



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Summer 2 2026

## Our School Values

Aspiration

Respect

Community

Resilience

Excellence

Celebration

As we come to the end of the school year, we have been reflecting on our school value of Celebration and the inspiring example of SS Peter and Paul, whose feast day reminds us of the importance of recognising faith, courage, and community.

Throughout the year, we have celebrated the achievements, kindness, and growth of every child. During the Summer 2 term, it has been wonderful to pause and appreciate all that we have accomplished together, giving thanks for the many moments—big and small—that have made our school community so special.

*Come as you are...*



*...and grow with us*

## Headteacher Message

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to our pupils, families, and staff for their continued dedication and support.

This year has been filled with wonderful achievements and moments that remind us what a special community we are part of.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, whose hard work, kindness and determination have shone brightly throughout the year. We are also deeply grateful to our staff for their unwavering commitment.

As we break for the summer holidays, we wish all our families a restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another year of learning, laughter, and opportunity.



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# Nursery News



We would like to thank Miss Crowe for her hard work and commitment this year. We wish her every success as she leaves St Michael's for her next chapter.

# Reception News



Thank you to Miss Morpeth for her hard work and commitment this year. We are delighted to see Miss Morpeth take the next step in her career as she moves on to become a Key Stage One Teacher. We wish her every success in the future.

# Year One News



Thank you to Miss Cumberland for her hard work and commitment this year. We are delighted to see Miss Cumberland take the next step in her career as she moves on to become a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. We wish her every success in the future.

## Year Two News



# Year Three News



# Year Four News



Thank you to Miss Turner for her hard work and commitment this year. We wish her every success as she leaves St Michael's for her next chapter.

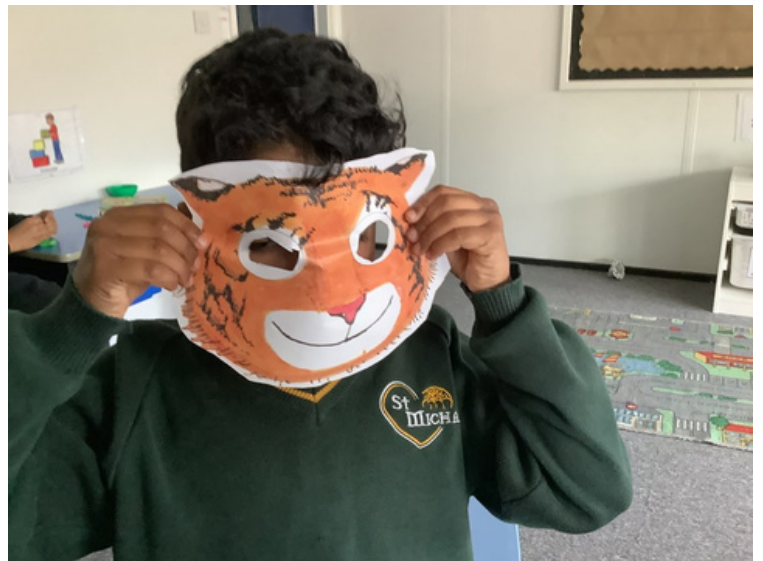
# Year Five News



# Year Six News



# Sensory News



# School Updates

## Oracy Centre of Excellence

We are proud to have achieved the school oracy centre of excellence award. This award is a milestone in our oracy journey.

Becoming an oracy centre of excellence certifies and celebrates that we are leading the way in providing a high-quality oracy education for students and acting as a beacon of good practice.

To secure this recognition, we needed to demonstrate the quality of oracy education being provided across five areas of school life: our school's vision, culture, curriculum, learning and impact on students.

By putting oracy at the heart of our teaching and learning across all subject areas, we are supporting students to become articulate communicators who are able to present themselves confidently across a range of settings and contexts, from group discussions to formal presentations.



## Sport Platinum Award

We are delighted to share the exciting news that we have been awarded the Platinum Sports Award, recognising our outstanding commitment to physical education, sport, and wellbeing across the whole school community. This achievement reflects the hard work, enthusiasm, and teamwork shown by our pupils, staff, and families throughout the year. From daily active routines to competitive events and inclusive sporting opportunities, this award celebrates the vibrant sporting culture we've built together. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and look forward to continuing to inspire a love of sport in all our children.



## Staff Farewells

We say a heartfelt thanks to the staff members who are leaving St Michael's this term for their dedication and care and we wish them every success for their next chapter.

We thank Mr A Schofield for the commitment and energy he has brought to music at St Michael's over the past few years and we wish him every success for the future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs S Khan, our Nursery lunchtime supervisor who leaves St Michael's to take on a new role as a Teaching Assistant in September. We thank Mrs S Khan for her kindness and devotion over the past few years and we wish her all the best in her new role.

# School Updates

## Shakespeare Club Perform at the Northern Stage

Our KS2 Shakespeare group shone on stage last week as they performed The Tempest at the Northern Stage, bringing energy, confidence and real theatrical flair to one of Shakespeare's plays. The pupils impressed the audience with their expressive storytelling, polished delivery and imaginative interpretation, demonstrating the hard work and dedication they have put into rehearsals. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience performing in a professional theatre, and we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented our school.



