



WEEK BEGINNING 11TH NOVEMBER

Events this week:

Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Year 6 Residential to Calshott Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th	Odd Socks Day 9:00am Family Learning Session Maths 9:45am Parent Tours (for Reception start Sept 2025)
Thursday 14 th	Cross Country competition 9:00am Family Learning session – y2 Maths
Friday 15 th	Children in Need (wear something spotty or yellow) 9:00am KS1 Celebration assembly , parents welcome

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

Tuesday 19 th	9:00 Simon Murray – author visit
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Stone Age Day 9:45am Parent Tours (for Reception start Sept 2025)
Friday 22 nd	9:00 KS2 Celebration assembly, parents welcome 12:30pm Boccia event
Monday 25 th	9:00 KS2 Eucharist 6:00 PTA Wreath making workshop
Tuesday 26 th	PTA Reindeer Visit – all day
Wednesday 27 th	Year 5 trip to the British Museum

A reminder that the back gate to the school is NOT in use between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Please report to the front gate on Crowthorne Road between these hours.

Don't forget you can see key events on the school website
Calendar page

<https://www.stmichaelsesthampstead.com/diary/grid/2024/10/>

[Ways to pay in your money - BBC Children in Need](#)

Your donation will help change the life of children and young people right across the UK.

www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk

Message from Mrs Johnson:

Dear families of St Michael's

We have had a busy start to this half term, especially in the playground where the equipment area has been resurfaced and we are just waiting for it to "bed in" before the children can access it regularly.

The children led a very moving Remembrance Day service on Thursday with poems and songs on the theme of sacrifice and the role of the poppy. I think this will become a new tradition in the school calendar.

Next week Year 6 embark on their residential activity week. We are looking forward to lots of new activities and adventures, giving everyone the chance to work together and practice their resilience and teamwork.

You will have received an invitation to attend our Vision forum at the end of the month and I hope you are able to join us to work together on creating this vital part of our identity.

Year 5

Next week Mr Crowther will be out of the class as he is accompanying Year 6 pupils and staff on the residential. We will have a supply going into Year 5 but this will not be any supply which has previously been used in there. Mr Riordan and Miss Kearney will be overseeing the classroom and we are sure that the children of Year 5 will show what that they are children who follow our school values.

Best wishes

Caroline Johnson



Dear Parents/Carers,
**WOOHOO... TUESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

Tuesday
12TH
November



Head Teacher Award Winners

- Reception - Anthonio – for always being kind and working hard
- Year 1 - Noah – aiming high in his learning this week
- Year 2 - Kimori – for showing exceptional kindness towards others
- Year 3 - Megan B – for her hard work in maths
- Year 4 - Taylor – for his excellent poppy poem and efforts in Church
- Year 5 - Amelia – for going above and beyond in her home learning by producing lots of excellent Ancient Greek work
- Year 6 - Vienna – for her focused, kind and resilient nature

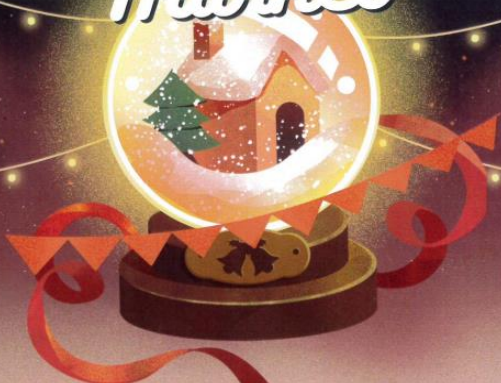


PE DAYS

Acorns	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday & Wednesday (one week only)
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

ST MICHAEL C OF E EASTHAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CROWTHORNE ROAD, EASTHAMPSTEAD, RG12 7EH.

Christmas Market



Come and join us for
BBQ, Santa's Grotto, Mulled Wine, Games, Raffle, Tombola,
Cakes, Music and much more

6 DEC

FRIDAY, 5:30PM
UNTIL 7:30PM
FREE ENTRY

Christmas Market

Collection Dates 2024

We would appreciate your support in collecting the following items for our Christmas Market

- **Hamper donations 18th to 22nd November**
More information attached.
Please drop off in the gazebo. Please don't allow children to carry glass on the school site.
- **Packaged Sweetie donations 18th to 22nd November**
Lollies, multi bags, chewie sweets. NO NUTS
Please drop off in the gazebo.
- **Cakes Thursday 5th December.**
Shop bought or handmade with ingredients list please.
NO NUTS
Please drop off in the gazebo.
- **Bottles and Chocolate for Adult Tombola Friday 6th December. We will be having a non-uniform day too.**
Please drop off in the gazebo. Please don't allow children to carry glass on the school site.

Thank you

Christmas Market Friday 6th December 5:30-7:30pm

Dear Parent

We are busy planning for our Christmas market. This is the biggest event of the year, and we are determined to make this a success and raise lots of money to help your children over the next year.

This is where we need your help. We are asking for donations for Christmas hampers which we will then raffle off. Below is a list of donations that we need (please bring something from your child's class list, this is in an attempt to not have lots of one thing!). If you are happy to donate more than one item that is amazing. Thank you.

If you own a business and are happy to donate a voucher for your service, please do let us know as these would be a lovely treat to add to the hamper.

Finally, we also need baskets/hampers. If you have anything that we can use or any cellophane, ribbon etc. that would be amazing too.

We would like the donations delivered to the gazebo during the week of the 18th November. Any more information or questions please contact stmichaelseasthampsteadpta@gmail.com.

