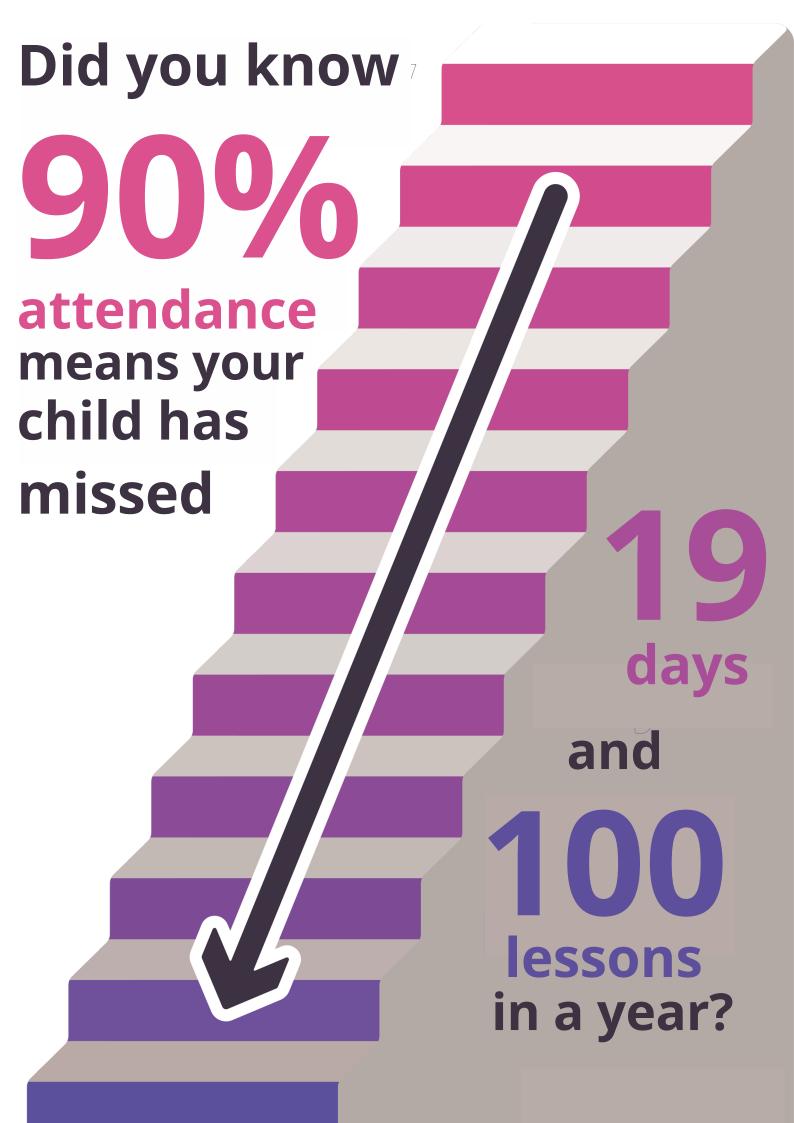
It's up to you as a parent or guardian to make sure they attend regularly.

The school have the legal power to issue a penalty if your child does not go to school regularly.

Help with attendance

If your child is struggling to go to school, here are some ways to help them:

- make sure they understand the importance of going to school
- discuss problems they may have and let school know about anything serious
- do not let them take time off school for minor problems
- arrange appointments and outings outside of school hours



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about weighing.

The children have used balances and kitchen scales to weigh various objects to find out which is the lightest and heaviest.

They have weighed themselves on bathroom scales and learnt to read the numbers.











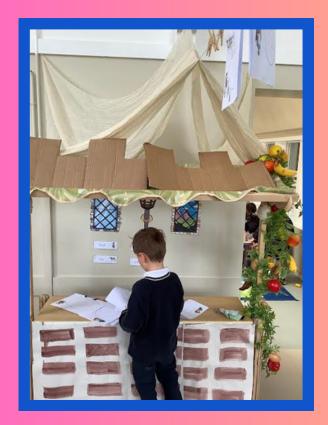


Reception

The children have been taking part in lots of themed activities based on our traditional tale, Jack and the Beanstalk, including building their own castles for the giant.











Reception



Uluru reception class celebrating May Day with morris dancing and Beltane.





















Year 2 have been working hard all year and have started their May tests.

Well done to everyone for doing their best.



Year 3 Athletics

The sun has arrived and it's time to get out onto the track and field. In Year 3, we are developing our sprinting and distance running skills on the track. On the field we have been learning to do standing long jumps and throwing howlers as far as we can.

These skills will be really useful for our Sports Day in June.













In PE this week, Year 3 have been learning some of the rules of tennis and in particular, mini tennis. We learnt how to grip a tennis racket, as well as the basics of forehand and backhand. After that, we played some small tennis games which involved feeding the ball to an opponent's forehand or backhand. Finally, we had some short rallies.















Year 5 Ragged School Trip

Year 5 went to London's East End in search of Victorian history. We visited The Ragged School and spent the day immersed in the world of a Victorian classroom and a (tiny) Victorian tenement bedroom.

Here's what we thought:

"At first we learnt about home life for the Victorians, then we had an interactive experience in a Victorian classroom" Rosa

"The teacher in the classroom was scary and strict. The room upstairs was really small for a large family to fit in - 14 people!"

