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St Michael's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Our School Values

Aspiration

Respect

Community

Resilience

Excellence

Celebration

This half term we have been shining a spotlight on the school value of resilience. As part of our work this half term, we have celebrated the 'bounce back' spirit that helps our pupils tackle new challenges. In our whole school celebrations of the word, we have been looking at the inspiring life of Mother Teresa as a model of resilience. She famously taught us that "yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come, we have only today." We have learnt that Mother Teresa lived by this statement by showing persistence and resilience in the face of challenges. Our staff have been encouraging our pupils to stay committed to their goals and understanding that true strength is found in having a resilient mindset.



Headteacher Message

This half term, we are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that our recent OFSTED inspection resulted in an exceptionally positive report. This achievement is a true celebration of our whole school community - from the hard working children who shine every day, to the dedicated staff who go above and beyond, and the wonderfully supportive families who stand with us. The report highlights our pupils' exemplary behaviour, celebrates the strong sense of belonging felt by our students, and recognises the school's central role at the heart of our community. I would like to extend my thanks to our parents and families for being such an important part of this success as we continue to grow, thrive and aim even higher for our children.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers who joined us for 'Breakfast with a Book' and for attending Parents' Evening this half term. Your support, and partnership make such a positive difference to our school community and it was wonderful to celebrate the children's progress together. We truly appreciate the time you give and the encouragement you provide.

As we end the Spring term, we would like to give thanks for the many blessings that we have shared as a school community. We would like to wish all our families a peaceful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 21st April at the usual time, refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Warmest Wishes



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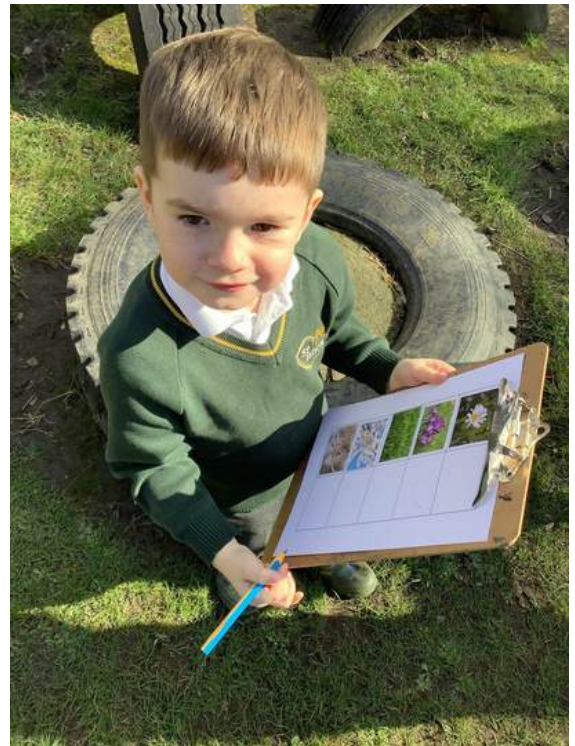


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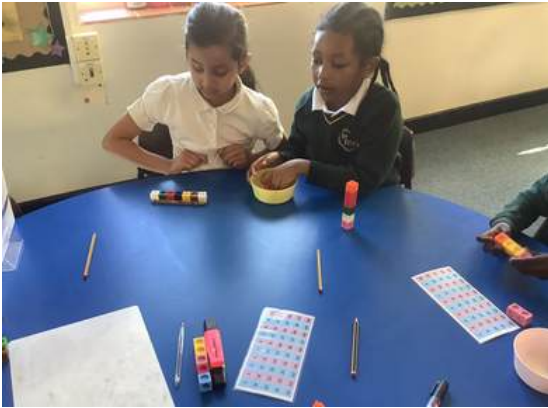
Nursery News



