



ST MICHAEL'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
HIGHGATE

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP

## NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week at St Michael's and the pupils have been working hard in all their lessons as you can see from all the amazing photos in this newsletter.

Well done to our Nursery and Reception pupils who have continued to settle in beautifully, they are having such a good time!

I would like to wish our Deputy Head, Ms. Austin, the very best of luck as she heads off today on her maternity leave. Ms. Austin has been an absolute superstar since joining us in May and we look forward to her return! I'm sure you will all join me in sending her good wishes.

I am very pleased to share that Ms. Kelly will be acting Assistant Head for the year and I am really looking forward to working with her.

Ms. Kelly is an experienced teacher and phase leader who knows all of the children very well and she is an asset to the leadership team at St Michael's.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Sinead O'Brien

### A Prayer for Our School Community

*Dear God,*

*We thank You for our children, our families, and our school.*

*Bless our homes with kindness and laughter, our classrooms with curiosity and joy, and our hearts with compassion for one another.*

*Guide us in all we do, so that we may grow in love, wisdom, and hope each day.*

*Amen.*



Message from  
our  
Head of School

*Sinead  
O'Brien*

## Message from the Chair of Governors Fundraising Working Group

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I wrote to thank all members of our school community who have helped to realise our vision for the school in 2025.

The next phase of our school and site improvement works will be upgrading the Key Stage 2 classrooms, starting with Year 6.

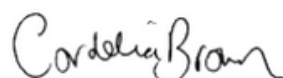
The works to the front of our site, including the new Early Years classrooms and playground, have significantly depleted the reserves held in the Learning Fund- the charitable trust that raises essential funds to maintain and improve our school buildings (NB the Learning Fund works in collaboration with, but is distinct from, the SMSA, our wonderful parent-led body that runs social events throughout the school year to bring the community together and raise funds for additional enrichment opportunities for our children).

To upgrade the older children's classrooms, Governors need to increase fundraising to the Learning Fund, including looking beyond our school community at grants and match-funding initiatives.

To achieve this, we are seeking a parent volunteer from each Key Stage to join with Governors to form a Fundraising Working Group.

If you have the relevant skills and experience and are interested in taking part, please send a brief expression of interest and your child/children's year group to [admin@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:admin@stmichaelsn6.com), with 'Fundraising Working Group' in the subject line.

Many thanks

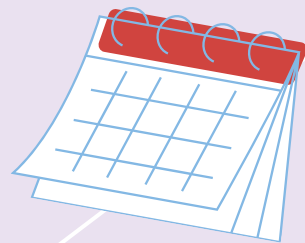


 Cordelia Brown  
Chair of Governors 



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# KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY



**Wed 23rd Sept**

**Year 4 Swimming**

**Thurs 25th Sept**

**Year 6 Junior Road Watch  
Year 4 Church Rehearsal**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Michaelmas Service  
9-10.30am**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL**

School vision

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

Brought to life through our mission

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

Underpinned by our values

Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship



# House Points & Attendance

## House Winner

St Patrick  
424



Class with the best attendance:

***Reception Class Archway***

with 99.6%



S T A R S O F  
T H E W E E K

**Reception**

Julia &  
Millie

**Year 1**

Vincent &  
Orlando

**Year 2**

James,  
Josh  
& Hugo

**Year 3**

William  
& Zachy

**Year 4**

Leo &  
Ari

**Year 5**

Yehia  
& Zach

**Year 6**

Zach &  
Emilio





# **Autumn Harvest Food Bank Collection**

## **Friday 3rd October**

I want to thank you in advance for your generosity.  
The charities we have chosen in the past have always been overwhelmed by the support given by the parents and children of St. Michael's

This year we are supporting the local charity.

### **The Alexandra Wylie Tower Foundation**

They deliver food to families in the local area.

They are currently in need of:

Basic essential items including

Fresh Food – Tinned Food – Pasta-Rice-Grains – Noodles – Oil – Flour  
Long Life Dairy - Free Milk-Biscuits-Crackers – Crisps  
Sweets & Treats.

