



St Michael's Church of England Federated Schools

Friendship – Happiness – Respect – Perseverance

Michaelmas Term (1) Week 3 2026

This term's theme is **BELONGING!**



A message from Mrs Saunders

Hello everybody,

The children are very much in the swing of being in school now and completing some wonderful activities. Once again, it is important to say how hard they are working – we are very proud of them.

We would like to thank the PTFA for the Wonka sale last Friday – we hope you were lucky and won a prize! If you did win a prize then please bring your card back into school so we can make sure you receive your prize. The PTFA work so very hard to raise vital funds and are always looking for new recruits. If you have any spare time and would be able to join our PTFA then we would be very grateful. Please speak to anybody in school about this and we can point you in the right direction ☺

Have a wonderful weekend x

Mrs Saunders x

This Weeks's Worship Infant School Thankfulness

Praising God in Creation

Junior School

GROWING IS FOR SHARING

Luke 12:16-21

Rev John



Dear Jesus,

Bless our school, let peace live
here,

Let the rooms be full of happiness,
Let love be all around, love of one
another, love of all people,
And love of life and living.

Let us remember, that as many
hands build a house, so many
hearts make a school.

Amen

Spirituality in our family is –
The **freedom** to **experience** a life of
discovery,
in a **safe** and secure environment,
in which we all are **connected** and
belong.

A message from the infant school

Hello everyone!

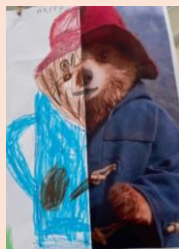
We have had a wonderful week at the infant school. Bumblebee class have been going on a bear hunt and creating their own bears during story dough time. They have talked about the story and what could be over the river, coming up with some lovely ideas. In Maths they have been learning numbers 1, 2, 3 and subitising.

Dragonfly class have been using their fine motor skills to create teddy bear picnic pictures, writing dictated sentences and about what the bear from their story looks like and doing very well in story dough time. In Maths they have been counting and sorting objects as well as using tens frames. In Science they have been looking at human life cycles.



Ladybird class have been learning to count accurately with 1-1 correspondence and count from larger groups. Writing sentences about 'he cranky bear' focusing on letter formation and finger spaces. In Art looking at different collage techniques using tearing and cutting. IN Computing they received a letter from Winnie The Pooh asking for different types of technology. They enjoyed looking at teacher baby photos to learn about life cycles. Miss Monk is very proud of how well they have done with their challenges this week 😊

Butterfly class have completed some lovely Paddington art work. Used adjectives in their writing and used place values cards to partition in Maths. They have written letters to Paddington all about their summer holiday adventures.

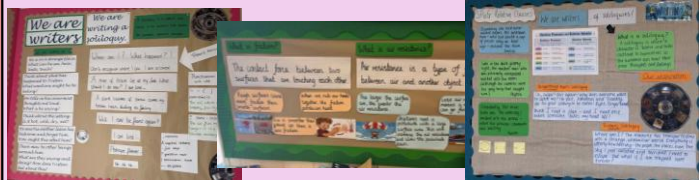


We enjoyed worship from Family Trust this week. Next week is Harvest collection and our Michaelmas Church Service. Have a lovely weekend – Mrs Wain and the infant team 😊

A message from the junior school

Hello all!

It's been another great week here at the junior school. The children have worked incredibly hard this week, getting back into the swing of the curriculum. Displays of the children's learning and subject knowledge are starting to go up across the school, which is wonderful to see!



In Lower school this week, the children have started learning to write setting descriptions, using expanded noun phrases. In maths, year 3 are focusing on place value, partitioning 3 digit numbers practically and in writing. In year 4, the children have focused on partitioning 4 digit numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. The children have also started their learning of the Skeleton in Science, learning the names of the bones and their purpose inside the human body.

On Thursday this week, Lower school had Stone Age Day, where they learned about what it was like to live during this period. The children also got to build and create living environments and look at the kinds of animals that lived. We were so impressed by some of your AMAZING outfits for the day- you looked fantastic! We hope your children had a lovely day.

In Upper school this week, the children have started writing Soliloquys, using relative clauses. The children have been inspired by the story 'The Viewer' by Shaun Tan. In maths, year 5 have focused on 6 digit numbers and their place value, using place value counters to build numbers. Year 6 have focused on 7 digit numbers, understanding their place value and ordering and comparing. Year 5 started their Science learning this week, focusing on friction and air resistance. Year 6 have started their Science topic of Living things and their habitats.

Next Friday we have our Michaelmas Service at St Michael's Church. We welcome any Harvest donations next week- these can be brought into school and placed on the stage in the school hall. Thank you.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week - Miss Mercer and everyone at the junior school 😊

Attendance

100%

This week's attendance:

We expect attendance to be at **97%**

	11/9/26	18/9/26					
Bumblebee YR	94.5%	96.2%					
Dragonfly YR-1	96.3%	90.6%					
Ladybird Y1-2	91.9%	96%					
Butterfly Y2	94.2%	95.9%					
Polar Bear Y3	95.8%	95.6%					
Jaguar Y3-4	94.1%	94.2%					
Elephant Y4	98%	94.2%					
Rhino Y5	95%	96.4%					
Penguin Y5/6	93.5%	95%					
Turtle and Snow Leopard Y6	97.7%	97.5%					



Michaelmas Diary Dates

Infant
school

Week 1: 2nd – 4th September

Wednesday 2nd - Start of term 1! Welcome back!

Breakfast and Rainbow club starts this week.

Week 2: 7th – 11th September

Friday 11th – Wonky Bars sale (PTFA)

Week 3: 14th – 18th September

Clubs start this week!

Tuesday 15th – individual photos

Wednesday 16th – sibling photos

Week 4: 21st – 25th September

Harvest collection this week- food donations welcome.

Friday 25th – Michaelmas Church Service 9.30am

Week 5: 28th – 2nd October

Week 6: 5th – 9th October

Scholastic Book Fair in the junior hall (Monday – Thursday @ 3pm)

Week 7: 12th – 16th October

Thursday 15th–YR teddy bear picnic

Friday 16th–Y1 and Y2 teddy bear picnic

Friday 16th – Last day of term 1.

Return to school on Monday 2nd November

Michaelmas Diary Dates

Junior
school

Week 1: 2nd – 4th September

Wednesday 2nd - Start of term 1! Welcome back!

Breakfast and Rainbow club starts this week.

Week 2: 7th – 11th September

The children will be visiting the church this week.

Tuesday 8th – Family Trust Assembly

Thursday 10th – Kent Test for Year 6 children who have registered

Friday 11th – Wonky Bars sale (PTFA)

Week 3: 14th – 18th September

Clubs start this week!

Wednesday 16th – Individual photos and sibling photos

Thursday 17th – Year 3 and 4 WOW Day (Stone Age)

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Wednesday 23rd – Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

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Term Dates 26-27

Term 1-

Tuesday 1st September – Inset day

Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 16th October

Term 2-

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3 -

Monday 4th January— Friday 12th February

Term 4 -

Monday 22nd February—Thursday 25th March

Term 5 -

Monday 12th April—Friday 28th May

Term 6 -

Monday 7th June—Thursday 22nd July

‘Be the BEST you can be!’