



St Michael's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Our School Values

Aspiration

Respect

Community

Resilience

Excellence

Celebration

This half term we have been focusing on the value of aspiration.

We have discussed our own aspirations and our aspirations for this academic year. Each school value is linked to a Saint. This half term we have learnt about St Vincent De Paul.



Come as you are and grow with us

Headteacher Message

As we approach the end of our first half term, we have lots of lovely things to share with you. Our first half term has been filled with fun and learning. All our children have settled well into their new classes and have been busy getting to know their new class teacher.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended our meet and greet sessions earlier in the term. I hope that you found the sessions useful and it gave you a flavour for the upcoming year.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our families into school this half term to take part in our 'stay and pray' sessions. Our pupils lead prayer respectfully both in class and during our whole school celebrations of the word.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend our parents evening. Thank you for completing the parent questionnaires. Your feedback is important to us, and we will be looking at the responses over the next few weeks and addressing any concerns or suggestions.

May I wish you and all our pupils a very happy half term holiday. We look forward to seeing our pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November.



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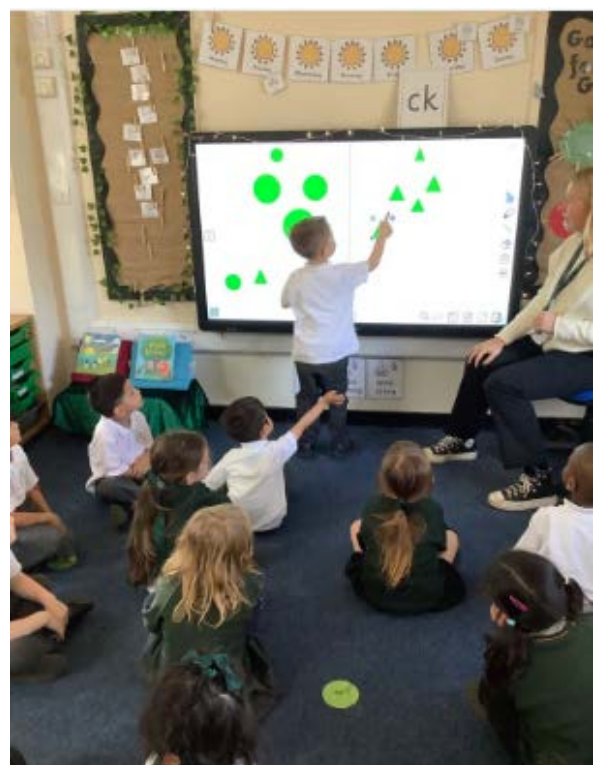