Items that are not often donated but are sorely needed are:

Honey - Jam - Peanut Butter-Marmite - Tea – Coffee  
Toiletries – Deodorant-Shampoo-Soap – Dental Care  
Sanitary Towels – Large Nappies-Cream – Formula  
Laundry Tablets –Bleach-Washing -Up Liquid

Children will bring their contributions to class.

We will display the items in the hall so the children can see the donations.

The Food Bank Team will collect them at 10am.

We cannot guarantee that any donations received after this time will be collected.



**Thank you for your support.  
Best Wishes**

**Laurence Davenport  
&  
The Food Bank Team**







# Menu



St Michael's C of E Primary - Week One

## Weekly menu

### Monday

*Margherita Pizza*

*Broccoli & Garlic Pesto Pasta*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese & Tuna Sweetcorn*

*Garlic & Herb Focaccia Style Bread*

*Oven Roasted Courgettes / Sweetcorn*

*Toffee Apple Flapjack*

### Tuesday

*Piri Piri Style Chicken with Rice*

*Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Pattie with Crunchy Coleslaw*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese & Tuna Sweetcorn*

*Wholemeal / White Bread*

*Green Beans / Carrots with Lemon & Thyme*

*Portuguese Style Orange Cake with Custard*

### Wednesday

*Cottage Pie*

*Chinese Style Stir Fry Noodles*

*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw*

*Wholemeal / White Bread*

*Broccoli / Roasted Butternut Squash*

*Fruit & Yoghurt*

### Thursday

*Mexican Style Chicken Burrito served with Tomato Salsa*

*Carrot & Leek Sausages with Smoky BBQ Relish & Parsley Potatoes*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Veg Chilli*

*Wholemeal / White Bread*

*Street Corn / Savoy Cabbage*

*Chocolate Shortbread*

### Friday

*Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce*

*Chickpea & Herb Vegetable Bites with Rainbow Ribbon Salad*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese*

*Wholemeal / White Bread*

*Peas / Baked Beans*

*Fruit & Yoghurt*



Available daily

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt served daily.

**HARRISON**  
food with thought



## The Power of Vegetarian Mince

Vegetarian mince is a smart choice for a healthy body. It's packed with protein to support growth and repair, and fibre to keep digestion running smoothly. It also provides vitamins, minerals, and good fats that give energy and support learning.

Low in calories and unhealthy fats, it's a light but powerful food that helps you stay active, strong, and ready for every day.



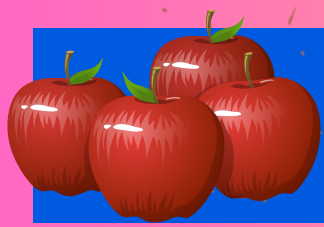
# Nursery

The children in Highgate Class are settling in beautifully, exploring their new class inside and out.

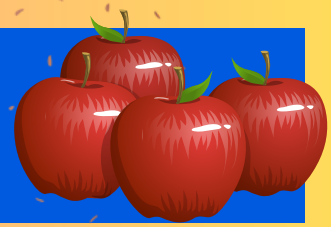
They have adapted to their new routines and begun staying for lunch!







# Reception



**Cooking is back in Reception, and Archway Class started off this term by cooking a lovely Autumnal apple and raspberry crumble. The children made everything from scratch including the crumble topping! They peeled and chopped the apples, and had fun mixing the crumble together, even if it was a messy job!**

**They also learnt about the different types of apples, and the difference between cooking and non-cooking apples.**



# Reception

**This week Reception have been making butterflies, using a stamping paint method, to go up in our reading forest!**

**This supported their understanding of the same and different, and doubles in Maths.**







# Night Owls

**This week at Night Owls we have been practicing preparing our own snacks!**



# Year 1

**Year 1 has been busy! In Maths, they've explored numbers and number words, and have been practising number formation in fun, creative ways.**

**In Art, they designed their own feathers for a vibrant classroom display and created beautiful mosaic-style crosses for our windows.**

**In Science, they've been learning weather vocabulary and making predictions about the seasons ahead. There are definitely sunny days ahead in their learning journey!**





# Year 2

In Art this week, we looked at the work of London artist Bridget Riley. We learnt about different types of lines - straight, wavy, curved, zigzag - as well as pressure and control. We experimented with different materials to create our own art.





