



WEEK BEGINNING 4TH NOVEMBER

Events this week:

Tuesday 5 th November	Year 6 Height/weight measurement Year 6 Residential Drop in with Mrs Gonzalez	9:30am 3:30pm y6
Thursday 7 th November	Whole school Remembrance Service	2pm @ Church

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

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 9:00am KS1 Celebration assembly , parents welcome
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/>

Message from Mrs Johnson:

Dear families of St Michael's,
What a week!

Monday morning, everything was calm as usual until the phone rang and Ofsted announced their visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. The next 2 days passed in a flurry of activity, organising and talking! Followed by parents Evenings for the teaching staff. I can honestly say that we have never been more ready for a half term 😊

Whilst this week has been a little stressful, it has been made so much better by the incredible efforts of our whole staff team. Without exception they have been supportive, professional, knowledgeable and willing to take on tasks at the drop of a hat. We are truly blessed with such a team.

The children have also risen to the challenge of representing our school. The inspectors described them as respectful, personable and engaging. They have been a credit to you and to our school.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey, some of the additional comments written were extremely kind and generous about the school.

I am not able to give you any further indication of the outcome from the inspection, but the final report should be available within 5 to 6 weeks.

I wish you all the very best for half term and look forward to the next half term's excitement and activity!

Best wishes
Caroline Johnson

REMINDER– On Friday 25th October, the office will be operating on a skeleton staff. Please email any urgent enquires on this day to secretary@stmicheast.co.uk (please do not use Mrs Couchman's email address on this day). Please avoid any phone calls until after 10.00am. Absence messages can please be left on the absence line.

School Calendar:

As you will be aware, communications with school are now through the school email system. Our school website includes a calendar which will show you when things are happening through the year and the weekly newsletter also contains details of upcoming events. So, please do use these to help you plan your visits and any time off you may need to book.

Great News!

Thanks to the hard work of our Business Manager, Mrs Pedley, St Michael's has secured a grant to help pay for the resurfacing of the adventure equipment area. Those who use the back gate will have seen how much has been cordoned off for a long time due to it being unsafe. The area is due to be resurfaced over the half term break, so pray for some dry weather!

Other Site upgrades:

Alongside the resurfacing work, the school is also replacing the car gate over half term and installing upgraded cameras and entry system for the gates. We hope the work will be completed over the week but please be aware that this may continue into the new half term.

It's Panto Time ... Oh no it's not!

We have booked spaces for all the children from year 1 – year 6 at the upcoming Pantomime at South Hill Park. This has always proved to be a memorable experience for all involved.



On Thursday 7th November, the school will be taking part in a Remembrance Service at Church. Children who belong to Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Girl Guides etc. can wear their club uniform to this event. They are also welcome to wear this again on Monday 11th November.



Do you have any old small toy cars at home that your child no longer plays with? If so, we would be grateful for any donations to be used on the games picnic tables that we now have in the playground.

Please note – There will be a new after school club starting on our return to school. Mrs Hamman will be hosting an art club which will take place on a Wednesday with a finish time of 4.20pm and a cost of £2.00 per session. This club is only available to KS2 children and is limited to 10 spaces. Please email secretary@stmicheast.co.uk if your child would like to attend.



PE DAYS

Acorns	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday



Spotlight on... Dyslexic Tendencies

Dyslexia is a common learning difficulty that affects the way individuals read, write, spell, memory difficulties, slow processing speed and organisation. It is important to remember that dyslexia does not reflect intelligence, but rather a difference in processing information. There are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas, such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields.

Understanding Dyslexia:

Dyslexia affects people in various ways and can present challenges with reading fluency, decoding words, spelling and sometimes even speech. It is crucial to identify signs early to offer appropriate support. Common indications include difficulty recognising letters, struggling with rhyming words, and challenges with sequencing.

Dyslexia is best thought of as a continuum. Only a full dyslexic assessment can provide a formal diagnosis but a dyslexia screener can help identify dyslexic tendencies.

Supporting your child at home:

1. Create a supportive Environment:

Encourage an environment where our child feels comfortable expressing their struggles. Provide reassurance and positive reinforcement to boost their confidence.

2. Multisensory Learning:

Engage multiple senses in the learning activities. Use tactile materials, encourage verbal discussions, and explore interactive learning methods.

3. Reading and Writing Assistance:

Practice reading aloud together, use audiobooks, and consider assistive technologies that can help with reading and writing tasks.

4. Structured Approach:

Break tasks into smaller, manageable parts. Establish routines and provide clear instructions to assist with organisation and planning.

5. Patience and Understanding:

Dyslexia can be frustrating, so be patient and understanding. Celebrate their achievements, no matter how small, to boost their self-esteem.

6. Apps and Online Resources:

There are numerous apps and websites designed specifically for dyslexic learners.

