

St Mike's

Shoutout

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Diary Dates May



- Monday 4th - May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- Wednesday 6th - Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Screening
- Thursday 7th - Girls Football Match. Home game against Orton St John's, 3 - 4pm
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st - Peterborough Netball Cup here at St Michael's
- Monday 24th - Friday 29th - May Half Term Holiday - School closed

June

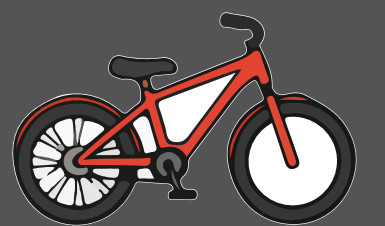
- Tuesday 2nd - EYFS Vision Screening - in school
- Thursday 4th June - New to Reception 2026 parents evening, 6pm
- Tuesday 9th - New to Reception, Open Classrooms, 4 - 5pm
- Tuesday 16th - Year 4 Flag Fen Trip
- Tuesday 23rd - New to Reception, Open Classrooms, 4 - 5pm#
- Wednesday 24th - Happy Days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



Bikeability



Our Year's 3 and 5 enjoyed a week of cycling this week. They were taught vital Road Safety skills which will keep them safe on our busy roads.

Through fun, progressive games, they learnt how to master control of their cycle in preparation for cycling more off-road. They were taught how to apply brakes to bring the cycle to a smooth and quick stop, to look behind over each shoulder while pedaling in a straight line, pedal one handed in a straight line (signal), how to use gears and how to avoid hazards. They did Fab!

our EYFS little ones, too, are having a blast learning to ride Balance bikes, every Friday!



Holidays during term time

Please may we remind parents that current rules from the Department for Education state that holidays during term time cannot be authorised for any reason and may result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority. This can also include unauthorised absences. If a child accrues more than 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (where one session equals half a day, meaning one full day counts as two sessions), parents may be at risk of receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

Please see the information attached from the Local Authority regarding Penalty Notices and Attendance.

Attendance Matters



Year Group	Attendance This Week	Attendance This Year
EYFS	98.89%	93.87%
1	97.58%	96.45%
2	96.61%	95.85%
3	97.41%	95.46%
4	96.36%	97.07%
5	92.35%	94.82%
6	95.63%	95.52%



Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance
From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools

National Threshold
A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by ALL schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**
- If not paid **within 21 days**, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day

Second Offence (within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**

- Prosecution can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**
- Cases found **guilty** in a **Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**

Out of school awards and achievements



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!

Fondest of Farewells

We say a sad goodbye to Miss Sullivan this week, as she leaves us to pursue a new role as Assistant Headteacher at a Cambridgeshire Primary school. Miss Sullivan joined us in 2023 and has been a much loved teacher during her time with us. Please join us in wishing her well.



Beehive Reminder

If you think you may be late collecting your child/ren, please call the school office who will happily book them into our wraparound care provision the Beehive.

If your child/ren are booked into Breakfast club, can we please ask that you not drop them off at the school gate but instead walk/drive them to the door. A member of staff will be there to greet you. This is also your opportunity to pass on any messages or hand in medication if needed.

Thank you!

EYFS Sunflower Fun

We've had a very exciting start to the half term as we began exploring our brand-new topic, On the Farm. Our visit to Church Farm was a fantastic way to launch our learning and gave the children the chance to get up close and hands-on with a variety of farm animals. The highlight for many had to be meeting the adorable piglets, especially when they decided to nibble on Mr Owen's shoes, much to everyone's amusement! We also thoroughly enjoyed the sing-along tractor ride with Farmer Dave, where children joined in enthusiastically, and we all agreed that Mrs Dibden's singing made the experience even more fun and memorable.

Back in school, we've continued to explore the world around us by focusing on the changing seasons. The children have been learning about the arrival of spring, spotting signs of new life, and talking about how plants and animals grow and change. As part of this, we've planted our own sunflowers, giving the children the opportunity to care for them and observe their growth over time. We're very much looking forward to watching them grow taller and seeing what else we can discover as spring unfolds!



SAVE the DATE

SPORTS DAY will be held on Thursday 9th July. More information will be shared very soon.



TTR Rockstars!!

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

- 1st Place - Kites - 72,344 coins
- 2nd Place - Ravens - 66,995 coins
- 3rd Place - Swallows - 30,403 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.

Busy, busy Year 3

It has been a really busy few weeks in Year 3.

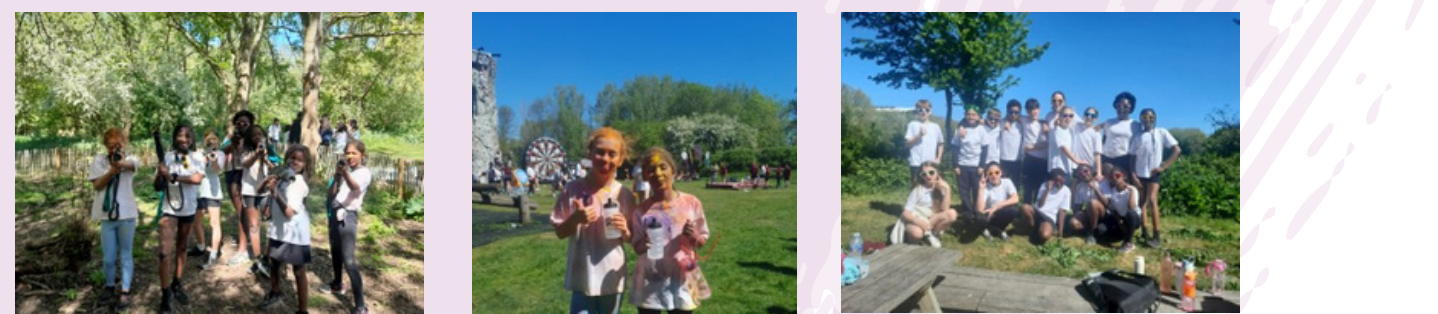
In Maths, we have been learning all about time. We have been learning to tell the time to 5 minute intervals and some of us have learnt to 1 minute. This is such an important skill to know and we have done so so well.

In Science, our topic of Light has been amazing. Last Friday, we investigated our shadows. We drew around ourselves with chalk and watched the position of our shadows change during the day. It led to great discussion about the Sun not moving but us moving around the Sun and how shadows are formed when an object blocks out light.

In Art, we have been using watercolours and developing our painting skills. In our next update, you'll hopefully see some of our work!



Colour Fun Run



A group of our Year 6 children travelled to Cambridge to participate in a Colour Fun Run. The aim of the run is to:

- Develop social interaction between young people with their peers.
- To support those young people transitioning from the primary to secondary school setting.
- Provide a safe and enjoyable environment for young people to enjoy physical activity, movement, and sport.

We had the BEST day. We couldn't have asked for better weather; the run was colourful and most of us achieved two laps with Marcel and Kira doing 3!

Lazer tag was deadly with lots of us dying. Mrs Wenden died twice! And the activity village was lots of fun with the DJ cooking!

A totally amazing day!