# Year 3

Would you like to go to a magic show?

Year 3 have been making persuasive posters to encourage more visitors to Abdul Kazam's amazing magic show. Look out for the imperative verbs and rhetorical questions as well as colourful and impactful images.

Don't miss out!





# Year 4



**Year 4 have started their new Science topic:  
State of Matter.**

**They've been exploring how solids, liquids and  
gases behave and asking insightful questions  
such as "Is melting ice a liquid or a solid?" and  
"Is whipped cream a solid?".  
What do you think?**

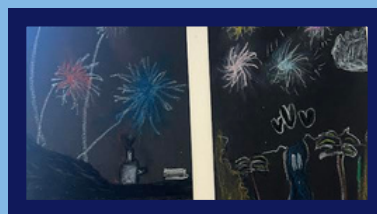




# Year 4

In Year 4, we have been learning about the Roman's contributions to Londonium and how our class Tube Stations were originally part of the London defensive wall. To commemorate this, we created our own Roman mosaic artwork and haiku poems.

We have also started reading the Firework Maker's Daughter in English this week. In addition to learning how fireworks are made, we used oil pastels to create our own artwork with fireworks over city and jungle landscapes.







# Year 5



Shoreditch class were inspired by the artist Nek Chand to create our own artwork using natural materials that we discovered around the school grounds. We had lots of fun designing faces and animals out of conkers, bark, twigs, and other found objects.





# Year 5

Year 5 Finsbury Park spent a morning in our namesake open space, a short bus ride away. We explored the many and ancient trees of the park, taking photos of all the rich nature the park has to offer.

Then, inspired by the artist Nek Chand, we created pictures of people using found materials. We hope you like the results.





# Year 5

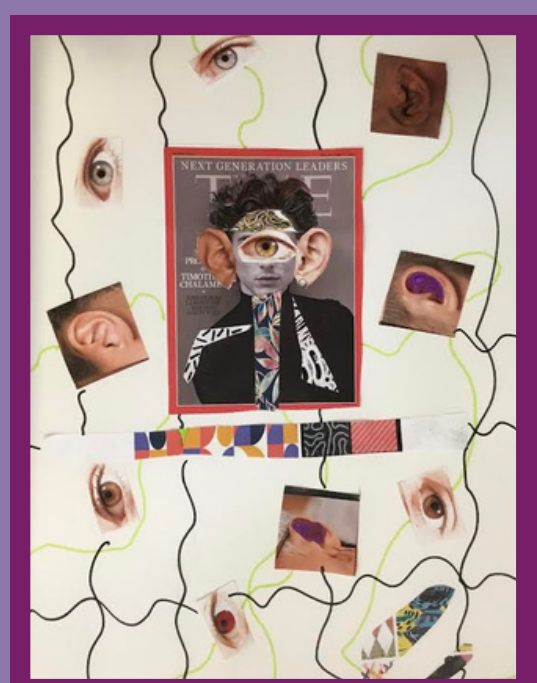
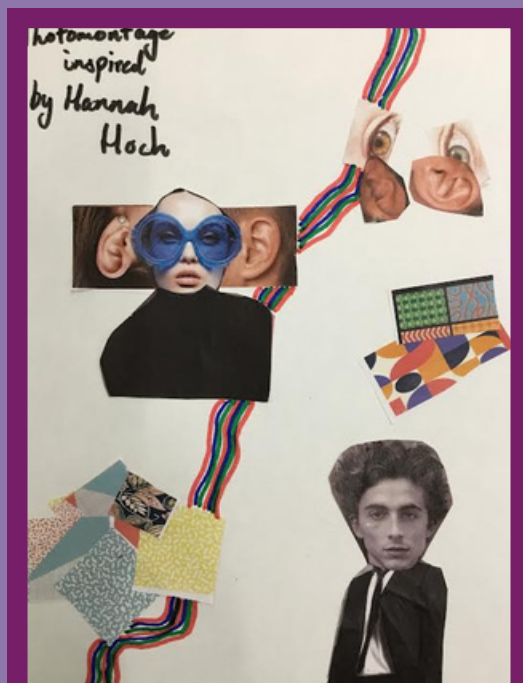
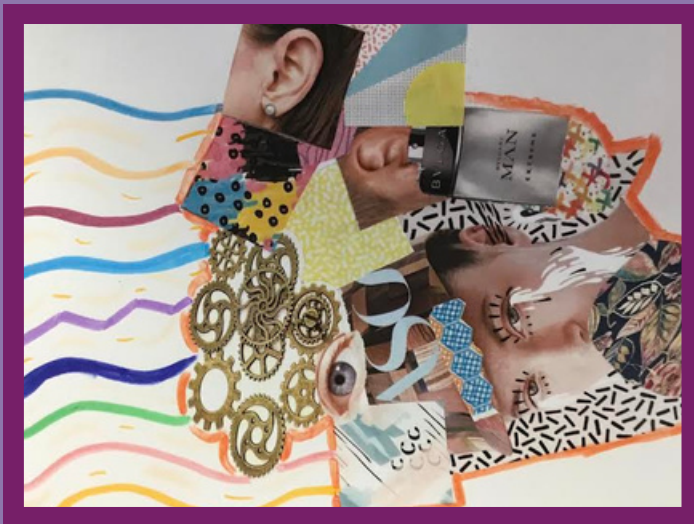