Miguel

"I loved the bit in the classroom. It must have been so hard to remember all the different coins and amounts." Eden

"The best thing at The Ragged School was when we got to pretend we were Victorian children. The teacher made me wear these things on my hands to stop me fidgeting." Louis













This week in Year 6, our budding scientists took part in an engaging lesson centred around planting sunflower seeds. Students had the opportunity to explore the life cycle of sunflowers while also planning a fair test independently to determine the ideal conditions for growth. Each group formulated their own hypotheses and designed a method to ensure the experiment was conducted fairly. Their enthusiasm and collaboration were truly commendable as they worked together to nurture their seeds. We look forward to observing the growth of their sunflowers and reflecting on the results of their experiments in the future.







On the **20th May**, St Michael's school will be celebrating World Heritage Day.

This is an opportunity for pupils to learn about different cultures and traditions from around the world and also an opportunity for us to celebrate, as a community, the many different cultures and heritages we are lucky enough to have represented at our school.

We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed in traditional clothing or something that represents their heritage; this could also include wearing flag colours.

Additionally, we will be holding a celebration after school from 3.45-4.45pm. Each class will showcase their learning from a range of different countries and we would love it if families could get involved by bringing along **traditional food** for the pupils to sample!

We would also welcome any parents or carers who would like to visit their child's class to showcase their culture, heritage or any particular traditions that are celebrated. This could include anything from stories and artefacts to music and dance.

If you would like to volunteer or bring in food please contact Mrs Dodzro at admin@stmichaelsn6.com.

We are a nut free school.



SMSA Update

Thank you to Year 1 Denali for this week's cake sale extravaganza!

Footie Funday is coming up really soon and class reps will be sharing all the necessary information with you via your WhatsApp groups. Please double check with your class reps about any other slots that need to be filled and if anymore team members are needed for your class team.

Information will also be sent to you about the Fun Run on 8th June. This is an amazing event and also relies on the volunteers, so please let your reps know if you can help!

All this information is available in detail on Classlist so please make sure you have joined so that youdon't miss anything!

Important Dates

Sunday 18th May- Footie and Netball Funday – Please try not to schedule Birthday Parties on this date!

Sunday 8th June – Fun Run Saturday – 5th July – Summer Fair



Next week's cake sale is Year 1 Aoraki



Have a great weekend!

Vanessa, Charlotte, Philippa and Jeremy



14.30 KS2 On Pond Square Stage 15.30 KS1 on St Michael's Stage

Volunteers needed for Highgate Fair in the Square 2025

Highgate Fair in the Square is one of the highlights of the Highgate Summer calendar when friends and neighbours come together in the village for a fun day out. The event is free and takes place thanks to a team of volunteers.

The 2025 Fair in the Square is taking place on Saturday 7th June and the Fair Organising Committee is seeking volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to spare an hour or two on the day to help with setting up, general stewarding or clearing up at the end of the day please get in touch as soon as possible. It's a wonderful way to be part of a great community event and these amazing events only happen with the help of volunteers.

If you can help please email Caroline at thefairinthesquare@gmail.com



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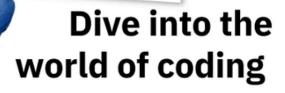
Looking for an adventure for your 6- to 8-year-old?"

Join Beaver Scouts for fun outdoor activities, creative projects, and making lifelong friends. Highlighted by an exciting sleepover, kids will share stories and create memories. Ready for an adventure? Contact us to learn more!

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- 2nd May to 18th July 2025
- · Every Friday
- · 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- £137.5 for 11 sessions



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VENUES & SCHEDULE

MAY HALF-TERM MAY 27TH - MAY 30TH



SUMMER HOLIDAY
JULY 7TH - AUG 29TH

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, CHANNING JUNIOR SCHOOL CHANNING JUNIOR SCHOOL

EXTENDED HOURS AVAILABLE FROM 8:30AM - 5:30PM

SPORTS | GO-KARTING | OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES | ARTS & CRAFTS





DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION!

All Harrison Catering employees receive a birthday card, personally signed by our Chairman, Geoffrey Harrison.

We'd like you to design a birthday card which has a food theme, taking our values of healthy, home-cooked food, using fresh ingredients into consideration.

Applications are welcomed from children in the following age categories:

4-7 years old

8-11 years old

12-18 years old

Prizes

The winning pupil will receive an entry prize for a family of four to a UK theme park and copies of their winning design printed cards.

In addition, the winning school will receive a trophy, a smoothie bike for the day and nutrition education sessions for pupils, either in the classroom or during assembly.

** Design Guidelines **

The card can be created using digital media or on A4-size paper, with materials such as paint, crayons, pencils or collages.

** How to Enter **

Please write the child's name, age and school on the back of the design, which must be submitted by Friday 6th June 2025.

Designs can be given to your Harrison Catering Manager Client Services or emailed to communications@harrisoncatering.co.uk. Alternatively, you can send them to:

Birthday Card Competition c/o Communications Department Harrison Catering Services, Oxford House, Oxford Road, Thame, OX9 2AH

Good luck!

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