



St Michael's Church of England Federated Schools

Friendship – Happiness – Respect – Perseverance

Michaelmas Term (1) Week 6 2026



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



A message from Mrs Saunders

Hello everybody,
Apologies for not sending the newsletter out on Friday – technical hitch!
Well, we have reached the final week of a very busy term. The children are exhausted because they have been working so very hard! We are super proud of them and the work they have put in. Please may I send a gentle reminder about attendance – please only keep your children away from school if they are unwell. They miss so many new experiences when they are not in school – we just want them to achieve the very best version of themselves, and we need them to be in school to give them the experiences to do this. If you're unsure of whether to send your child in, then please give us a call and we can discuss. You will receive the class newsletters on Friday so have the most wonderful half term holidays!
Love Mrs Saunders x

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.

This Week's Worship

Infant School

Thankfulness

**Giving Thanks even when
times are difficult**

Junior School

**I CAN DO IT – IN GOD'S
STRENGTH**

Philippians 4:13

Father 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

A message from the infant school

Hello everyone!

This week Bumblebee class have been reading the story of 'Paddington Bear'. They have made him a new hat in their story dough session

In RE they have read the story of Noah's Ark and spent time looking at the hall picture to talk about the story.



Dragonfly class have been recognising numbers to 5 and working hard on addition. They completed a virtual geography walk looking at human and physical features of our local area. In science they have been looking at survival techniques. In PSHE learning about consequences and making the right choices. Ladybird class have finished their collaging bear pictures, created some beautiful Autumn pictures and been describing 'biscuit bear' in their writing.



Butterfly class have been writing diary entries from Paddington and focusing on past and present verbs. In Maths they have been comparing and ordering numbers and beginning to count in 2s, 5's and 10's. In Geography they are looking at the features of a map and have created a lovely 'appreciation wreath' during RE.

Next week we will be having our Teddy bears picnic's (YR on Thursday and Y1+2 on Friday, please see emails from Mrs Wain for further details.



Have a lovely week- Mrs Wain and the infant team ☺

A message from the junior school

Hello all!

It was a busy week at the junior school with lots of brilliant learning taking place across the year groups.

Year 3 completed column addition in maths, learning to use the maths equipment to help them solve more challenging questions. In writing, the children were focusing on main clauses and how to join these with coordinating conjunctions. The children are going to use these compound sentences in their narrative writing. In Science, the children completed their end of block assessment, looking at all the learning they had completed about skeletons this term.

Year 4 started their learning on square numbers, recognising they are a number multiplied by themselves and the answer makes a square in an array. In English, they are working together to write a narrative and have been following the story 'Stone Age Boy'. The children have also enjoyed their Friday Challenges, creating their own Stone Age Settlements.

Year 5 have continued rounding, using rounding to check their answers to more challenging questions. In writing, they have started writing setting descriptions in the style of a narrative. I have been very impressed with their use of descriptive language. In Science, the classes have focused on the force, gravity. In History, the classes were looking at the lives of farmers and families who were not royalty, researching how they lived.

Year 6 focused on short multiplication and division. They were writing newspaper reports about Tristan's disappearance in English. In Science, the classes completed an experiment to test how mould might grow on bread, using clean or dirty hands and other variables. In Art, the children made some wonderful Keith Haring inspired compositions.



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Fair- we raised over £500 in vouchers to spend on books for our schools! Thank you so so much for coming along and helping us raise this money!

What a fantastic term it's been- we will see you in term 2!

We hope you all have a lovely final 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	25/9/26	2/10/26	9.10.26		
Bumblebee YR	94.5%	96.2%	94.1%	98.3%	97%		
Dragonfly YR-1	96.3%	90.6%	92.6%	89.9%	97.5%		
Ladybird Y1-2	91.9%	96%	96.3%	91.3%	97.4%		
Butterfly Y2	94.2%	95.9%	96.6%	97%	97.1%		
Polar Bear Y3	95.8%	95.6%	96.9%	95.1%	99.6%		
Jaguar Y3-4	94.1%	94.2%	93.1%	94.8%	96%		
Elephant Y4	98%	94.2%	98.6%	100%!!	97%		
Rhino Y5	95%	96.4%	97.5%	98.8%	99.2%		
Penguin Y5/6	93.5%	95%	92.4%	91.7%	93.9%		
Turtle and Snow Leopard Y6	97.7%	97.5%	98%	98.3%	97.2%		



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

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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!’