



WEEK BEGINNING 22ND SEPTEMBER

Events this week:

Tuesday 23 rd September	Years 3 & 4 Cricket tournament
Wednesday 24 th September	– PTA Meet and Greet @ Green Man 6:30pm
Friday 26 th September	Celebration Assembly KS2 – Parents invited
	PTA Cake Sale After School

Looking forwards:

Thursday 2 nd October	School Census
	Acorns Family Learning – Busy Bags
Monday 6 th October	Years 3 & 4 Netball
Thursday 9 th October	Harvest Service @ St. Michael's Church PM
w/c 13 th Oct	Spirited Arts Week
Monday 13 th October	Years 3 & 4 Football
Thursday 23 rd October	School Photos
	Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Friday 24 th 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.

Gate and site updates - reminder

Thank you to you all for reading this update in the newsletter last week. We are re-posting as a reminder, and have added a small extra notice around tailgating, please see below.

As will be familiar to you, our gates were recently updated with stronger locking mechanisms, high-definition cameras and new buzzers. Some timing changes to gates will take effect from Monday 15th September and are summarised here:

Pedestrian gates and morning routines

Gates unlock shortly before 8:40am to enter the school site. There is no audible signal – please push the gates and they will hold open. Gates release and lock shortly after 8:50am when all doors close and the site needs to be cleared. The site is monitored at the start and end of the school day with cameras and staff present. The school day begins in class at 8:50 a.m., when registration starts and the doors close. Once classroom doors close at 8:50 a.m. they will not be re-opened – please do not knock on the classroom doors if you arrive after this time and/ or if they are closed; you will have to enter the building via the office.

Car gate

The car gate will be closed at all times. If there is a need to enter via the car gate, please use the buzzer. Parents dropping off for breakfast club are welcome to use the former School House parking spaces if available and enter via the pedestrian gates. We kindly ask anyone exiting using the car gate to wait until it is closed behind you before driving off alongside us monitoring the cameras.

Site access

The rear pedestrian gate remains closed at all times whilst school is in session. Access to the school site can only be made via the front pedestrian gate. You will be identified on camera but may be asked to announce who you are and your reason for visiting. Parents arriving for breakfast club or wraparound care should use the buzzer and be prepared to wait as there may be a delay in staff granting access.

Tailgating

We know everyone in our school community demonstrates the school values of love and kindness, so it can sometimes be conflicting when arriving at the gate to be buzzed in and there is another parent or family member also arriving behind you - it's the natural thing to do to let them in with you! But we all have a duty of care to maintain the safety and security of the school site. Should this happen, please continue to be polite but ask them to wait, close the gate behind you, and ask that they buzz separately to make themselves known. If you are the person arriving behind someone, please respect this, be prepared to wait and buzz to announce yourself. We hope you all understand the balance we strive to achieve here and that the safety of our children comes first.

During the school day, no ad-hoc access will be provided to the school site unless you have either called ahead to confirm we are expecting you or the school has called you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Update from Mr Riordan

Another fantastic week at St Michael's to be celebrated and shared. It has been so lovely to walk around the school and see some great learning taking place, including marking some wonderful Maths work in Year 1! Acorns have shown me how well they have been settling in, the resources they enjoy using, and I was incredibly impressed by how well they tidied up afterwards! Year 2 have been working hard on their speed words from Little Red Reading Hood, Year 3 were able to show me how they were counting intervals in Maths, Year 4 have been proud of their times tables revision, Year 6 persuading me of places to go in their English brochure planning and Miss Kearney and I enjoyed exploring tectonic plates with Year 5!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the brief meet the teacher sessions this week - for anyone unable to make it, please feel free to speak to teachers if you have any questions or queries.

It has also been so lovely to hear the themes of love and kindness coming out in worships this week. Well done everyone, have a restful weekend and go above and beyond with love.

