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## WEEK BEGINNING 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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Events this week:

w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Spirited Arts Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 3 & 4 Football
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM – ALL WELCOME

Looking forwards:

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photos Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY and Parents Meetings – Parents Evening this term will take place during the daytime on INSET day as a trial. Further information will be sent nearer the time with slot booking options. There will be morning and afternoon slots available.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to School

**Important safeguarding information for parents:**

Please see the below message which was shared widely across all Bracknell schools from Hampshire County Council regarding the Spy Dogs/Pups/Cats book series. St Michael's have checked our classrooms and library for copies but we urge you to check at home and in children's bags to ensure they do not have any copies which include dangerous links.

Today, Hampshire County Council's Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) service has made all schools aware of a safeguarding alert about the children's book series '**Spy Dogs/Pups' and @Spy Cat Books', written by Andrew Cope.**

These books contain a link to a website, which contains highly pornographic content. The book asked children to explore the website to find out more about the characters. It appears the website (identified on the back or inside page) [www.spydog451.co.uk](http://www.spydog451.co.uk) has now been compromised and takes users to a pornographic website with no age verification.

Following advice from the LADO, we have removed all books from our school but we please ask you, as a precaution, to check at home if you have any books from these series and remove them from your child's access until we receive confirmation that the issue has been resolved. We are aware that these books are aimed at younger readers but we have sent an 'all school' email as we are aware many families have younger children.

Shaun Riordan  
Headteacher

### **A message about the current “6,7” social media craze**

We are aware that some children have recently been talking about the “6,7” social media trend (sometimes referred to as “brainrot”) in school. This content and language are not appropriate for discussion in a primary school setting, and we have reminded pupils that it should not be brought into and discussed at school. This is particularly pertinent as the trend has started on platforms such as TikTok, which should not be being accessed by any of our children as the minimum age to create a TikTok account is 13 years old.

We would ask parents to please speak with their children at home about what they are seeing and hearing online and to monitor their online usage and make sure your WiFi and device controls are set up appropriately. Please help them understand the difference between suitable content for their age and material that is not. Encouraging open, calm conversations about what they watch or share can really help children make safe and sensible choices online.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school environment positive and age-appropriate for all children at St Michael's.

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### **Safer Inside**

As part of our required emergency procedures, over the next 2 weeks we will be conducting practice fire drills and tests.

It is also required for us to have ‘Lockdown’ procedures in place to employ in the event of perceived or actual threat to the building and those within it. A threat may range from fairly minor (e.g. an unknown dog running through the grounds) to quite serious (e.g. a severe pollution notification in the immediate area around school or an unwanted visitor attempting to gain entry). Over the next 2 weeks, we will also be carrying out drills and informing children in a child-friendly manner about what to do - we call this 'Safer Insider' and use picture books such as “Moggy’s Coming” to do this in an age-appropriate way and without alarming children. The book tells the story of Mulberry School – a school for mice in Goodcitizenham. One day a cat comes onto the school grounds and chases and frightens the mice. The mice have been taught what to do in this situation, have practiced the procedure and do not panic. They follow the evacuation procedure well and no mice get hurt. Please reassure your child/ren that there is absolutely no danger and be available to them if they wish to talk to you about what we have talked about in school.

As ever, please be assured pupil safety is of paramount importance, and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or a member of the team.

Mr Riordan

Headteacher

# PTA NEWS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
**St Michael's Easthampstead PTA**

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL HALL

6.30PM - 7.30PM

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH LOVE

**Due to lack of volunteers the PTA are unable to take any more donations of uniform until further notice**

## 2025 Christmas Baubles

It is that exciting time of year again when we decorate baubles for our school Christmas tree and raise money for school

Baubles will be sent home with the children the week of 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October, this will give plenty of time to get decorating.

Children can decorate their bauble at home in whatever style they wish.

**Please return baubles to your class with a £1 donation to the PTA's fundraising this year.** They are used to decorate our school tree and returned to the children on the last day of term for them to bring home.

**Last date for bringing baubles back in is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to name them on the tag provided.**



## Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Jayme – for kindness, enthusiasm and hard work
- Year 1 - Jaxon – for his participation and contributions to our maths lessons
- Year 2 - Mason – for his fantastic effort and independence in maths
- Year 3 - Kimori – for being keen to learn and joining in with great enthusiasm all of the time
- Year 4 - Finley – for a positive start to Year 4, for working hard this week in Maths and English and for showing a respectful attitude
- Year 5 - Harper – for showing amazing resilience and respect all week
- Year 6 - Sophia – for demonstrating amazing confidence and speaking so eloquently in Church  
Tino – for living our value of kindness and demonstrating inclusivity

Well done to you all!



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**27TH-31ST OCTOBER**



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# Happy Halloween

Join us here at green man on the 30th October for a spooky filled kids day of fun. With face painting A costume contest paint a pumpkin hook an eye goody bag and spooky games to enjoy From 3-6 Please see the Bar Staff for more information £5 per child

**MACMILLAN**  
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# BREAKFAST

## With Santa

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa at the Green Man. your little ones can meet Santa and his elves, as well as presents from Santa himself. activities provided while you wait for Santa to arrive.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

The green man

£10.99 per child, (adult price separate), bookings only. deposit must be paid in advance with pre order choices.

please ask bar staff for more information.



# Wokingham Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

## WOKINGHAM MUSIC CENTRE

Emmbrook School  
Emmbrook Road, Wokingham RG41 1JP

Wednesday 15 October

Brass/Woodwind  
4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm



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# Bracknell Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

## BRACKNELL MUSIC CENTRE

Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA

Saturday 18 October

Oboe/Bassoon 10.00-10.45am | 10.45-11.15am

Monday 20 October

Voice 5.45-6.15pm | 6.15-6.45pm

Thursday 6 November

Brass 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm



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# Windsor Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

## WINDSOR MUSIC CENTRE

Dedworth Middle School, Smith's Lane, Windsor SL4 5PE

Tuesday 21 October

Guitar 5.30-6.00pm | 6.00-6.30pm

Thursday 13 November

Woodwind/Oboe 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm

Saturday 15 November

Drum Kit 11.00-11.30am | 11.30am-12.00pm

Brass 12.00-12.30pm | 12.30-1.00pm



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# Reading Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

## READING MUSIC CENTRE

100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading RG30 4EZ

Friday 17 October

Clarinet (Adults) 2.30-3.00pm | 3.00-3.30pm

Saturday 18 October

Violin 10.00-10.45am | 10.45-11.30am

Wednesday 22 October

Flute/Clarinet/Sax/Bassoon 4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm



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You have been invited to Reading Football Club's first School & Grassroots Fixture of 2025-26!

#### When?

Reading vs Rotherham United  
Saturday 22nd November, 3pm kick off

#### Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please click below and enter the following unique coupon code: **#StMichaelsEasthampstead** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1  
17 and Under: £5  
18 to 24: £10  
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Adult: £15

[\*\*BUY NOW\*\*](#)

#### How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.