



St Michael's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Summer 1 2026

Our School Values

Aspiration

Respect

Community

Resilience

Excellence

Celebration

This half term, we have been focusing on the school value of excellence, thinking carefully about what it truly looks like in our learning, our behaviour, and the way we treat one another. Through class discussions, collective worship, and daily practice, we have explored how striving for excellence helps us to live out our school mission statement: "to live life to the full." Pupils have reflected on how using their gifts, trying their best, and supporting others allows them not only to flourish themselves but to help those around them flourish too. It has been wonderful to see children recognising that excellence isn't about being perfect—it's about embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience, and a generous heart.

We have also looked to the example of St Carlo Acutis, whose dedication to using his gifts wholeheartedly—and always for the good of others—shows us how excellence can be lived in simple, everyday actions.



Come as you are



and grow with us

Headteacher Message

We have come to the end of another successful and rewarding half term, and I want to thank our whole school community for their continued support.

I hope our Summer 1 newsletter gives you a flavour of some of the wonderful achievements we have made together over the past few weeks.

A special thank-you goes to the parents and carers who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check information session and the Year 4 Multiplication Check parent session—your engagement makes a real difference to the children's confidence and progress.

I hope all our pupils and families enjoy a well-deserved half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for the Summer 2 term, on Monday 1st June.



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Nursery News



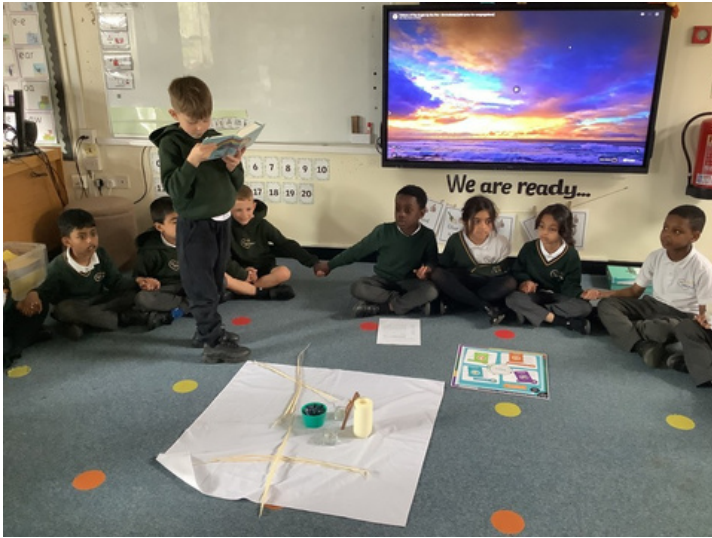
Reception News



Year One News



Year Two News



Year Three News



Year Four News



Year Five News



Year Six News



Sensory News



School Updates

Year Six SATS

Year 6 have now completed their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of them. Over the past few weeks, they have shown real determination, maturity and resilience, approaching each test with a positive attitude and giving their very best. Their hard work throughout the year has truly shone through, and they should feel incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We look forward to enjoying the rest of the term with them as they celebrate their accomplishments and prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

★ Well Done!
★ So proud of you! ★
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First Holy Communion

Some of our KS2 students celebrated a very special milestone on Saturday 16th May as they made their First Holy Communion at St Michael's Church. It was a beautiful occasion filled with joy, reverence and pride, as each child took this important step in their faith journey. Their preparation, commitment and maturity shone through, and we are incredibly proud of every one of them. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the families, parish community and staff who supported the children along the way, helping to make the day so meaningful and memorable.



School Updates

Year Four Residential

Year 4 had a wonderful time on their residential retreat to the Emmaus Youth Village, where the theme Living Hope inspired every moment of their stay. Throughout the retreat, the children explored what it means to be disciples in today's world, learning how they can witness to and share God's love in their everyday lives. With joyful activities, thoughtful reflection, and plenty of opportunities to grow together in faith, the experience left our pupils encouraged, confident, and ready to carry Christ's hope into the world.



Mini Vinnies visit St Carlo Accutis Shrine and The Good Shepherd Mass

Our Mini Vinnies had a truly special experience this half term when they visited Holy Rosary and Immaculate Heart Church to visit the Relic of St Carlo Acutis. During their visit, the children attended Mass and took an active role in the celebration, showing great reverence and enthusiasm throughout. It was a meaningful opportunity for them to deepen their faith, learn from the inspiring example of St Carlo, and reflect on how they too can live out kindness, service, and love in their daily lives.



Rock Pool School & Forest School

The children enjoyed a wonderful end-of-half-term experience day. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils engaged in an exciting rockpool experience, exploring sea creatures up close. Meanwhile, KS2 ventured outdoors for a forest school experience, building teamwork and confidence. It was a great day for everyone, filled with curiosity, discovery, and plenty of happy memories to carry into the next half term. In the summer 2 term, our KS2 students will receive their rockpool experience and EYFS and KS1 will take part in their forest school lesson.

