



## WEEK BEGINNING 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

### Events this week:

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	KS2 Cricket skills
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 Celebration Assembly – Parents invited

### Looking forwards:

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS2 Celebration Assembly – Parents invited
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Group Photos Y2/Y3 Family Learning Maths
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Family Learning Maths BMF 2 <sup>nd</sup> rehearsal
Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half term</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Family Learning Maths
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up sports day

## A Bright Start to Summer & Looking Ahead to Earth Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week! They have made a fantastic start to the Summer term. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead, and hopefully some warm sunshine too! I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to some new families who have joined us this term in Year 2, and we look forward to more new families joining us across the school in the coming weeks! Please remember to refer anyone who is considering a different school to us and we will be more than happy to tour them around.

Next week, we will be marking Earth Day from Wednesday 22nd April and partnering with Primary Engineer. Our Eco Warriors will be leading learning across the school, helping us to explore the impact of our everyday choices such as driving or walking to school, the foods we eat, and our use of electronic devices. The children will be thinking about how we can measure our impact and, importantly, the simple steps we can take to reduce it. This is part of our ongoing commitment to lowering our school's CO<sub>2</sub> footprint. Some children will also be joining a live worship to learn more. You may see information or activities coming home, and we would really value your support in helping us all play our part in caring for our planet. You can find out more here: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-hub/>

With love,

Mr Riordan, Headteacher



“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Genesis 2:15

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Our new website is live!

We are delighted to confirm that our new website, along with our refreshed branding including logo and font, has now gone live! The website address will remain the same: [www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com](http://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com) Remember to give us a follow on our socials: @stmicheast on Instagram and Facebook.

We hope you enjoy the new look! Some information may take longer to migrate over/ be uploaded/ be updated, so please bear with us and we thank you for your patience. If there is anything you need and can't find, please feel free to contact the office: [secretary@stmicheast.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stmicheast.co.uk)



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### Mobile Phones and Smart Technology Reminder

As we move into the Summer term, we would like to remind families of our expectations around mobile phones and digital devices. Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless this has been agreed in advance with the school as per our policy and protocol, and only then for Year 5 & 6. We also ask for your continued support in ensuring that children use technology and social media safely and responsibly at home. Working together, we can help children develop positive habits that reflect our shared values of respect, kindness and responsibility. Please take a look at our policies on our school website: <https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com/policies>

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### Free Online Course: Parents and Carers - Helping our Children Stay Safe

Course Title: Helping our children stay safe session

Date & Time: 23rd April | 6-8pm

Provider: The Ben Kinsella Trust (a charity that tackles knife crime through education and campaigning)

UK teenagers spend an average of 35 hours a week on their smartphones - the equivalent of a full-time job. (Source: Smart Phone Free Childhood.)

With so much time spent online, it's natural for parents and carers to feel concerned about who their children are interacting with and what they may be exposed to.

Join their FREE two-hour workshop to learn more about topics such as the influence of social media, the signs and stages of exploitation, and how we can prevent young people being affected by knife crime as parents, carers and as a community. <https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/479eeee4>

