



WEEK BEGINNING 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

Events this week:

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| 10 th – 14 th November | Year 6 Residential Anti-Bullying week |
| Monday 10 th November | Odd Socks Day |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Year 1 Family Learning |
| Thursday 13 th November | Year 2 Family Learning |

Looking forwards:

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| Friday 21 st November | KS1 Celebration Assembly (parents invited) |
| Monday 24 th November | Year 2 Owl Visit |
| Friday 28 th November | Residential presentation to parents 9.00am to 10.00am |
| Monday 1 st December | Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped @Church |
| Tuesday 2 nd December | KS2 Panathlon |
| Friday 5 th December | Non Uniform Day |
| | Christmas Market 5.30pm – 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 th December | KS1 Nativity to parents |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Christmas lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 11 th December | RockSteady Concert |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Reception Nativity production to parents 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

What a busy first week back after half-term!

I'm really proud of how all the children have settled back in so brilliantly. Classes have been kept busy with flu vaccines, Christmas Card designs (yes, it's nearly that time again – look out for more details soon!) and poppy poems alongside all of their reading, writing, maths and usual classwork.

In worship, we have focused on the celebrations for All Saints and have dwelled on Thessalonians 5:18 'Give thanks no matter what happens...' – I wonder what that means for you all in our wider community?

We look forward to Monday when our Year 6's depart for their annual residential – a very exciting rite of passage!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Riordan

Headteacher



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.

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

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!!

Contact us:
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Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

Next week is Anti-bullying week, this year with the theme of 'Power for Good'. We will be talking to children as we usually do about how they are empowered to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes and what it means to be a good friend and citizen.

Children (and adults alike!) are welcome to wear odd socks with their usual school uniform on Monday 10th November as a way to raise awareness.

For more information, see: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>

Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11th Nov 2025

Children have been preparing for Remembrance Day next week by recalling its importance and how the symbol of the poppy honours those who we must never forget. They have begun working on poems to mark the occasion and will continue to do so next week, alongside worships that will be held.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>



Children who are members of Scout and Guide Associations will be invited to wear the club uniforms into School on Tuesday 11th November.

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



EdShed and Numbots/ TTRS

A reminder for parents of Year 1 to Year 6 – children have the use of EdShed (Spelling Shed) and Numbots/ TTRS to practice their spellings and maths at home, a positive use of screen time! Please remember to log in and have a go – your login cards should be inside your reading record; if you need a reminder, please speak to your teacher

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.

Pantomime at South Hill Park

A reminder for parents whom we are still awaiting payment for our annual school trip to South Hill Park for the pantomime: Mother Goose and The Golden Egg. Years 1, 2 and 3 will visit on Tuesday 16th December and Years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday 17th December. Payment needs to be made ASAP to ensure we can still attend without us needing to continue to chase or cancel!

Volunteers – If you are able to volunteer to join us on either or both dates, please contact the school office:
secretary@stmicheast.co.uk

Y6 Residential Monday 10th November 2025

A reminder for Monday to review all the information slides and kit lists are posted to the class page on our website: <https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com/year-6-1/>

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Look out for more information coming out to you about our school 'Challenge 25' initiatives in aid of Children in Need on Friday 14th November! <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



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At Little Blossom's we provide care and education for young children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old.

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We offer children and their parents a safe, fun and stimulating environment, which promotes equality and values diversity, adding life and well-being to its local communities. The preschools are open Monday to Friday each week, term time only. We offer sessional care and full day care between local school hours.



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Martins Heron

Martins Heron Community Center, Whitton road, RG12 9TZ

Holly Spring

Lily Hill Road, Bullbrook, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 2SW

Harmanwater

8-10 Nicholson Park, The Parks, Bracknell RG12 9QN

Jocks Lane

Jocks Lane Park Pavillion, Binfield Rd, Binfield Rd12 2BH

For more information please contact Little Blossom's Childcare

littleblossoms123@icloud.com
littleblossomsseniormanager@gmail.com

TEL: 07754807784 TEL: 07886144823

Don't forget Baubles are due back in by Monday 24th November with your £1 donation



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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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

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Head Teacher Award Winners

- Acorns - George – for working so hard in phonics and always being so kind and helpful
- Year 1 - Gretel – for aiming high when working independently
- Year 2 - Arlo – for his resilience in Maths this week
- Year 3 - Lily P – for working really hard in Maths and focusing on her presentation
- Year 4 - Lilly – for proving herself to be a reliable and hard-working member of the class. For doing her best in all lessons to achieve well!
- Year 5 - Taylor – for aiming high in his English and for enthusiastic participation during the afternoon
- Year 6 - Evelyn – for having self-belief, focus and working hard

Well done to you all!

Our valued partners at the Bracknell Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) have launched their annual SEND Services survey.

This survey provides essential information and opinion from our Bracknell Forest SEND community and we are requesting that all schools and settings do their utmost to promote this survey to relevant families.

The direct link is as below:

[Parent Carer SEND Services Survey 2025](#)

or the survey can be accessed via the QR code below.

Please note that the closing date for the survey is 24th November 2025











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

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| 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. |  |
| Saturday 15th November 2025 | 10am – midday |
| Wednesday 14th January 2026 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Monday 13th April 2026 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Monday 8th June 2026 | 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. |  |
| Monday 10th November 2025 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Monday 12th January 2026 | 9.30 – 11.30 am |
| Thursday 05th March 2026 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Thursday 23rd April 2026 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Monday 22nd June 2026 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |
| Parenting 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. |  |
| Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates | |
| Parenting pre / early-teens 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. |  |
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| 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 |  |
| Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates | |
| 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. |  |
| Monday 29th June 2026 | 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. |  |
| Thursday 25th June 2026 | 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 |  |
| Thursday 6th November 2025 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |

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| 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. |  |
| Wednesday 19th November 2025 | 6.30 – 8.30 pm |

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BREAKFAST

With Santa

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa at the Green Man. your little ones can meet Santa and his elves, as well as presents from Santa himself. activities provided while you wait for Santa to arrive.



 Saturday 6th and 13th and Sunday 21st

 The green man

£10.99 per child, (adult price separate), bookings only. deposit must be paid in advance with pre order choices.

please ask bar staff for more information.

Bracknell Christmas Toy Bank

Toys you don't want or need?

Donate them to the Toy Bank, providing local children most in need with Christmas presents this year. Follow @bracknelltoybank on Instagram to see items not accepted.

Donations accepted:
27th October - 3rd December
Involve Community Services, RG12 1AE
(opposite Bracknell library)
Mon-Fri: 9am-4:30pm

Brand new and used toys accepted, but must be complete/in gifting condition

Thank you for your support!
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