School Updates

Student Council

On Tuesday 19th May, we were delighted to welcome Cullercoats Primary School student council to St Michael's for a day of collaboration and shared learning. Together with our own student council, they took part in a forest school session, followed by time exploring our OPAL play provision, where pupils from both schools mixed, played, and learned from one another. In the afternoon, our visitors joined classes across the school for a lesson, giving everyone a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, exchange ideas, and experience a day in the life of St Michael's.



Arbor Shop

We are pleased to let families know that school ties can now be purchased directly through our Arbor Shop, making it quicker and easier to order uniform items online. Simply log in to your Arbor account to place an order at your convenience. Any items that are purchased from Arbor shop should be collected from the main office. Please note, all children in KS2 should wear a shirt and tie.



Jewellery

As part of our school uniform policy, children should not wear any jewellery to school, including earrings.

Safeguarding & Attendance

Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do, and we are committed to ensuring that every child in our school feels safe, supported, and listened to. If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing—no matter how small it may seem—we encourage you to speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible. Working together helps us keep all of our children safe and ensures they receive the right support at the right time. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school

are:

Miss Consterdine

Mrs Chapman

Mr Frankland

Miss Fowler

Mrs Jankowski

Mrs Gurkin



Do we have your latest details?

Have you informed school you have moved house?

Do you have a new contact number?

Do we hold the latest information about your child's medical needs?

Log into your Arbor to check and update details.

For safeguarding purposes, we kindly remind parents to phone the main office if someone different will be collecting their child, so we can ensure all children go home safely.

If you are having any difficulty accessing Arbor, please speak to our office staff, who will be happy to help.

Attendance

Well done to Year Six 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.

Classes continue to celebrate their attendance success in our weekly Attendance Opoloy game, enjoying special treats such as in-class snacks, extra playtimes, and free-choice activities. Each time a class achieves our whole school attendance target they move forward on the attendance opoly board.

Attendance Matters



Attendance Percentages	
Nursery	93.8%
Reception	95.2%
Year One	96.8%
Year Two	97.6%
Year Three	96.8%
Year Four	95.7%
Year Five	93.7%
Year Six	98.1%
Whole School	95.2%

Key Dates

June 2026		
Date	Time	Event
1st June	All Day	School Class Photographs
4th June	9:30-10:30	Y1-Y6 Mass at St Michael's Church
9th June	9:15-10:00	Y3 Celebration of the Word
16th June	9:15-10:00	Reception Celebration of the Word
17th June	9:15-10:00	Y4 Celebration of the Word
23rd June	15:30-16:00	Y6 Residential Parent Information Session
23rd June	9:15-10:00	Y2 Celebration of the Word
24th June	15:30-16:30	PTFA Summer Fayre
29th June	9:30-10:30	Reception Sports Day
30th June	9:30-10:30	Nursery Sports Day

July 2026		
Date	Time	Event
1st July	9:00-11:30	Y1-Y6 Sports Day at the Eagles Arena
2nd July	All Day	Themed Menu - Power Plant Day
2nd July	10:00	Y6 Leavers Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
3rd July	TBC	Shakespeare Performance at the Northern Stage
7th July	13:30-14:30	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents Welcome)
8th-10th July	All Day	Y6 Residential Trip
10th July	16:00-16:15	Music After School Club Performance
16th July	9:30-10:30	Whole School End of Year Mass at St Michael's Church
Summer Holiday 20th July – 1st September (Children Return Wednesday 2 nd September 2026)		

Key Dates

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

Summer 2 Lunchtime and After School Clubs		
	Lunchtime Club	After School Club
Monday	KS2 Ping Pong Club	KS1 Cookery Club
Tuesday		KS2 Shakespeare Club Y4, Y5, Y6 Rounders Club
Thursday		Family Learning Club Parents must attend this club with their child
Friday	KS2 Rounders Club	Y2-Y6 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.

Family Learning Club

After half term, we are excited to launch our Family Learning Club for Y1-Y6, taking place after school on Thursdays. This six-week programme, beginning on Thursday 4th June, offers a fun and engaging opportunity for children and their parents or carers to learn together. Each session will include a mix of hands-on activities, games, and interactive learning, all designed to help families spend quality time together, build confidence, and develop new skills. Throughout the programme, families can look forward to activities focused on healthy lifestyles, teamwork, communication, and online safety, all delivered in a supportive and welcoming environment by experienced Newcastle United Foundation staff. Those who complete the full course will also be invited to a special celebration event at St James' Park, with the chance to receive exciting rewards and incentives from the Foundation.

To book a place, please follow this link:

<https://www.abler.io/shop/newcastleunitedfoundation/familylearning/product/Q2x1YlNlcnZpY2U6NTc4MzM=?>