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A reminder that the DfE have created a blog for Year 6 parents:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/03/ks2-sats-2026-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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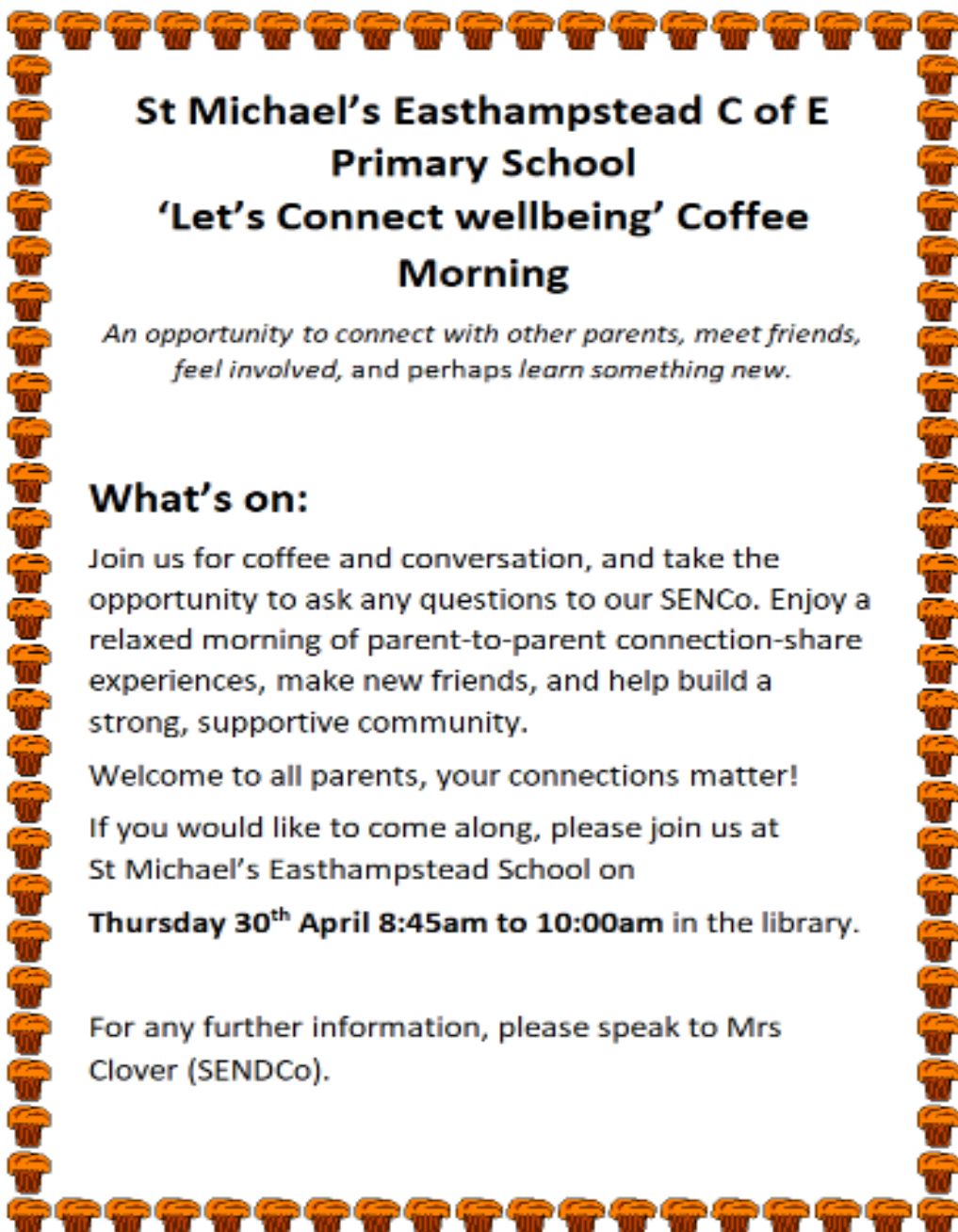
## Free School Meals, Pupil Premium & Holiday Support

Families may be eligible for Free School Meals, which also provides additional funding (Pupil Premium) to support your child. If eligible, you can also access the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, offering funded holiday clubs with meals.

We encourage all families to check eligibility and apply online: Free School Meals & Pupil Premium:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals> HAF Programme:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>



**St Michael's Easthampstead C of E  
Primary School**

**'Let's Connect wellbeing' Coffee  
Morning**

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

**What's on:**

Join us for coffee and conversation, and take the opportunity to ask any questions to our SENCo. Enjoy a relaxed morning of parent-to-parent connection-share experiences, make new friends, and help build a strong, supportive 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

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 8:45am to 10:00am** in the library.

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

## Supporting Your Children Workshops 2026








To book a space email [Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session**, is universal (not specific for SEND), and is for the 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**

<p><b>Supporting Children to Overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries</b> Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children using simple, effective techniques to support them to overcome their Anxious Thoughts &amp; Worries.</p>	
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b> <b>Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way</b> Supporting parents of primary aged children develop positive behaviour strategies and handle challenging behaviours with confidence and care.</p>	<p>6.30 – 8.30 pm</p> 
<p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b> <b>Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)</b> An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child. <b>Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates</b></p>	<p>6.30 – 8.30 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm</p> 
<p><b>Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16)</b> A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years. <b>Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates</b></p>	
<p><b>Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back</b> Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help primary aged children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws their way <b>Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates</b></p>	
<p><b>Transition to secondary school</b> Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 (@ Owlsmoor School for Owlsmoor parents)</b></p>	9 – 11 am
<p><b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (@ The Pines School for The Pines parents)</b></p>	9 – 11 am
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (@ St. Micheals EH for St. Micheals parents)</b></p>	9 – 11 am
<p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (@ Meadow Vale for Meadow Vale parents)</b> <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre)</b></p>	<p>9 – 11 am 6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond</b> 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. <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome to Year 1</b>  6.30 – 8.30 pm</p>



Please see below the after-school clubs which will be hosted v by Prestige this term

Monday: KS2 Athletics

Tuesday: KS2 Cricket

Wednesday: Year 1 to 4 Mixed football

<https://www.prestigesportscoaching.com/services-4>

### **Prestige also offer wrap around care**

Wrap around care is a vital service that we provide at Prestige Sports Coaching which enables you, as parents / carers, to not worry about meeting the expectation of dropping your children off before school or picking them up at the end of the day. Our wrap around service is the perfect opportunity for your children to prepare for or wind down from their busy school days while also participate in highly engaging activities.