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Nursery News



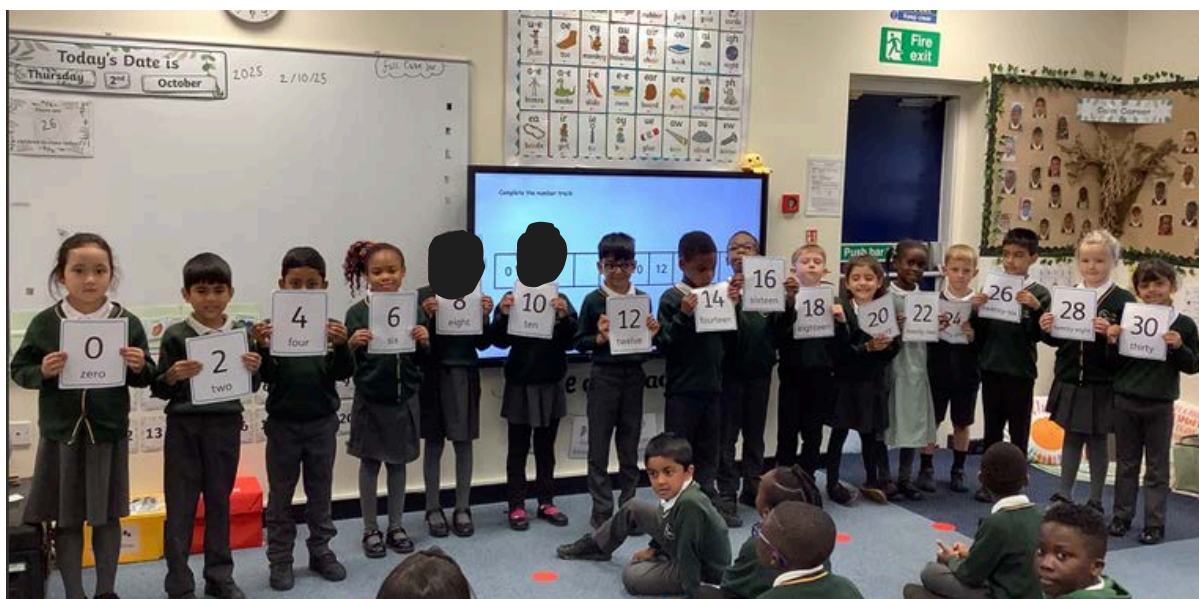
Reception News



Year One News



Year Two News



Year Three News



Year Four News



Year Five News



Year Six News



Sensory News



School Updates



Student Council

This half term, each class voted for their student council members. Over the course of the year, our student council members will meet regularly to ensure that their class views are represented. We wish them the best of luck in their new role and I am confident that they will make a difference to our school community.



Oracy Ambassadors

Pupil's from Year Six have been elected as our Oracy Ambassadors. Their role in school is to promote speaking and listening within our school community. They will greet visitors and promote talk in our dinner hall by providing our pupils with a discussion stimulus.

Eco Warriors

Our eco-warriors take on an active role within school to help us become more sustainable. They will be working with Mrs Jankowski this year to generate ways that our school can become more environmentally friendly.



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies support our school community. Their philosophy is see, think, do. They put their faith into action and over the course of this academic year, they will turn concerns into actions. Our Mini-Vinnies were introduced during our whole school celebration of the word assembly.

Family Homework

Thank you to those pupils who have shared their family homework with their teachers. We have loved celebrating the work you've completed at home with your family members. Your child will be given a copy of their Autumn 2 family homework on Thursday 6th November. You can also access the family homework on our school website in the parent section.

Smoke and Vape Free Zone

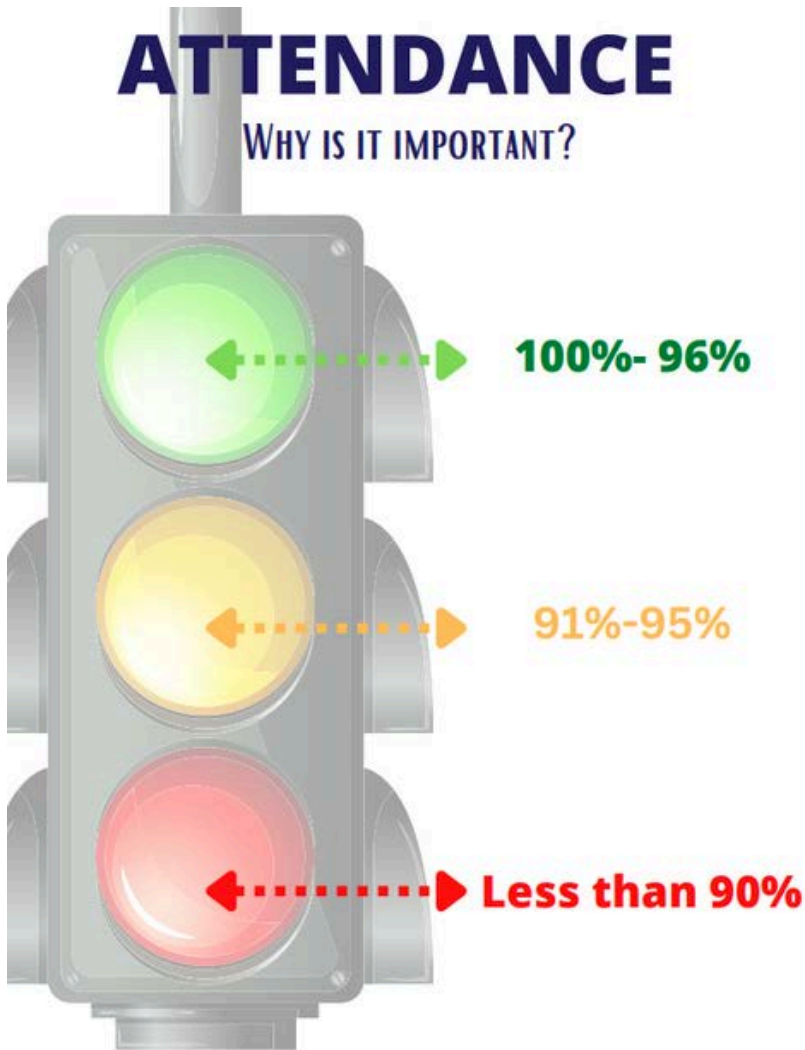
A polite reminder that we are a smoke/vape free school. Please refrain from smoking/vaping in our school grounds, including outside our school gates. Thank you for your support and co-operation on this matter.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital in ensuring our pupils reach their full potential. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. Please also note that, in line with new DfE mandatory guidance, Headteachers are now unable to authorise any holidays and that unauthorised holidays could result in a fine.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



