



WEEK BEGINNING 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

Events this week:

Monday 24 th November	Year 2 Owl Visit Christmas Baubles due in
Friday 28 th November	Residential presentation to Y6 parents 9.00am to 10.00am

Looking forwards:

Monday 1 st December	Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped @Church
Tuesday 2 nd December	KS2 Panathlon SEN Coffee Morning 8.45am – 10.00am
Friday 5 th December	Non Uniform Day Christmas Market 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents 9.15am and 5.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th December	RockSteady Concert
Friday 12 th December	Ks2 Christmas Concert – 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity production to parents 9.10am Years 1, 2 & 3 Pantomime @ South Hill Park
Wednesday 17 th December	Years 4, 5 & 6 Pantomime @ South Hill Park
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Church Service – whole school
Friday 19 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM – 1.30PM FINISH TIME

Message from Mr Riordan

A cold week weather-wise, but warm hearts all round at St Michael's!

I'm very proud of our Year 6's who returned back from their residential trip at the end of last week with fantastic memories of the amazing experiences they had – it was so lovely to be a part of this and see so many of them grow and develop in different ways – well done, team! I also want to say a big thank you to the staff that supported, as it is not possible for us to do this without their generosity by volunteering their time; a big thank you to Mrs Richardson, Mr Crowther, Mrs Cary, Mrs Clover and Mrs Burnett!

Many classes have begun their Nativity rehearsals this week – it has been a joy to hear songs being sang around the school – watch this space for more information on dates and booking. Classes have also been focused on history learning and projects this week, particularly Years 4 & 5, with some lovely clay Greek pots being made in Year 5 – I can't wait to see how they turn out!

Have a lovely, safe and warm weekend.

Mr Riordan
Headteacher



Sunrise at Calshot

Do you know anyone with a child who will start Reception in September 2026?

We have been delighted to show so many children and their parents around our lovely school on school tours so far this term, with many more planned!

If you know of anyone who has a child that will be planning to start school in September 2026, please remind them to book on to a tour every Tuesday at 10am – they can simply email the office to book on:

secretary@stmicheast.co.uk

Share our poster and socials with them!



Looking for a Reception place for September 2026?

Look no further - book on to a tour with us today, no matter where you live in Bracknell.

About St Michael's Easthampstead

A small primary school who proudly puts our children and families first and goes '*above and beyond with love*' in everything we do!

Why us?

- Ofsted 'Good' in all areas (2024)
- Small, friendly, family focused
- Church attendance not necessary!
- No set catchment area - join us no matter where you live in Bracknell!

Book on to a tour!
Visit us every Tuesday morning at 10am

Contact us:

01344 420878
secretary@stmicheast.co.uk



Online Safety – A Reminder for All Families



You will recall I spoke in previous newsletters about the need to stay safe online and protect our children from certain content. We are increasingly noticing children talking about online content they are viewing at home, including from platforms such as YouTube Shorts, Instagram, TikTok-style feeds and other video-sharing sites. Some of this content is not age-appropriate for primary-aged children.

Please can we kindly remind all families that many of these platforms carry minimum age restrictions (usually 13+ or higher), and primary-aged children should not be accessing them. Even when content appears harmless, the algorithms on these sites can quickly lead children to unsuitable material. Parents should always be supervising children when online and have suitable controls in place i.e. filters switched 'on' with your broadband supplier, restrictions set up on YouTube to only allow YouTube Kids to work, 'safe-search' enabled on Google etc.

We are asking for your continued partnership in keeping our pupils safe online by:

- Checking what your child is watching or searching for
- Using parental controls and child-safe settings wherever possible
- Talking regularly with your child about what they see online and how it makes them feel
- Removing access to apps or sites that are not age-appropriate
- Not allowing too much/ any screen time to reduce 'doom-scrolling'
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Together, we can help ensure that all children at St Michael's continue to learn and grow in a safe, age-appropriate digital environment.

Thank you, as always, for your support.
Mr Riordan.

A reminder about gates, times and site access during the day

A polite reminder of our previous messages, particularly about accessing the school site during the school day - no ad-hoc access will be provided to the school site unless you have either called or emailed ahead to confirm we are expecting you, or the school has called you.

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 during the day

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. 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.



Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat.

Many children continue not to have theirs.

Unless it is wet play, children cannot be inside the building at break or lunch – as such they need a coat. Please make sure they do not leave home without one.

Follow our socials!