Reception News



Year One News



Year Two News



Year Three News



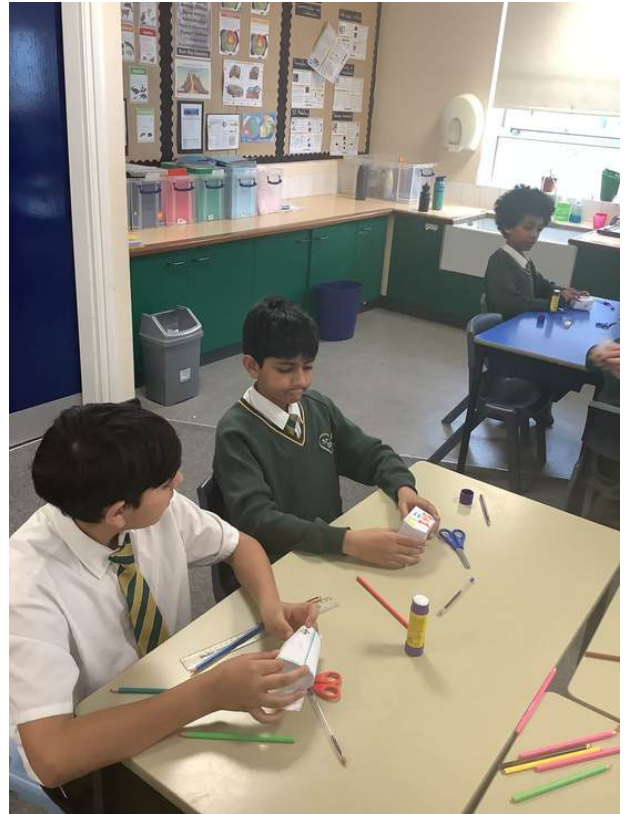
Year Four News



Year Five News



Year Six News



Sensory News



School Updates

World Book Day

We had a brilliant World Book Day this year! Our celebrations were brought to life by the tales of our storyteller, who captivated our pupils with his enchanting stories. This year, we placed a special focus on poetry and performance and each class were given the opportunity to perform their poems and verses to their peers. We would like to give a massive shout out to the staff, who fully embraced the spirit of the day by dressing up as their favourite fictional characters.



Easter Egg Competitions

Our school was transformed into a gallery of imagination this week thanks to the incredible entries for our annual Easter egg competition. It was very difficult for our judges to choose 3rd, 2nd and 1st place prizes among such a high standard.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and thank you to our parents who came and enjoyed the Egg exhibition. We hope you enjoyed making your Easter Egg creation.



School Updates

First Reconciliation

This half term, our children took an important step in their faith journey as they made their First Reconciliation. It was a truly special moment for them and for our school community, and we are incredibly proud of the thoughtful and reverent way they prepared for this sacrament. As they now look ahead to making their First Holy Communion next half term, we keep them in our prayers and ask for God's continued guidance and blessings as they grow in faith and understanding.



Language of the Term

This term, our language of the term has been Kurdish, and it has been a wonderful opportunity for our school community to learn more about the culture and traditions of our Kurdish families. Our Kurdish children led a fantastic assembly, proudly sharing aspects of their home language, customs, and celebrations.

Local Governing Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ashley Wheatley who has successfully carried out the role of Parent Governor for our school over the past academic year. She has been a great asset to our Governing Committee and has supported our school to develop and improve. Sadly, Ashley has decided to end her role and we are seeking expressions of interest from other parents for this role. The parent governor role is a voluntary role which helps to shape school strategy, uphold standards, ensure accountability and provide parental perspectives to our governor meetings. Governors are expected to attend meetings every term, as well as carry out other duties within school. Training is provided through Bishop Bewick Education Trust. If you are interested in this role then please email our enquiries email to express an interest.

School Updates

Lent Big Walk

This week, our pupils took part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. With plenty of energy and big smiles, pupils from Reception to Year Six ran and walked around Elswick Park. The event was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to live out our school values, whilst making a positive difference to supporting countries overseas. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and grateful for all the generous sponsorship that is helping CAFOD continue its vital work.



Lenten Prayer Stations

This week, the children have taken part in Lent prayer stations as we have celebrated Holy Week. This has given our students the opportunity to pause, reflect and deepen their understanding of this important time in the Church year. Moving quietly between each station, children were given the opportunity to pray, think and respond to scripture.

We are proud of the reverence and maturity the children showed throughout.



Volunteering Opportunity

We are looking for a committed volunteer to lead a Rosary Club once a week in school during children's lunchtime. If you enjoy working with children and would like to help nurture their prayer life in a meaningful way, we would be grateful for your support. Please contact the school office if you're interested in learning more or getting involved.

