

St Mike's

Shoutout

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Diary Dates May

- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st - Peterborough Netball Cup here at St Michael's
- Thursday 21st - Year 6 Chessington Reward Trip
- Monday 24th - Friday 29th - May Half Term Holiday - School closed

June

- Tuesday 2nd - EYFS Vision Screening - in school
- Thursday 4th June - New to Reception 2026 parents evening, 6pm
- Tuesday 9th - New to Reception, Open Classrooms, 4 - 5pm
- Tuesday 16th - Year 4 Flag Fen Trip
- Tuesday 23rd - New to Reception, Open Classrooms, 4 - 5pm#
- Wednesday 24th - Happy Days Class Photographs
- Wednesday 24th - Year 5 Sandringham Trip
- Thursday 25th - Year 6 Sandringham Trip

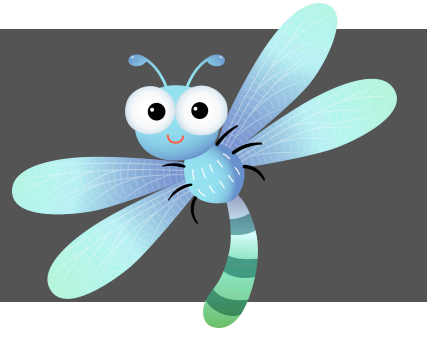
July

- Wednesday 1st - Jump up day - whole school
- Wednesday 1st - New Reception Stay & Play sessions
- Thursday 2nd - Year 1 Bramble Patch Trip
- Thursday 2nd - Rocksteady Concert to parents, 9.30 -10.30am
- Friday 3rd - Year 2 Hunstanton Trip
- Friday 3rd - Provisional Year 6 Prom date
- Thursday 9th - Sports Day, details to follow

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Dragonflies



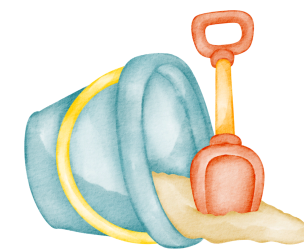
This week, Dragonflies have been making the most of the warmer weather by enjoying lots of outdoor play. We explored the sand trays, had fun on the soft play equipment, and splashed about with water play, including exciting rubber duck races down our pipes! The children have been exploring how to make shadows in the sunshine and loved singing with our rubber frogs on the lily pads. Throughout the week, we have been practising sharing our space and resources and playing happily alongside one another, showing fantastic social skills.



Don't forget to book...

Don't forget to book your child's place on one of our exciting trips ..

- 21st May** - Year 6 Chessington Reward Trip
- 16th June** - Year 4 Flag Fen Trip
- 24th June** - Year 5 Sandringham Trip
- 25th June** - Year 6 Sandringham Trip
- 2nd July** - Year 1 Bramble Patch Trip
- 3rd July** - Year 2 Hunstanton Trip



Unfortunately, if insufficient spaces are booked, we may have to cancel these trips.

Happy Birthday



| Year Group | Attendance This Week | Attendance This Year |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| EYFS | 92.96% | 93.8% |
| 1 | 96.36% | 96.45% |
| 2 | 95.86% | 95.86% |
| 3 | 92.96% | 95.38% |
| 4 | 97.78% | 97.08% |
| 5 | 88.52% | 94.64% |
| 6 | 95.26% | 95.51% |

Label don't Lose

Please can we remind parents to label ALL items of clothing.

We are seeing an increase in school jumpers and cardigans making their way down to our office and are struggling to reunite them with their rightful owners.

Waterbottles and sunhats will also need labelling please

Out of school awards and achievements

Congratulations to sisters Ariya and Winter on their 2nd place wins in Karate. They performed amazingly. Matilda is now working towards her Level 10 after successfully completing her Level 9 in swimming. Finally, Spencer was awarded 'player of the match' for his football team too!

Don't forget to keep sending in awards and celebrations from outside of school. You never know, you might inspire someone else to join your hobby/interest!



TTRockstars!!

Top 3 classes who have earned the most coins collectively on TTRS.

- 1st Place - Kites - 95,270 coins
- 2nd Place - Ravens - 52,955 coins
- 3rd Place - Swallows - 36,021 coins

Please remember that TTRS is a homework requirement and encourage your child to log in and use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly. For our younger children we now use **NUMBOTS**. It's a fantastic tool that really helps develop fluency and confidence with number and multiplication facts. If you are having any trouble logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher for support.