Apps like Nessy, Touch-type Read and Spell (TTRS), Dyslexia Gold, Lexxic, Dyslexia Quest. Some of these Apps may offer free trials or limited free versions, allowing you to assess their effectiveness before committing to a subscription for your child.

British Dyslexia Association (BDA)

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>, The Dyslexia SpLD

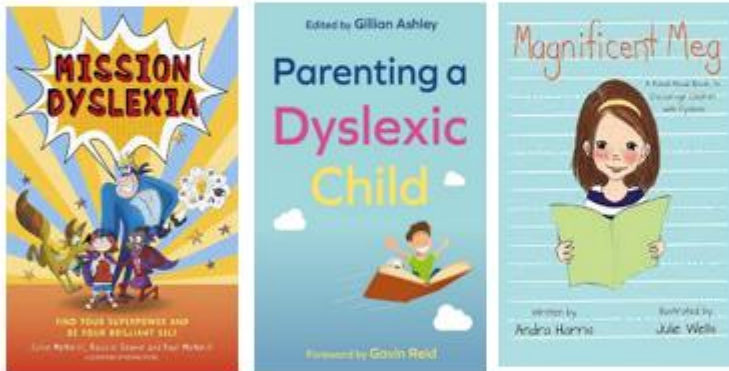
Trust <http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk>

Dyslexia Assist <https://dyslexia-assist.org.uk/for-parents/what-can-i-do-at-home-to-help-my-child/>

Dyslexia-Friendly Strategies used in the classroom:

- Breaking down tasks into manageable 'chunks'
- Checking understanding and offering additional instructions
- Extra time (where possible) and offering rest breaks
- Where necessary alternative means of recording, for example use of a laptop for longer written tasks
- Multisensory learning including visual aids using dyslexia friendly fonts, hands on activities, and auditory cues to reinforce learning.
- Structured Literacy Approach, following our structured phonics literacy program to focus on phonics, decoding and encoding skills and breaking language into smaller manageable parts.
- Mindful seating arrangements, placing dyslexic children near the front of the class to enhance focus and reduce visual distractions.
- Supportive environment including peer support and collaboration

Books on Dyslexia:



Remember, with the right support and understanding, children with dyslexia can thrive. Parents your encouragement and support play a crucial role in your child's journey towards success.

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.

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Become a wildlife detective by completing the trail and learn how to find and identify tracks and signs of animals. Once you've earned your detective badge you'll have a few minutes to investigate the crime scene, before making your final judgement, claiming your prize and completing your crafts!

Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre
Windsor Great Park, SL4 2BY
Tues 29th, Weds 30th and Thurs 31st Oct
10am-2pm (last entry 1pm)
Booking necessary!

Scan here to book or visit
bbowt.org.uk/events



Dinner

— Times —

CHOICE SPRING

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian VC = Vegan

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3



Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)
Vegetable Korma & Steamed Rice (VC)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (Including hot topper) (V) (CF)
Cauliflower, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Ice Cream (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V)
Crispy Chippies (VC)
Soft Wrap with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pesto Salad (V)
* Spinach & Chickpea Biryani (VC) (CF) *
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Cauliflower, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Ice Cream & Fruit (V) (CF)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Chicken or Veggie (VC) Burger in a Bun *
* Harry Ramsden Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (CF)
Baked Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Carrots, Cray
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Lemon & Courgette Cake & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Macaroni Cheese (V)
South Indian Chicken Coconut Curry (CF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (Including hot topper) (CF)
Steamed Rice, Peas, Cauliflower
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Blueberry Swift Cake & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie
* Oven Baked Sausages (Pork or Plant Based Choice) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Apple Crumble & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (CF)
Mild Bean Chili with Nachos & Rice (VC) (CF)
Soft Wrap with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Cray
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Peaches & Raspberry Jelly (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding
Oriental Stir Fried Rice (VC) (CF)
* Meatball Marinara Sub * or
Soft Roll with Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Cray
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Fresh Fruit Salad (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (CF)
* Vegetable Katsu & Steamed Rice (VC) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Baked New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Cray
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Raspberry Jelly (VC) (CF)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Spaghetti Bolognese
Seasonal Vegetable Hot Pot (VC) (CF)
* BBQ Chicken Melt * or
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Sweetcorn, Savoy Cabbage
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Black Forest Crumble & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Cottage Pie (CF) *
Cheese & Onion Gratin (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Chocolate Cookie (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Mild Beef Chili con Carne with Nachos *
Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)
* Ham & Cheddar Melt * or
Wrap with Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Chocolate Fudge Pudding with Hot Chocolate Sauce (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Cheesy Leek Parcel (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Watermelon Wedges (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers or Battered Cod Fillet
* Mild Bean Burrito (VC) *
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Apple Cake & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Vegetable Jambalaya (VC) (CF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VC)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread
Oat Cookie (VC)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



BEAD AVAILABLE DAILY