



## WEEK BEGINNING 10TH MARCH

### Events this week:

Monday 17th March – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Neurodiversity celebration week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning – Year 4
	Year 5 & 6 Hockey
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief

### Looking forwards: (dates/times may be subject to change)

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	2-3pm SEN Coffee afternoon-Support For Learning (SFL) focus
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Easter Experience at Church
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 and Choir visiting Oxford Cathedral
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day sale RockSteady concert <b>please be aware that parking is NOT available at the Church carpark for this event)</b> Years 3 & 4 mixed football Year 2 Trip to The Look Out <b>(back in time for RockSteady concert)</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mother's Day Coffee Morning
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Years 3 & 4 Tag Rugby
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Church Service
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet parade
	<b>END OF TERM – 1.30 FINISH</b>



We are writing this with regards to parking during school drop off and pick up times. Multiple complaints have been received from residents with regards to illegal, inconsiderate, and dangerous parking and driving by the parents of pupils who attend your school.

Therefore, we ask respectfully that parents and carers park legally and safely during school drop off and pick up times.

There have been incidents of near misses reported to us through dangerous driving and parking around St. Michael's Primary School.

Please ensure that you abide by the parking restrictions in the area and of the importance of driving and parking safely.

For the safety of all – please abide by these recommendations.



## Head Teacher Award Winners

- Reception - **Maliyah** – for always being helpful
- Year 1 - **Aliyah** – for her focus and determination
- Year 2 - **Lily P** – for being a super scientist this week
- Year 3 - **Elijah** – for actively engaging in our science and maths day activities
- Year 4 - **Mia-Rose** – for aiming high in her work and building her confidence
- Year 5 - **Grace** – for an innovative approach to our science week activities
- Year 6 - **James** - for his tenacious appetite for problem-solving questions





**Neurodiversity  
Celebration  
Week**

**"Every individual matters.  
Every individual has a role to  
play. Every individual makes a  
difference"**

- Jane Goodall, Primatologist /  
Anthropologist

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**Did you know  
Justin Timberlake  
has ADHD?**



**"You cannot make a difference  
unless you're different"**

- Justin Timberlake, Singer / Actor / Producer

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**Did you know Chris  
Packham is Autistic?**



**"Humanity has prospered of  
people with autistic traits.  
Without them, we wouldn't have  
put a man on the moon or be  
running software programs"**

- Chris Packham, Naturalist / Presenter

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**Did you know  
Richard Branson  
is dyslexic?**



**"Dyslexia is an  
alternative way of  
thinking"**

- Richard Branson, Entrepreneur

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**Did you know  
Daniel Radcliffe  
is dyspraxic?**



**"It has never held me back.  
Some of the smartest people  
I know are people who have  
learning disabilities"**

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor

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**Did you know  
Lewis Capaldi  
has Tourette's?**

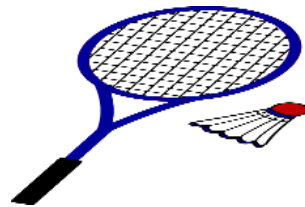


Lewis Capaldi, Singer / Songwriter

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It's currently a busy time for sport here at St. Michael's



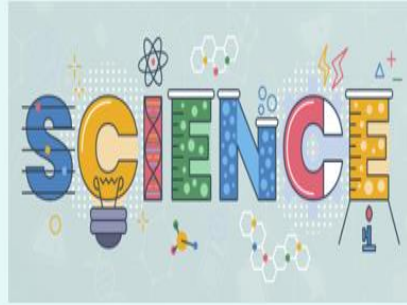
We have recently taken part in a badminton tournament for the first time and achieved a very good result. Thank you to Divine, Liam, Isla, Daniel, Bennie and James for representing us so well.



Well done to the school football team who had an amazing 8 – 1 victory over St. Josephs. It was a great team effort with goals from Okese (4), Nana-Oye (1), Zac (1) and Jack (2). Mr Poynter was very impressed with the teamwork throughout the team.



This afternoon, a group of years 3 and 4 took part in a Cricket Skills festival. Fun was had by all!

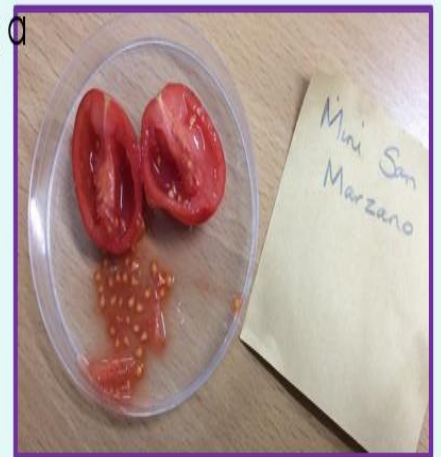
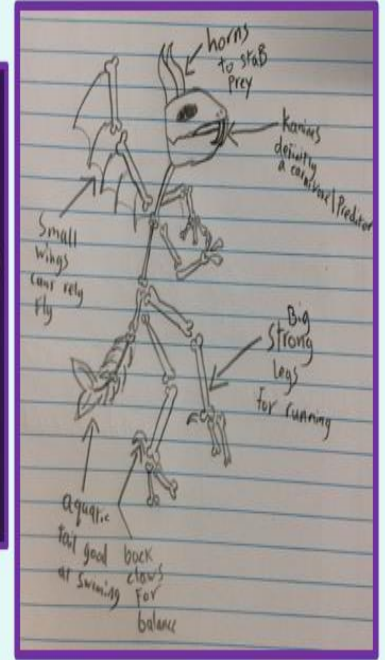


