



WEEK BEGINNING 8TH JUNE

Events this week:

Monday 8 th June	Y5 & Y6 Transition Meeting (parent only)
	Y5 Fire Brigade Visit
Friday 12 th June	Infant trip to Beale Park

Looking forwards:

Monday 15 th June	Year 5, choir & Performing arts performing at The Hexagon
	Y5/6 Athletics tournament
Wednesday 17 th June	Y3/4 Trigolf Tournament
Thursday 18 th June	Y5/6 Transition meeting (parent and child)
Friday 19 th June	Peter Swallow MP to visit
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 26 th June	Non School Uniform – donations for summer fete
Saturday 27 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Monday 29 th June	Y5/6 Cricket
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd July	School Transition Days
Wednesday 8 th July	Back up sports day
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Dress rehearsal to the school
	Y6 performance to parents 6pm – school hall
Friday 10 th July	Y3 Ancient Egypt showcase
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Tuesday 21 st July	END OF TERM – 1.30pm FINISH TIME

Mrs Couchman kindly requests that parents do not allow their children to press the school buzzer at the start or end of the school day as this causes disruption in the office.

Thank you for your support.

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful week at St Michael's, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for the fantastic way everyone has returned to school. It has been a joy to see so many examples of our school community truly 'going above and beyond with love' through acts of kindness, respect and support for one another.

This week (and continuing next week), our worship theme is Wisdom, reflecting on the words from James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all." We have been thinking about how wisdom helps us to make good choices, care for others and navigate the challenges we face each day.

Looking ahead, we will continue exploring this theme next week as we focus on water safety, an important and timely reminder as the summer months approach. We will also mark World Ocean Day in our worship on Tuesday, celebrating the beauty of our oceans and considering how we can care for God's creation responsibly and wisely.

With love,

Mr Riordan, Headteacher



Staying Safe During Summer

As we enter summer and warmer weather, we would like to share a gentle reminder about personal safety. In school, we consistently remind children about ways to stay safe, and it would really help if these messages could also be reinforced at home.

Some simple reminders for children include:

- Staying with friends when out and about
- Being aware of what is happening around them
- Not talking to or going anywhere with strangers
- Telling a trusted adult if something does not feel right
- Going to a safe place, such as a shop or busy public area, if they feel worried
- Making sure mobile phones are charged before going out

These simple conversations can help children feel safe, prepared and confident while enjoying activities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

Be Water Aware

Given our focus on Water Safety, there are some great tips from Berkshire Fire & Rescue that can be found here: <https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/latest-news/2026/be-water-aware-tips-to-stay-safe-in-and-around-water/>

and here: <https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Public Consultation Now Live – Proposed Changes to Bracknell Forest Council's 2027/28 Education Transport Policy 5-16

We are writing to let you know that Bracknell Forest Council's public consultation on proposed changes to the 2027/28 Education Transport Policy for children aged 5-16 years is now live and open for responses.

The consultation opened on 4th June 2026 and will remain open until 3rd July 2026.

Why are we consulting?

We are proposing to update our Education Transport Policy to ensure it is consistent with national guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE).

DfE guidance states that free home to school transport should normally be provided to a child's nearest suitable school where eligibility criteria are met. Currently, some children in Bracknell Forest receive free transport because they attend a designated area school, even where another suitable school is closer to their home.

We are therefore proposing to amend the policy so that eligibility for free school transport would, in most cases, be assessed based on a child's nearest suitable school, rather than a designated area school.

The proposed change would apply from September 2027.

It is important to note that:

- Children would not be required to change schools as a result of this proposal.
- The proposal relates only to eligibility for free school transport and does not affect school admissions arrangements.
- Children who qualify for transport assistance for other reasons would continue to receive support.

This includes children who are eligible due to:

- Distance
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Low income
- Unsafe walking routes

We recognise that these proposals may affect some families and are keen to gather feedback before any decisions are made.

The consultation can be accessed via the link below:

Changes to Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility

Bracknell Forest Council has asked all schools to make families aware of important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026.

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of household income. However, all families who wish to receive Free School Meals must submit a new application for the 2026–27 academic year, even if their child currently receives free school meals.