Meal Increase

Newcastle City Council has informed schools that from the Monday 20th April 2026, they are increasing the school catering charge to £3.10 per meal. If you pay for your child's school meal, you will be charged at the new price of £3.10 from Monday 20th April 2026.

Safeguarding & Attendance

What we have agreed about our online life

internet matters.org

We have decided that (add your names):



1. We agree that we want to use our phones and the internet safely
2. When we eat together phones and online activities will be off
3. I can play my games after school for minutes and at weekends for minutes
4. At night my phone will be charging in another room while I sleep
5. We agree to be kind to other people online and move away from anything that upsets us

To help children build healthy digital habits, we are encouraging pupils and parents to consider creating a simple family agreement about device use and online activity at home. Setting clear expectations together—such as when devices can be used, which apps are appropriate, and how to stay safe online gives children a sense of responsibility and helps prevent misunderstandings. Involving your child in the discussion also makes the agreement feel fair and collaborative, rather than restrictive. A shared plan can support positive routines at home and help everyone feel more confident about navigating the online world.

Please see an example of what this family agreement might look like in practice. Why not try it and give it a go, we would love to hear your feedback!

Electric Scooters

For the safety of all pupils and families, we kindly ask that children do not bring electric scooters onto the school grounds. These scooters can move quickly especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times, which increases the risk of accidents. While electric scooters are not permitted on the school grounds, children are still welcome to bring traditional push scooters and bicycles into school and store them in our bike storage. We simply ask that pupils walk their bikes and scooters once they enter the school site to help keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a secure environment for our community.

Attendance

Well done to Year Four who had the best attendance this half term.

Our attendance shop opened again this week for those children who have had 100% attendance this half term. Well done to all our attendance winners. They enjoyed spending their attendance tokens on a variety of items in the attendance shop.

Attendance Percentages	
Nursery	93.5%
Reception	93.2%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	95.8%
Whole School	95.1%

Key Dates

April 2026		
Date	Time	Event
21st April	9:45	Children return to School
23rd April	9:15-10:00	Nursery Playgroup Resumes (Every Thursday)
23rd April	15:30-16:15	First Holy Communion Session (Pupils only)
28th April	9:15-10:00	Y5 Celebration of the Word
28th April	15:30-16:00	Y4 Residential Parent information Session

May 2026		
Date	Time	Event
4th May	All Day	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
5th May	9:15-10:00	Y1 Celebration of the Word
7th May	15:30- 16:15	First Holy Communion Session (Parents to join at 16:00)
11th-15th May	All Day	Y6 SATS Week
13th-15th May	All Day	Y4 Residential Trip
16th May	16:00	First Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
19th May	9:15-10:00	Anxiety & Worries Parents Workshop
20th May	9:15-10:00	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Information Session
21st May	All Day	Themed Menu - Taste of Orient
21st May	9:15-10:00	Y4 MTC Parent Information Session

21st May	15:30	PTFA Sports Night
Half Term Break 25th May – 29th May		

Key Dates

PE Days-Summer 1	
Monday	Year 5 and Year 6 PE
Tuesday	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 4 Tag Rugby/Dance
Thursday	Year 3 and Year 4 PE
Friday	Year 1 and Year 2 PE

Summer 1 Lunchtime and After School Clubs		
	Lunchtime Club	After School Club
Monday	KS2 Ping Pong Club	Year 5 and Year 6 First Aid Club Year 1 and Year 2 Book and Biscuit Club
Tuesday		Year 5 and Year 6 Forest School Club (please bring in wellies/outdoor shoes) KS2 Shakespeare Club Year 3 and Year 4 Art Club Year 6 SATS Booster Club
Thursday		KS2 Racket Sport Club
Friday	KS2 Badminton Club	Y2-Y6 School of Rock Music Club

Arbor

If you would like your child to take part in any of our after-school clubs in the Summer term, please make sure to sign up via Arbor. All club information, availability, and consent forms are managed through the Arbor app, so registering there ensures your child is fully enrolled and able to join in. Our clubs are always very popular and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.