**At Breakfast Club your children can enjoy a healthy breakfast with the choice of toast with a range of spreads or a choice of cereals accompanied with aa drink of water.**

**Breakfast club offers a relaxed, slow start to the morning so your child is ready for a fun filled day of learning at school.**

At Wrap Around Club your children can enjoy a healthy snack with the choice of cheese or ham wrap / crackers, toast with a range of spreads or a piece of fruit.

Wrap Around club offers a relaxed, slow wind down to the day.

You are also welcome to provide your own NUT FREE snack for wrap around.



## Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Lennie – for always doing well in School and making us smile 😊
- Year 1 - Amelia – for showing our School expectations
- Year 2 - Elsie – for working hard all week and going above by doing extra work at home!
- Year 3 - Lilia – for always showing our School expectations and being smiley all the time 😊
- Year 4 - Henry – for showing consistently high aspiration across the curriculum
- Year 5 - Daniil – for going above and beyond all week: working hard and being helpful at school and at home!
- Year 6 - Asle – for consistently showing kindness and respect



No dogs  
except  
assistance  
dogs

St Michael's School & Church  
Easthampstead

# SUMMER FETE

27th June 12-3 pm

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**GAMES**

**BBQ**

**RAFFLE**

**CAKE**



**ROCK  
STEADY**

# ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL



## IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

- ✈ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- 🎸 Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- 🌟 Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- 📄 Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- 🎵 Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S  
PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

**ROCK  
STEADY**

## LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC IN A BAND THAT'S FOR EVERYONE.

Choose from: Drums, guitar, bass, keyboard or vocals.

### Inclusive and hassle-free!

Takes place in school, instruments provided and no experience necessary!

### Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

### Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

### Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

### Much more than music

Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

### End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

£44.68 per month (no payment in August). Money back guarantee for the first month. Cancel at any time.



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)  
info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

# 92%

of children report greater confidence and self-belief from being in Rocksteady.

Insights from 1,738 children

# 99%

of parents say their child loves or enjoys their Rocksteady band lessons.

Insights from 3,737 parents

"It makes me feel like I'm part of something, and happy!"  
Rocksteady pupil

**TRINITY**  
MUSIC SCHOOL



Rocksteady Music School is a registered charity in England No. 1131200

CENTRE *for* AUTISM WELLBEING HUB

# Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading
- Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads
- Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

**Wednesday 6 May**

G10 lecture theatre,  
Palmer Building,  
Whiteknights Campus,  
RG6 6EW

**In person:**

18:45–21:00

**Online:**

19:00–20:30 via  
Microsoft Teams

For more details and to book your place, please visit our website.



## May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>

# WELCOME TO MAPAC

We are delighted to be working with your school who have entrusted us with providing your children's school uniform.

## 1. HOW TO REGISTER & ORDER

- CLICK THE UNIFORM LINK FROM YOUR SCHOOLS WEBSITE...or...
- Visit [www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents) or search online for 'Mapac find your school'.
- Use the 'LOGIN/REGISTER' tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

## 2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

**Delivery to your home / work all year round!**

or

**FREE delivery to your school**

(This service will not operate during any school holiday this includes the 6 week summer holiday – order cut off date is 26th June for last delivery in to school before the end of term. Our aim will be to resume in September, you will be informed when this happens.)

## **IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION**

**To receive your order before the start of term please order by 31st July.**

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

**T:** 01923 255525 | **E:** [parentcustomerservices@mapac.net](mailto:parentcustomerservices@mapac.net)

We strongly advise, to ensure uniform is received in time for back to school, that orders are placed online by **Friday 31st JULY**.

Please note, the last ordering date for free delivery to school is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. This allows Mapac to send any outstanding orders in the system through to school before School closes for the summer. (Last delivery into School on or around **17<sup>th</sup> JULY**. Delivery to home / workplace are of course still available).

The Free delivery to school option will then be reinstated for parents to select from **SEPTEMBER**. First delivery into School on or around **MID / END OCTOBER**.