Year 1 Mathematician's



Please can we ask parents and children to be extra careful when crossing the roads outside of school. It can be an extremely busy road especially in the morning.

Drivers, please refrain from parking along Constantine Drive, Morrisons car park is just around the corner for you to use 😊.

Please note: the speedbumps outside of school are **not a zebra crossing** and pedestrians do not have the right of way.

We value Class Dojo as a fantastic tool for communication between home and school, and we are pleased that so many families are making good use of it.

We would like to kindly remind parents that, while staff will always aim to respond as promptly as possible, teachers are teaching throughout the school day and also have commitments outside of school hours. Many of our teachers are parents/grandparents and have other commitments too! As such, responses on Dojo may not be immediate. Please allow up to **two working days** for a reply.

In some cases, teachers may choose to respond in a range of ways for example, verbally at the classroom door or give you a phonecall at a later time, alternatively they may reply on Dojo, depending on what is most appropriate.

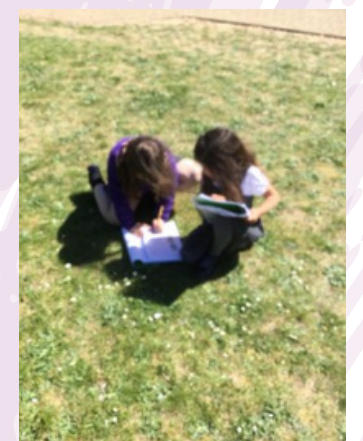
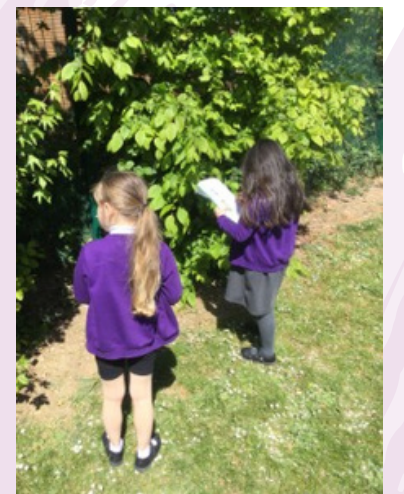
We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a healthy balance, ensuring that teachers can give their full attention to the children during the school day while still keeping communication with families strong and effective.

Thank you for your continued support

This week in Year 1, we have been busy learning all about halving.

We began by halving shapes through folding and then explored lots of hands-on activities to embed our understanding. The children halved playdough shapes, matched objects to their other half, and enjoyed interactive games asking, "Is it ½ or not?" and "Is it made of two equal parts?" We finished the week by halving paper plates and colouring in one half, helping the children understand that one half is one out of two equal parts.

We have also been fully immersed in our science topic on plants. The children went on a nature walk around the school to spot garden and wild plants and tallied how many they could find – there were lots of daisies! We also learned about the four main parts of a plant and labelled them on a wild plant, building our scientific knowledge through real-life exploration.



Year 4 Art Attack

Children worked collaboratively in groups of five to create an art piece illustrating the Five Pillars of Islam. They approached the task with great care and attention to detail, demonstrating impressive teamwork throughout. I was truly blown away by their dedication and collaborative skills.



In ART, children have been practicing using different skills to make a portrait of themselves using playdough. Look at the wonderful work of these talented artists.



It's getting hot hot hot!



As the days are heating up please can we ask that you apply sunscreen to your child/ren at home. Please do not send it in with your child/ren, unless they can apply it themselves.

Some children are arriving with sunglasses and whilst these look cool, they have a habit of getting lost or damaged so we would prefer for these to remain at home.

Please don't forget sunhats and water bottles are essential for children to bring to school.

Football Fun



The Year 5 and 6 girls played a match last night against a very strong team from Orton St John's, with some players competing at a very high level in the Posh Academy. Nevertheless, our girls never gave up and battled right until the very end. Alessia made some superb saves throughout the game, keeping us in the game, at crucial moments.

We also had some new players making their first appearance, and not once did any of them stop fighting or give up. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

The girls battled all the way until the final 30 seconds of the game when, unfortunately, a slight mix-up in defence allowed Autumn to score and seal the win for Orton St John's. Despite the result, it just goes to show that these girls will never give up and will fight right to the bitter end, showing exactly why they deserve to represent St Michael's.

Well done, girls. Hopefully we can get a few more games under our belt before the Year 6 girls move on to bigger things in the future.