Donation Request

<p>Reception Mince Pies Christmas napkins Box of chocolates Family size panettone Crackers for cheese</p> <p>Year 1 Sparkling wine/Bucks fizz Stuffing mix Quality Street or Roses tub/tin Christmas Pudding Tree Decorations</p> <p>Year 2 Cranberry Sauce Dates Prosecco Selection boxes Christmas Cards</p> <p>Year 3 Tree chocolates Christmas napkins Candy Canes Box of biscuits White Wine</p>	<p>Year 4 Panettone White wine Jam After eight mints Celebration/Heroes tub/tin</p> <p>Year 5 Red wine Shortbread Red or Green Candles Chocolate Coins Wrapping paper</p> <p>Year 6 Chutney for Cheese Red Wine Tub/ tin of sweets Gift Tags Sharer crisps</p> <p>If you have other items that you feel would make a great addition to some of our hampers please feel free to bring or check with a member of your PTA or class rep, thank you.</p>
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Partnerships
for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



Participation session

**For parent carers of children
with neurodivergent needs**

*JOIN US AT
YOUR SCHOOL*

Mon 18 Nov - 09:15 - 10:30

St Michael's Easthampstead
CofE Primary School

[Click here to book](#)

Connect - Share - Make a difference

PINS is a national project funded by NHS England in partnership with the Department for Education, Department of Health & Social Care & the National Network of Parent Carer Forums

How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>

- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. **Public:** anyone can view the video.
2. **Private:** video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. **Unlisted:** only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>



Christmas Services

Sunday, 15th December

3pm - Christingle Service

Sunday, 22nd December

6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, 24th December

3:00pm - Crib Service

7:00pm - 'Light up a Life'

11:30pm - Midnight Service

Wednesday, 25th December

8am - Christmas Day Service

10:00am - Christmas Day Service



Easthampstead
Parish Church



More details on our website...

<https://www.stmichaelsesthampstead.org.uk/worship/christmas/>

What is Thrive@StMichaels?

Every Wednesday 3-3:45pm in St Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term), we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. **Come along for a brows and refreshments.**



Easthampstead
Parish Church

We will have tables for children's coats & shoes, St Michael's uniforms, toys, books and long-life food items.

We will be collecting donations on Wednesdays 3-3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please make sure all donations are in good condition and clean.

Want to find out more? Think you can help? Speak to Helen in the Parish Office or Revd Gareth.

office@stmichaelsesthampstead.org.uk

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



TICKETS FOR SCHOOLS

TSI WORLD ARE DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE A NEW INITIATIVE FOR OUR I.T. SERVICED SCHOOLS!
AS TITLE SPONSORS OF THE TSI WORLD BERKSHIRE BEES ICE HOCKEY CLUB, WE HAVE SECURED UP TO 80 FREE TICKETS AND FURTHER DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO A NUMBER OF UPCOMING MATCHES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL STAFF, PUPILS AND PARENTS TO CLAIM NOW!

 TIGERS		 LIGHTNING	 STEELDOGS
BEES VS TIGERS 09.11.24 18:30	BEES VS WILDCATS 17.11.24 18:00	BEES VS LIGHTNING 24.11.24 18:00	BEES VS STEELDOGS 30.11.24 18:30
TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE 07.11.24 23:59	TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE 13.11.24 23:59	TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE 20.11.24 23:59	TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE 27.11.24 23:59

TO CLAIM, SIMPLY EMAIL [TICKETS@BEESICEHOCKEY.COM](mailto:tickets@beesicehockey.com) WITH THE SUBJECT 'TICKETS FOR SCHOOLS'.
YOUR EMAIL MUST INCLUDE WHICH GAME YOU WISH TO ATTEND (ONLY ONE REQUEST PER EMAIL ADDRESS)
ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM (MAXIMUM OF 4 TICKETS).
YOUR REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLUB BEFORE THE 'TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE' LISTED ABOVE FOR YOUR REQUESTED GAME.
SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE A RESERVATION FOR THEIR FREE TICKETS VIA EMAIL WITHIN 48 HOURS
OF THE 'TICKET REQUEST DEADLINE' PASSING FOR THEIR CHOSEN GAME.
RESERVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE GAME OR THE SEATS WILL BE RELEASED
FOR GENERAL SALE. A RESERVATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO RECEIVE YOUR E-TICKETS FOR THE GAME!



PROUD TITLE SPONSORS OF THE TSI WORLD BERKSHIRE BEES

Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to

Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

These sessions are universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting not the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed

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.

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book onto the sessions if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries.

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What happens when children become anxious?
- Impact current events have had on children's mental health.
- Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries.

Tuesday 19th November 2024 (4 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Tuesday 14th January 2025 (16 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!
- Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours.

Thursday 5th December 2024 (11 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Thursday 23rd January 2025 (16 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep

A 2-hour session looking at:

- The different sleep issues facing our families.
- Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.
- Help children develop good sleeping habits.

Thursday 28th November 2024 (15 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!
- Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.
- Boosting your relationship and communication with your child.

Monday 2nd December 2024 (15 spaces)

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre



Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back

A 2-hour session looking at:

- How to build your child's natural resilience.
- Encouraging your child's positive social skills.
- Encouraging children out of their comfort zone and not to give up.

Tuesday 21st January 2025

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Wednesday 2nd February 2025

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting a smooth transition from Year R to Year 1 and beyond (not school specific)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What's involved in transition from reception to year 1.
- The best ways to support the transition.
- Boosting your child's resilience to cope with the change

Tuesday 11th February 2025

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Reducing Sibling Rivalry

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship
- Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.
- Boosting children's emotional literacy

Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Different family dynamics and how they can work
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child

Supporting a smooth secondary school Transition (YR 5/6 parents)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What the transition involves
- The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting
- Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions or there are no suitable dates, please let me know so that I can add you to the waiting list for future sessions



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