

St Mike's

Shoutout



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Diary Dates January

- Thursday 22nd - Girls Football Match, home game 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Friday 23rd - Girls Football Match at Nene Park Academy, 9am - 12pm
- Friday 23rd - PTA Meeting, 2 - 3pm
- Wednesday 28th - Great Athletes in school 9am - 12pm
- Thursday 29th - EYFS Fens Falconry Trip, 9.15am - 3pm
- 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, times tbc
- 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 **DATE CHANGE**
- 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
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th - Half Term Holiday - School Closed
- Monday 23rd - Happy Days Individual Student Photo's



Year 3 WOW Day

Year 3 stepped back in time for an exciting Egyptian WOW Day filled with creativity, culture, and hands-on learning. The children tried their hand at writing hieroglyphics, learned Egyptian dance moves, and crafted their own colourful Egyptian collars. They also enjoyed themed wordsearches and colouring activities, sampled a range of Egyptian foods, and rounded off the day with an Egyptian-inspired film. It was a fantastic day of discovery and fun for everyone.



Reading Cafe's

You may have noticed, in the diary dates, that we are beginning to run Reading Cafe's for each year group. These cafe sessions are for parents to come and work along side your children for the time. The sessions are interactive and informative for both parents and children. We ran a trial session in Year 1 during the Autumn term and it was a great success, with 98% of our parents attending. Look out for your child's session coming up soon!



Birthday Treats

We know how much your little ones love to celebrate their birthday with their friends. Can we please ask that sweets, are **NOT** brought in to share. Instead we suggest a donation of a book or game. This can then be kept in class and shared with their friends.

Whilst sweets, gifts or foods are a lovely sentiment they can cause upset to children with allergies and can put undue pressure on parents.

Please note that you do not need to bring anything at all, unless you wish to do so.

Year Group	Attendance This Week	Attendance This Year
EYFS	94.85%	93.44%
1	94.81%	95.0%
2	83.79%	94.89%
3	94.14%	95.78%
4	96.36%	96.94%
5	95.61%	94.91%
6	94.09%	94.96%



Attendance Matters



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! This week we have Nelija with her Dance Award badge. Well done Nelija!

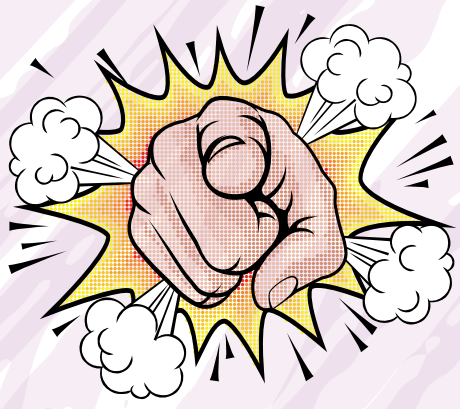


TTRockstars!!

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

- 1st Place - Swallows - 3393 coins
- 2nd Place - Ravens - 3042 coins
- 3rd Place - Kingfishers - 2473 coins

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.



Our PTA Need YOU!

We have spaces on our PTA and would love for more of our friends of St Michael's to become involved in helping to raise awareness and support for the development and growth of the children here at St Michael's Church School. We meet every couple of months and try to think of fundraising ideas along with working side by side with the school hosting events. It's voluntary work, and if you feel like you could offer some time, then we would be very grateful. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 23rd January.** Many thanks!!
Toni Harper, Chair of PTA

Have you heard?
GB Paralympic Skier SEAN ROSE
is coming to our school

Scan to sponsor
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- Get the children moving in a fun fitness circuit
- Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top athlete
- Raise money for new sports equipment



Year 1s Jam Sandwiches



This week in Year 1, we introduced instruction writing! The children explored an example of instructions, identifying key features, and then worked together to create a class set of instructions. The highlight was making our very own jam sandwiches—everyone loved preparing (and eating!) their creations during playtime.

In Maths, we've been developing our understanding of teen numbers. Using Base 10, we learned how to partition these numbers into tens and ones, and discovered that the '1' in a teen number represents 10.

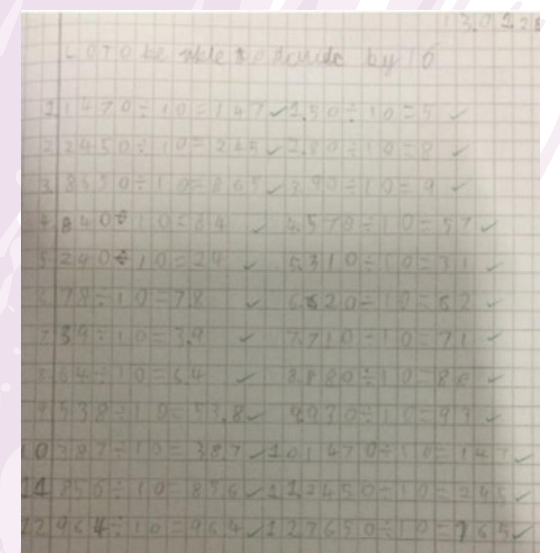
Science has been all about our five senses. Last week, we drew around our bodies and identified which parts link to each sense. This week, we had an exciting WOW Science Day! Activities included mystery feely boxes, matching smells to objects, playing Kim's game, tasting mystery foods, and listening to recordings to guess which teacher was speaking. It was a fantastic, hands-on way to explore our senses—and we loved every moment!



Year 4 have been busy

Year 4 have been busy this week learning about how to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10. The children did well. Multiplying makes our answer bigger and dividing makes our answer smaller.

Animal	Physical features
mammals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have fur/hair ✓ live on land ✓ warm-blooded ✓ Have a spine ✓ Feed its young on milk ✓
birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a beak ✓ warm-blooded ✓ Have a spine ✓ Feathers and wings ✓
fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cold-blooded ✓ spine and live in water ✓ Scale ✓ Gills ✓ breath water ✓
amphibians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cold-blooded ✓ Have a spine ✓ live on land and water ✓
reptiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cold-blooded ✓ Have a spine ✓ most have scales on their bodies ✓



This term, children will be learning about Animals, including Humans. Children had to identify the 5 main animal groups and identify the different physical features between them! Well done, Scientists! - you worked so hard!

The children have been incredibly engaged in learning about Henry VIII! They are fascinated by his life and reign, even though they understand that he wasn't always a likeable person. His dramatic decisions, multiple marriages, and impact on history have sparked lots of curiosity and discussion in class.

It's wonderful to see them asking thoughtful questions and showing real interest in how his actions shaped the Tudor period.