Applications opened on 1 June 2026, and families are encouraged to apply before the end of the summer term to ensure arrangements are in place for September.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, we strongly encourage families receiving Universal Credit to apply, as eligible pupils may attract additional funding that helps schools provide extra support and resources.

Further information, including a parent leaflet, is attached to this newsletter and is available on the Bracknell Forest Council website. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>



Changes to Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility



What's new?

The Department for Education has updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, transitional protections are due to end, and eligibility will need to be checked again. Families will need to re-apply so eligibility can be rechecked and your child (and school) don't miss out on support.

Why apply?

- Free, healthy meals for your child
- Extra funding for your child's school to support learning and improve outcomes
- Annual checks will now take place
- Apply now to make sure your child's entitlement is in place for September 2026

How to apply

Apply online today



For further information on the recent changes, eligibility criteria, and how the changes may affect you, please visit our website.

Thank You, Mrs Cane

At the end of next week, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cane, who is leaving St Michael's after 7 years of dedicated service to our school community.

On behalf of everyone at St Michael's, I would like to thank Mrs Cane for all she has contributed to the school over and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

SUMMER CAMPS



AGE 5 TO 11 YEARS

 **WILDRIDINGS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **9AM TILL 3PM**

 **£20 PER DAY**

DATES:

Week 1: 27th July - 31st July

Week 2: 4th Aug - 7th Aug (4 Days)

Week 3: 10th Aug - 14th Aug

Week 4: 17th Aug - 21st Aug

Week 5: 24th Aug - 28th Aug

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COACHING**

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 a 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.

Prestige currently have space available for a Thursday after school club



Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Mikha – for great work in phonics and growing in confidence
- Year 1 - Luka – for his amazing green choices and working hard
- Year 2 - Starr – for progressing so far in her reading and writing!
- Year 3 - Emilia – for always going above and beyond in her learning and practicing her Maths at home
- Year 4 - Beau – for challenging herself and making fantastic progress in Maths
- Year 5 – Molly – for showing kindness to others on the playground and improving her presentation in her books
- Year 6 - Raphie – for aiming high and being enthusiastic about extra challenges
Ryan – for aiming high and asking for extra work to do at home

Michael's Easthampsted KS2 Stationery Guide 2025-26

Please take a look at this short stationery guide which includes the items you will need for the start of the new school year. **Please ensure each item is named or initialled** as this will help items from becoming lost. You should check with your child regularly to see if any items need replenishing or replacing.

Bags, Folders and Pencil Case Guidance

You will need a pencil case large enough to contain the items below in, but this does not need to be too large! A plain coloured or translucent, flexible plastic-style pencil case is sufficient.

Be realistic about the size of the bag you bring in to school as our cloakrooms are restricted! You only need a bag big enough for your pencil case (which could stay in your tray), lunch, a water bottle and an A4 plastic folder to hold your reading record and book.

Whilst bags and pencil cases from stores such as Smiggle look attractive, they are very expensive, large and take up a lot of desk space. Please avoid pencil cases from stores such as this and avoid large pencil cases with multiple pop-out or zipped storage areas.

Please make sure that pencil cases, bags, folders and as much equipment as possible (particularly Glue Sticks) are all NAMED – children will be responsible for their own belongings!

✘ What Not To Bring In

Some items, such as these below, we will provide for you:

- Protractors
- Scissors
- Tippex/ Correction Fluid
- Calculators, as these are not required
- No keyrings or toys to be fixed to bags or to come into school

What You Should Bring In

Your pencil case should contain the following items, named or initialled:

- Plain Colour or Translucent Standard Pencil Case
- HB Writing Pencils
- Blue Ink Handwriting Pens – **NOT BLUE BIROS OR BLACK INK**
- Glue Sticks
- Black Ink Whiteboard/ Dry wipe Pens
- 30cm Ruler (or folding version)
- Sharpener
- Purple Ink Birs
- Colouring Pencils and Felt Tip Pens*
- Yellow and Green Highlighter
- You should also have an A4 plastic folder to hold your Reading Record, Reading Book and Home Learning in. Letters can also come to and from school in this.

**You may want to bring in a separate set of colouring pens in your bag, but you do not need to bring them into the classroom.*



PTA will be collecting donations towards the summer fete. All donations can be dropped off into the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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 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

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 26th 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 **17th 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**.