# Year 6

In Art, we explored photomontage, inspired by pioneering artist Hannah Höch, who created some of the first works over 100 years ago.

Using her bold style as inspiration, we made our own unique photomontages.



**Our School Council has been busy creating a fantastic Safeguarding Superhero poster!**

**It is designed to remind all children how we keep them safe and it highlights key people they can talk to if they are worried about anything.**

**Look out for it around school...**

## ***Our Safeguarding Superheroes***



**Mrs Gallagher**

Executive Headteacher



**Mrs O'Brien**

Head of School



**Mrs Batten**



**Cordelia Brown**



**Ms Kelly**



# SMSA Update

Thank you to Year 4 Tower Hill for starting off our Friday cake sales for the year!

To access any information shared by the SMSA please join our parent portal on Classlist via the link below. This is where we will share details of any upcoming school fundraising events that we hold.

Please make sure when you register you add your child's name and class as any registrations without these details will be removed due to data protection.

**<https://classlist.page.link/n7ANaSAzgqmpWASV6>**

Please come along to the SMSA AGM on **Wednesday 1st October**. This will take place in KS1 Hall at 7pm.

Drinks will be provided.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## **Dates for the diary:**

SMSA AGM -	Wednesday 1st October
Bonfire Night -	Saturday 8th November
Christmas Fair-	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December

Next week is **Year 4 Moorgate**. Please bring your £1 coins to buy a tasty treat!



Thanks



**Vanessa, Charlotte, Philippa and Jeremy**





THANK  
YOU!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SMSA

As we enter the start of a new academic year, we thought we might update you on the last year and what we have achieved. With help from parents, teachers, the children and wider community, we have had some wonderful events that have been really successful and here we are to show you what the money YOU have raised has been spent on. We are ever so grateful for your continued support and hope you are just as excited as us about what we have planned over the next few months!

## We need your support!

The SMSA is a group of busy parents of the school who arrange fundraising events (such as fairs, fireworks, quiz night, raffles, footie/netball funday and fun run) throughout the year to generate extra funds to buy resources to help benefit the children at the school.



Over the years we have raised funds to buy and pay for many things including books, classroom resources, playground climbing frames, running track, ipads, Science Lab refurbishment and drop down microphones.

With each passing year as children move on, we lose members and therefore, in order to continue organising fun events for the children and their families, we need new parents to join us. Did you know that as soon as you join the school you automatically become a SMSA member?!

We meet once a term to discuss events and always welcome new ideas. If you are unable to attend meetings but have fundraising suggestions, or can help us at our main events please do let us know. We cannot arrange these events without your help. We are always happy to help parents get together to organise an event!