Shaun Riordan
Headteacher



Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Arthur – for a great start to Acorns, able to dress and undress himself, great focus in learning and showing kindness
- Year 1 - Tallulah – for being such a good friend
- Year 2 - Starr – for her hard work and fantastic effort in Maths and English this week
- Year 3 - Titus – for consistently working hard and always being ready for a challenge
- Year 4 - Maya – for fantastic effort and achievement in all her work this week, including great explanations in maths
- Year 5 - Teigan – for trying hard every day and every lesson
- Year 6 - Matilda – for aiming high in maths

Well done to you all!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn Term Clubs – Starting week commencing 15th September

Please find below, details of the clubs running this term. As last term, there will be a small charge for **all** school run clubs of £2.00 per session with payment up front. A link will be sent to you to access your account once places have been confirmed.

These clubs are teacher led and may be subject to change or cancelled if the member of staff has to attend training or a meeting at the same time the club would normally run. Clubs do occasionally have to be cancelled at short notice so please ensure that you are able to collect your child at the end of the normal school day if their club has to be cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST BE BY EMAIL to secretary@stmicheast.co.uk

Club places will be confirmed once allocated.

Day	Time	Club	Year Group	Location	Staff	Max.
Tuesday	15:25 – 16:20	Performing Arts	KS2	The Den	Mr Turner & Mrs Fordham	12
Thursday	08.10 – 08.40	Yoga	KS2	The Den	Miss Purser	8
Thursday	12:40 – 13:10	Choir	KS2	Year 4 classroom	Mr Crowther & Mrs Cary	20

These clubs are offered through outside agencies and **MUST BE booked directly through them.**

Monday	15.30 - 16.25	Tag Rugby	KS2	Playground	Prestige Sports
Tuesday	15.30 - 16.25	Multi Sports	KS2	Playground	Prestige Sports
Wednesday	15.30 - 16.25	Mixed football	Years 1 - 4	Playground/field	Prestige Sports

FOR PRESTIGE CLUBS BOOK VIA <https://www.prestigesportscoaching.com/services-4> These clubs begin 16th September.

If your child is taking part in the Choir lunchtime club, it would be advisable to bring a packed lunch on that day. Please note that the school will not be taking part in the Young Voices event this year due to the expense to parents.

In the event of any clubs being oversubscribed, clubs will be offered to children who have previously missed out.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child is collected on time at the end of an afternoon club so please note the finish times. Attendance at clubs is subject to children behaving both at clubs and during lessons.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Shaun Riordan

Headteacher



28th August June 2025

Early Years and Wraparound Childcare Expansion – Parent Questionnaire

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the continued roll out of the expanded Early Years funding entitlements and out-of-school care availability (breakfast and after-school clubs for school-aged children, 8am-6pm), we are seeking parental feedback to understand the demand for these services.

To assist with meeting parental demand for early years care and out of school care, we need to assess the needs and preferences of our working families. It is essential for us to understand what parents require when returning to the workplace.

What type of Early Years care you are seeking, nursery, preschool, or childminder for example?

Please take a moment to complete survey via the link below if you need childcare for any children aged from birth to 5 years old (before starting primary school).

For out-of-school care, do you require breakfast and after-school clubs five days a week, or a combination of these on specific days?

Even if you do not currently need either type of childcare but may in the future, we encourage you to complete the questionnaire and share your potential plans. We request that all families complete the survey if they have children of the applicable ages as above.

Your insights as a local parent are crucial will help shape the future of our childcare offerings across Bracknell Forest.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and share your childcare needs with us.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/early-years-and-childcare-needs-survey>

Yours sincerely

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Help us understand your childcare needs!

Please share with us your childcare needs for any children aged from birth to 11 years old.

Complete the survey now, have your say, we value your input!

Scan the QR code or visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/consultations/early-years-and-childcare-needs-survey to participate and help shape our childcare offering within Bracknell Forest.



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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Cake Donations

We are asking for cake donations for our Macmillan cake sale.

Please bring any donations in next Friday morning to the middle of the playground.



Our Macmillan cake sale is going to be held on Friday 26th September after school in the playground.

Example 1



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

St Michael's Easthampstead PTA

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL HALL

6.30PM - 7.30PM

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH LOVE