## Sports Day.

Sports Day was a huge success, filled with energy, teamwork and plenty of smiling faces. Our pupils gave their all in every event, showing determination, encouragement and brilliant sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see children cheering each other on and celebrating one another's achievements. A huge thank you to our staff and families for creating such a supportive atmosphere — it truly showcased the spirit of our school.

This year's house winners were:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bede

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hilda

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cuthbert



# School Updates

## Community Week

Community Engagement Week was a wonderful celebration of connection, kindness and shared purpose across our community. Children from Nursery to Year Six embraced every opportunity to make a positive difference — from spending time with the residents of St Joseph's Care Home, where their conversations and smiles brought real joy, to helping keep our neighbourhood clean through litter picking, school visit from the police and spreading uplifting positivity stones throughout Elswick Park for others to discover. The week culminated in our vibrant Summer PTFA Fayre, which brought families, staff and community partners together in a fantastic display of unity. The success of the week showed just how powerful it is when our school and community come together, and we are incredibly proud of the role our pupils played in making it so special.



## Class of 2026

We send our warmest and proudest farewell to our wonderful Year Six class, who are now ready to take their next exciting steps into secondary school. Throughout their time with us, they have grown into confident, kind and resilient young people who have been fantastic role models across the school. Their achievements — academic, creative, sporting and personal — have enriched our community, and their laughter, leadership and friendship will be greatly missed. As they move forward, we hope they carry with them happy memories, strong values and the knowledge that they will always be part of our school family. We wish them every success and joy in the years ahead.



# School Updates

## St Michael's has Talent

St Michael's has been bursting with creativity and celebration this week as our talented pupils took to the stage for St Michael's Has Talent. The talent show was a joyful showcase of singing, dancing and comedy with children demonstrating confidence, imagination and a wonderful sense of fun. A special shout out to our amazing staff judges and pupil presenters, Elijah and Sazedur.

Our award ceremony followed, recognising pupils' achievements across the year. Together, these events highlighted the incredible spirit of our school community and the many ways our children continue to inspire us.



## Language of the Term

Our language of the term has been Urdu. Last week children in our school led an assembly sharing information about their culture and traditions with the rest of our school community. During the assembly, pupils shared key phrases, greetings and taught the school community about Urdu. Our pupils spoke with confidence and it was a proud moment for everyone.



# Annual Awards

This week we announced our annual award winners for Maths, Reading, Writing, Science, Sport, Exemplary Book and Annual Headteacher. We are so proud of all our students and their achievements this year.



# Attendance

Attendance across the whole school has been a real success this year, with our overall figures sitting proudly above the national average. Keeping attendance strong continues to be a key priority for us, and it's been wonderful to see children engaging so positively with our attendance incentives.

This week our Attendance Shop reopened in school. Pupils were given the opportunity to spend the attendance tokens they've earned.

| Attendance Percentages               |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Nursery                              | 94.1% |
| Reception                            | 92.6% |
| Year One                             | 95%   |
| Year Two                             | 97.3% |
| Year Three                           | 95.1% |
| Year Four                            | 96.2% |
| Year Five                            | 95.3% |
| Year Six                             | 97.1% |
| School Overall Attendance Percentage | 95.5% |
| National Average                     | 94.7% |



We would like to give a special recognition to the children who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance record this year. During our annual awards assembly, pupil's were presented with a certificate for this excellent achievement. Their commitment makes us incredibly proud, and they set a fantastic example for the whole school community.

During our annual awards ceremony, we also celebrated the children who won items from our Attendance Shop, including football shirts, signed merchandise from the Eagles, cameras and doodle boards. These prizes celebrated the amazing attendance efforts this year.

# Key Dates

| PE Days- Autumn 1 |                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>     | Year 5 & Year 6 PE                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | Year 6 Swimming<br>Year 1- Year 6 Cricket |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | Year 1 & Year 2 Dance                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Year 3 & Year 4 PE                        |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Year 1 & Year 2 PE                        |

PE and swimming activities will resume the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2026, and pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE day. Our PE uniform consists of black shorts or leggings, a plain white T-shirt, and trainers. The school PE hoodie is optional and can be purchased from School Outfit for anyone who would like to order one.

| September 2026             |              |                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                       | Time         | Event                                                                                                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | All Day      | Pupils Y1-Y6 to return to school                                                                                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | All Day      | Nursery and Reception to return to school. Please check your individual letter for your child's start dates and times. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y6 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September  | 9:15 – 10:00 | Sensory Meet and Greet                                                                                                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September  | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y1 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September  | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y2 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y4 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y3 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September | 9:15 – 10:00 | Y5 Meet and Greet                                                                                                      |

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 2nd of September at the usual time of 8:45am, while pupils in Nursery and Reception will begin on Thursday 3rd of September. Please check your child's individual letter for their phased start dates and times. Please note the allocated gates for your child's drop off and collection next academic year:

Nursery and Reception Class: Gate 3

Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6: Gate 2

Year 3, Year 4: Gate 1

Children are to be dropped off and collected from the allocated gate of the eldest sibling. If you have any queries or questions or wish to discuss the pick up or drop off arrangement, then please speak to your child's class teacher or the main office.

In September, each year group will host a meet and greet session, giving parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and find out more about the year ahead.