Please, please do give our social channels a follow so that when we start to post more content, you can share it far and wide! We are a small school doing our best to promote ourselves to the wider Bracknell community, especially given we do not have a set catchment area, and so any help you can give as a parent community to let people know what our lovely school is all about, and that we are here, will go a long way! Use these links or scan the QR codes:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1B7YM35NwM/>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmicheast> or @stmicheast





Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Max – for working hard and always making great choices in his learning & behaviour
- Year 1 - Nma – for aiming high and persevering in her writing this week
- Year 2 - Freya – for always following school expectations and demonstrating kindness to others
- Year 3 - Makayla – for aiming high in all of her learning and always showing school expectations
- Year 4 - Shania – for fantastic progress in Maths, especially her use of multiplication tables
- Year 5 - Evie – for making positive contributions all week and generating outstanding ideas in English
- Year 6 - Raphie – for persevering with his work and with any challenges

Well done to you all!

Bracknell Forest's Family Services Directory and Additional Needs Info Hub (SEND Local Offer)

Providing free, impartial information and advice about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and all other family matters.

- SEND information all in one place - how to access services and support including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Education, childcare and early years funding
- Leisure and holiday activities
- Advice and support services
- Brokerage service for those struggling to find childcare



Family Information Service: fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
01344 353133
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory



Where can I get help with an EHCP?

Where is my nearest baby clinic?

I'm struggling with my child's behaviour – where can I get help?

How do I apply for childcare funding?

St Michael's Easthampstead C of E Primary School 'Let's Connect' Coffee Morning

An opportunity to connect with other parents, meet friends, feel involved, and possibly learn something new.

What's on:

'Let's Connect' over coffee and conversations and ask any questions to our SENCo! Join us for a delightful morning of parent-to-parent bonding. Share experiences, make new friends and build a strong SEND community.

Welcome to all parents, your connections matter!

If you would like to come along, please join us at St Michael's Easthampstead School on

Tuesday 2nd December 8:45am to 10:00am in the library.

For any further information, please speak to Mrs Clover (SENCo).

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 20th-23rd 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 24th November. Please remember to name them on the tag provided.

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DUE IN ON MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

5th December
5:30pm to 7:30pm

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
Christmas Market
fun for the whole family

Handmade gifts, food stalls, Santa's Grotto, hot chocolate, mulled wine, crafts, games, and lots more!

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
CROWTHORNE RD, EASTHAMPSTEAD, BRACKNELL RG12 7EH

Christmas Market Friday 5th 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 17th November. Any more information or questions please contact stmichaelseasthampsteadpta@gmail.com.

Donation Request

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

Christmas Market

Collection Dates 2025

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

- **Packaged Sweetie donations 10th -14th November**
Lollies, multi bags, chewie sweets. NO NUTS
Please drop off in the gazebo.
- **Hamper donations 17th to 21st November**
More information attached.
Please drop off in the gazebo. Please don't allow children to carry glass on the school site.
- **Cakes Thursday 4th December**
Shop bought or handmade with ingredients list please.
NO NUTS
Please drop off in the gazebo.
- **Bottles and Chocolate for Adult Tombola Friday 5th 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



PRESTIGE CHRISTMAS CAMP

9am till 3pm
£20 per day
5-11 Years









Monday 22nd December
Tuesday 23rd December


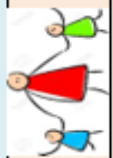
**WILDRIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL
NETHERTON,
BRACKNELL,
RG12 7DX**



**PRESTIGE SPORTS
COACHING**

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[WWW.PRESTIGESPORTSCOACHING.
COM/HOLIDAY-CAMPS](http://WWW.PRESTIGESPORTSCOACHING.COM/HOLIDAY-CAMPS)**

Supporting Your Children Workshops 2025 - 2026	
To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Each course is a standalone 2-hour session, is universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting not the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed	
Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed Please only book if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out. All sessions unless stated otherwise take place at The Bracknell Open Learning Centre	
Supporting Children to Overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children learning simple, effective techniques to support children to overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries.	 6.30 – 8.30 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way A session exploring positive behaviour strategies enabling parents to gain practical tools for handling challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	 9.30 – 11.30 am 6.30 – 8.30 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help children bounce back stronger, no matter what life throws their way	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
A healthy night's sleep Sleep is essential for children's wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. Get practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	

Reducing Sibling Rivalry A supportive session, to give parents and caregivers tools to strengthen sibling bonds, whilst creating a calm and connected family environment. Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms, and every child deserves to feel secure / supported. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics. Monday 9 th February 2026	 9.30 – 11.30