## **FUNDRAISING SEPT 24-JULY 25**

**Bonfire  
Night  
£6,183**

**Christmas  
Fair  
£6,916**

**Easter  
Raffle £  
1,235**

**Class Cake  
Sales  
£5,926**

**Preloved  
Sales  
£1,838**

**Fun Run  
£3,083**

**Footie/Netball  
Funday  
£1,416**

**Christmas  
Cards  
£1,397**

**Quiz Night  
£1,336**

**ASDA  
cashpot  
£60**

**Summer  
Fair  
£5,468**

## **WHAT DID THE SCHOOL SPEND IT ON?**

**Class resources - £1,323**

**Class Christmas presents - £403**

**Parentkind membership - £162**

**Leavers yearbooks - £1,300**

**KS2 stage microphones - £2,082**

**Playground and tablets maintenance - £2,962**

**Site Manager at SMSA events - £1,304**

With your help, last  
year, we raised a total  
of:

**£34,858!**

**Thank  
You!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2025/26**

**SMSA AGM Wednesday 1st October**

**Bonfire Night Saturday 8th November**

**Christmas Fair Sunday 7th December**

**Quiz Night Spring term**

**Footie/Netball Funday, Fun Run and Summer Fair**

**We have a few more ideas and would love your suggestions too! If you think you can help out at any event or if your company offers match funding please do get in touch on Classlist or [smsahighgate@gmail.com](mailto:smsahighgate@gmail.com)**





Temple Church London

**Do you know  
a boy who enjoys  
learning music  
and singing?**



**A vacancy  
has arisen for a boy to  
join as a chorister in London's  
Temple Church Choir  
from autumn 2025** 



We are looking for **a year 4 boy** to  
join the **mixed trebles** of Temple  
Church Choir.

It's a chance to learn new musical  
skills, and be part of a special musical  
team as a chorister in the Temple  
Church.

Being a chorister is **fun,**     
**rewarding and inspiring!**





Choristers sing at weekly services as well as major concerts, recordings, broadcasts and trips. The boy and girl choristers of Temple Church are a friendly and close knit team ranging in age from year 4-8.

Rehearsals take place after school at 4:30 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays in central London with services on Sunday mornings.

## Benefits include:

- A generous annual scholarship of £7500
- Free weekly singing lessons
- Free tuition in musical theory
- A first class and life-enhancing musical education and performance opportunities
- The opportunity to make new friends and be part of a professional team
- Unparalleled performance opportunities and the chance to grow in confidence and learn new skills

**For more  
information,  
to arrange a meeting and  
audition, contact the music  
administrator, Susan Keeling on:  
[susan@templechurch.com](mailto:susan@templechurch.com)**







**Dear parents & carers,**

**Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break.**

**At St. Michael's, your child's welfare is our priority. To ensure we can support every child effectively, it is essential that we are kept up to date with any health care needs, medical requirements, or dietary information.**

**If there are any updates to your child's Health Care Plan or Administering Medication form, please complete the relevant form via the link [here](#)**

**Once completed, please forward the form to [admin@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:admin@stmichaelsn6.com).**

**If you have any questions, or if there have been any changes to your child's medication, please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:admin@stmichaelsn6.com).**

**Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep every child safe and well cared for.**

**Kind regards,  
Andrea Batten  
Inclusion Lead  
Working days Monday - Tuesday**



# SEND Coffee Morning



We warmly invite all parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning.

This will be a friendly opportunity to meet, chat, and hear from professionals who support children with additional needs.

We are delighted to be joined by members of the Occupational Therapy team, the Educational Psychology team, and Marksfield, who will share information about their services and answer any questions you may have.



**Tuesday 30th September**  
**9:00am**

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Reunite

## Welcome to your lost property!

Many lost items are left outside and quickly become wet or soiled by foxes. Once the items are placed into the green lost property bins, it leaves searching through them undesirable.

The team collects, launders and lists all lost **uniform** items every Sunday on Classlist. The following week, all **named** items are distributed directly back to your child in their classroom.

Please don't try to collect from the school office.

**Unnamed** lost property can be claimed in the comment box, below the weekly Classlist post. Collection is the following Friday in the top playground, at the donations table (8.40-9am).

All lost property remains lost property until it's either: claimed, donated to St. Michael's Preloved (the school's second hand uniform service), or it has been left unclaimed until the end of term and then it is automatically donated to Preloved, to sell.

All money raised goes directly to the school.

Under no circumstances is lost property ever sold.