## Week 2025

### We have been:

- Creating a wormery
- Extracting tomato seeds to grow our own 'best' tomatoes
- Designing our own hybrid fossils
- Creating camouflage butterflies
- Learning about animal adaptations
- Interviewing Mrs Evans who works in a STEM career
- Taking part in a live lesson

**And so much more!**





# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -  
more funds for  
your organisation  
**1 kg = £0.45**

YOUR COLLECTION IS  
ARRANGED ON:

**18 MARCH**  
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



# EASTER SPORTS CAMP

**Week 1: £90 for 5 days**  
**Week 2: £70 for 4 days**  
**OR £20 per day**  
**Ages 5-11 years**

Visit Our Website:

[www.prestigesportscoaching.com/holiday-camps](http://www.prestigesportscoaching.com/holiday-camps)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Week 1: 7th till 11th April**

**Week 2: 14th till 17th April**



WILDRIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL



**PRESTIGE SPORTS  
COACHING**



Bracknell Forest

# FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer to help change a child's future

- Learn new transferable skills
- Gain experience & confidence
- Feel a sense of fulfilment
- Discover personal growth
- Make a difference



NEW 4-day training course

Starts April 2025



Join us 01344 860025 office@hsbf.org.uk www.hsbf.org.uk

## Life is expensive. We can help.



First Days Mobile Support Hub

Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

### April to June 2025

<b>1st Tuesday</b> Priestwood Community Hall Kerith Centre Bracknell	09:30-10:30 10:45-12:00	<b>4th Monday (except Bank Holidays)</b> Shinfield Community Church	12:30-13:30
<b>2nd Wednesday</b> Woodley Precinct Highfield Park Wargrave Pennfields Twyford	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:15 13:30-14:00	<b>4th Wednesday</b> Woodley Precinct Rainbow Centre Winnersh	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:00
<b>3rd Wednesday</b> Kerith Centre Bracknell Great Hollands Community Centre	10:00- 11:00 11:30-12:30		



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## Easter fun

Free holiday activities and food (HAF) for children and young people entitled to benefit related free school meals (FSM).

Bracknell Forest Council is working closely with local companies to help support a wide range of children's Easter holiday clubs.

The holiday clubs provide:

- sports
  - swimming
  - theatre
  - dance
  - arts and crafts
- and so many more fun activities!

Most clubs provide a healthy meal and snacks. Check the clubs booking page for more information.

The holiday activities and food programme is a Department for Education funded programme to support children aged 4-16 years (Reception - Year 11) in receipt of benefits related free school meals.



Booking is available from 7 March 2024 for children registered for free school meals.



Register for free school meals: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals).  
Book your place on the HAF programme: [bit.ly/haf-bracknell](http://bit.ly/haf-bracknell)



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  - golf
  - tennis
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  - theatre and dance
  - day trips
  - basketball
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Supporting Your Children Workshops	
<p>To book a space please email your full name to <a href="mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk">Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>These sessions are universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting not the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed</b></p> <p><b>Each course is a standalone 2-hour session - please be aware that spaces are offered on a first come first served basis and parents should not just turn up.</b></p> <p>Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed please only book onto the sessions if you are <b>going to be able to attend</b> to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.</p>	
<p><b>Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries.</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens when children become anxious?</li> <li>• Impact current events have had on children's mental health.</li> <li>• Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries.</li> </ul>	 <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (4 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.</li> <li>• Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!</li> <li>• Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours.</li> </ul>	 <p>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (8 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>9.30 – 11.30 am</p>
<p><b>Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The different sleep issues facing our families.</li> <li>• Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.</li> <li>• Help children develop good sleeping habits.</li> </ul> <p>Please let me know if you would like to go on waiting list for future sessions</p>	 <p>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (7 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!</li> <li>• Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.</li> <li>• Boosting your relationship and communication with your child.</li> </ul>	 <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (16 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to build your child's natural resilience.</li> <li>• Encouraging your child's positive social skills.</li> <li>• Encouraging children out of their comfort zone and not to give up.</li> </ul>	 <p>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (13 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>

<p><b>Supporting a smooth transition from Year R to Year 1 and beyond (not school specific)</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's involved in transition from reception to year 1.</li> <li>• The best ways to support the transition.</li> <li>• Boosting your child's resilience to cope with the change</li> </ul>	 <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 (16 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Reducing Sibling Rivalry</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship</li> <li>• Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.</li> <li>• Boosting children's emotional literacy</li> </ul>	 <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (15 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different family dynamics and how they can work.</li> <li>• Parental conflict resolutions</li> <li>• Being the best parent that you can be for your child</li> </ul>	 <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (15 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Supporting a smooth secondary school Transition (Y6 s/6 parents)</b></p> <p><i>A 2-hour session looking at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What the transition involves</li> <li>• The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting</li> <li>• Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition</li> </ul>	 <p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (16 spaces) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>If there are no suitable dates, please let me know so that I can add you to the waiting list for future sessions</b></p>	