Attendance Shop

In Autumn 2, we are introducing an attendance shop to reward those pupils who are in our 'green' attendance zone.

Pupils with 100% attendance each week will be rewarded with one token. Pupils who receive six tokens, will be given the opportunity to buy an item from our attendance shop. Pupils may also choose to save their tokens to buy larger attendance shop items.



Poppies

Poppies will go on sale in school on Monday 3rd November for 50p.

OPAL Play



KS2 pupils have enjoyed getting crafty and creative during their lunchtime play. They have made autumn wreaths and bookmarks.

OPAL play will begin after our October half term with new autumn zones to explore. Parents are invited to our OPAL event on Friday 14th November. Please sign up on Arbor to book your place.

As part of our ongoing OPAL development, we are introducing OPAL Bingo. The following sheet is a list of items we are asking for as donations to support our Autumn zones. Once someone has brought an item for their class, they can tick it off their Bingo card. The class who ticks off all items of the Bingo card first will gain an additional OPAL play session. The items can come into school and be given to your child's class teacher.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Toy cars



Toy dinosaurs



Board Games, for example Guess Who? Uno, Dobble



Conkers



Shells



Pine cones



Scooters



Dolls



Outdoor camping teapots (no glass)



Toy prams



Key Dates

November 2025		
Date	Time	Event
4th November	9:15 – 10:00	Y5 Stay and Pray
5th November	9:15 – 10:00	Y6 Stay and Pray
6 th November	15:30	First Holy Communion Meeting for parents and pupils
13th November	9:30 – 10:30	KS2 Mass at St Michael's Church
14th November	13:30 – 14:30	OPAL Parent Event
27 th November	15:30-16:00	Reception 2026 Open Evening

December 2025		
Date	Time	Event
2 nd December	12:00-1:00	Christmas Dinner. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers
3rd December	15:30-16:30	PTFA Christmas Fayre
4 th December	15:30-16:15	First Holy Communion Session. Pupils Only
8 th December	13:30	Nursery Christmas Carols
9th December	9:30 – 10:30	Reception Nativity
10th December	13:30-14:30	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
10th December	9:15 - 10:00	Sensory Room Christmas Craft Celebrations
11th December	9:30 - 10:30	Y1 Christmas Nativity
12th December	9:30 - 10:30	Y2 Christmas Nativity
12 th December	16:00	Music After School Club Performance to parents
17 th December	13:30	Pantomime in School
18th December	9:30 - 10:30	KS2 Mass at St Michael's Church
19th December	All Day	Class Christmas Parties. Children can come into school wearing their party clothes
Christmas Break 22nd December – 5th January 2026 (Children Return Tuesday 6th January 2026)		

Lunchtime and After School Clubs- Autumn 2

Monday	Hockey Lunchtime Club for Y2-Y4
Tuesday	Creative Writing After School Club for Y5 & Y6
Thursday	KS2 Girls Football After School Club
Friday	Music After School Club for Y2-Y6 Ping Pong Lunchtime Club for Y5 & Y6

PE Days-Autumn 2

Monday	Y5 & Y6
Tuesday	Y6 Swimming
Wednesday	Y3 & Y4 Dance
Thursday	Y3 & Y4
Friday	Y1 & Y2

If you would like your child to attend any of our lunchtime or afterschool clubs, then please sign up on Arbor.

Pupils should come into school on their PE day wearing their PE kit.

Year Six pupils are expected to arrive at school for 8:30am on Tuesday's for swimming. If you and your child arrive before 8:30am on Tuesday, then please stay with your child until the school office opens at 8:30am.