

St Mike's

Shoutout

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Young Voices

On Friday 16th January, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled all the way to Birmingham to take part in the famous Young Voices concert. They left us at 10am and didn't return till 11pm, so were super tired. Both the children and staff had the most amazing time taking part in the largest children's choir in the world!

They joined voices with a number of talented celebs, danced with the award winning street group, Urban Strides, and then took centre stage to perform over 20 songs to a jam-packed stadium!

We are so proud of them all - memories for life!



Clubs



Our Spring Term clubs are well under way and are proving extremely popular. The introduction of Creative club and Languages has been really well received.

If your child would still like to join a club, simply log onto your Magic bookings account. The clubs that still have spaces available will be visible for you to book.

The clubs run through till Friday 13th April.



Year Group	Attendance This Week	Attendance This Year
EYFS	92.58%	93.38%
1	92.69%	94.89%
2	91.67%	94.76%
3	93.92%	95.66%
4	97.43%	96.97%
5	97.12%	95.04%
6	94.24%	94.93%

Attendance



Diary Dates

January

- Wednesday 28th - Great Athletes in school 9am - 12pm
- Thursday 29th - Boys Football Match, Home game 3.30 - 4.30pm

February

- Wednesday 4th - Year 2 Parent Reading Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Wednesday 4th - Netball Match away at Woodston, 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Friday 6th - Girls Football Match, home game against Oakdale, 2 - 3pm
- Tuesday 10th - Year 6 Extreme Earth, Parent Reading Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Wednesday 11th - Chinese New Year lunch
- Wednesday 12th - Year 5 Extreme Earth, Parent Reading Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Thursday 12th - Celebrating Ttusty Czwartek - Polish Donuts for dessert day
- Thursday 12th - Year 3 Football Match away at Orton St John's 3 - 4pm
- Friday 13th - Year 3 Cathedral Trip, 9.45 - 11.45am
- Friday 13th - Dragonfly Family Cafe, 1.30 - 2.30pm
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th - Half Term Holiday - School Closed
- Monday 23rd - Happy Days Individual Student Photo's
- Friday 27th - EYFS Fens Falconry Trip, 9.15am - 3pm

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Out of school awards and achievements



Don't forget to keep sending in awards and celebrations from outside of school. We would love to share them on the newsletter each week. 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 - Kingfishers - 6107 coins
- 2nd Place - Owls - 4743 coins
- 3rd Place - Swallows - 3034 coins

Please can we remind parent's that the school gates open at 8.40am and close promptly at 8.50am.

Please encourage your child to log in and use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly. It's a fantastic tool that really helps develop fluency and confidence with multiplication facts. If you are having any trouble logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher for support.

Year 5 are alive!

Swimming - Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons so far. The children have shown great enthusiasm and confidence in the water, working hard to develop their swimming skills and water safety knowledge. It has been wonderful to see their positive attitudes, teamwork and growing self-belief as they take on new challenges each week.

Maths - Year 5 have been really engaged in their maths learning as they explore decimals. They have been developing a secure understanding of tenths, hundredths and thousandths, confidently reading decimal numbers and identifying the value of each digit. The children have shown a positive attitude and determination, applying their skills thoughtfully and enjoying the challenge of deepening their mathematical understanding.

Reading - Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying this term's book (Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo). They were captivated by the first three chapters and have shown excellent inference skills when exploring how the main character was feeling as the tsunami approached. The children are highly engaged and are very much looking forward to reading the rest of the story to discover what happens next.

Afterschool Sports Club Attire

Please can we remind parents that if your child/ren attend afterschool sports clubs, that they come to school dressed in their PE kit. This must either be the St Michael's PE top or a plain black t-shirt along with black joggers or suitable knee length shorts. Please can we ask that trainers be worn too. No boots please. Thank you!

Welcome to the Lighthouse



What is The Lighthouse?

The Lighthouse is the dedicated family support team at St Michael's Church School. Our mission is to walk alongside families, offering guidance and practical help when life feels challenging.

Who are we?

Our team includes: Mrs Hibbitt, Mrs Neacy, and Mrs Garrett.

What do we do?

We know every parent wants the best for their child, but we also understand that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming. Life brings challenges, and it's not always easy to know what to do next. That's where we come in.

We work with families to:

- Understand the problem
- Explore possible solutions

Find practical strategies that work for your unique situation

Our goal is to support you every step of the way.

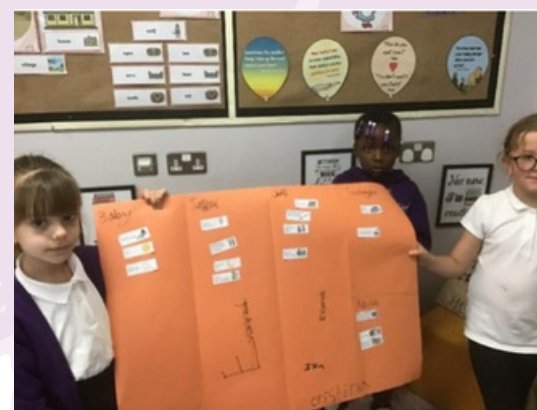
Areas we can help with include:

- Behaviour
- Financial concerns
- Bereavement
- Separation – putting children first
- Safeguarding
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- Sleep

We also have access to a wide range of external agencies and resources to provide additional help when needed.

Year 2 have been busy

This week, we explored the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. The children learned how to write effective character descriptions using powerful adjectives to show personality and appearance. We also introduced prepositions such as behind, beneath, and next to to improve setting descriptions. The class has begun designing their own story settings to inspire their independent writing.



In Maths, we took part in practical activities using our class "shop." The children added the cost of items by partitioning into tens and ones, then used number lines to subtract and find change. We also began our multiplication unit by making equal groups and using repeated addition to build early multiplication skills.

This week in Science, we learned about the human life cycle. The children worked in groups to sort events into the five main stages of human development and discussed how humans grow and develop new abilities over time.



In Theme, we explored our local community by creating maps of the Cardea area. The children added buildings, roads, and landmarks, using a simple key to make their maps clear and easy to read.