

## Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! If I haven't seen you to say hello to yet, I hope you have had a lovely summer. It is really lovely to welcome everyone back for the new school year! The children all look incredibly smart in their school uniforms and the start to the new term has been wonderful with so many smiling enthusiastic faces ready to get going on all of the new learning ahead!



### Staffing Updates:

As you know, at the end of last term Mrs Dobson and Mrs T Harrison left us to move on to new adventures and I explained at the time that I would let you know once we had appointed new staff to those positions.

Many of you will already have met our new staff members but for those who haven't, we are really pleased to welcome two new wonderful teaching assistants to our school community.

- **Miss Thompson:**

Miss Thompson will be working in Acorns Class each day with Miss Wilson, supporting our youngest children in their learning and development.

- **Mrs Burgess:**

Mrs Burgess will be working in Year 3 and 4 in the mornings and in our mixed KS2 class in the afternoons, working each day apart from Wednesdays.

We are really excited to have two such super members of staff joining our school team and I am sure you will all get to know them as the year goes on. We will update the school website and newsletter with staff photos once the school photographer has been this term so we can all be easily identified!

### Attendance, Uniform, Equipment etc.

We have such a wonderfully smart and well-equipped bunch of children back with us this term and it is lovely to see everyone so excited about their smart new school shoes, uniforms, bags and bottles. Thank you so much for this. It makes a real difference for the children when they are dressed correctly in school uniform and have water bottles, PE kits and bookbags ready for the day. Thank you also for remembering not to send any toys into school with the children- we have lots of things to use in school and things from home often cause distraction and can get lost or damaged.

It is lovely to see the children back and keen to learn and be with their friends. We know that there are times and situations that mean your child is unable to attend school through illness and we really appreciate your support in prioritising your children's attendance at school and in letting us know if your child is unwell. If your child is not well enough for school, you should contact us on before 9am on the Arbor app or by phoning the office. Please avoid Dojo messaging, as this often gets missed.

### Ordering Lunches and Booking Wraparound Care

Just a little note to remind everyone to please book school lunches and wraparound care in advance. It makes Mrs Marr's life in the office much easier! Thank you! 😊





**Monday Toddler Group**

Did you know that The Friends of St Michael's run a toddler group each Monday morning in the school hall for children up to the age of three? Everyone is welcome, so let friends and family know too! It takes place at 9:30am each Monday in the school hall and is a great way to meet new people and get to know the school.

**Dates for the Term Ahead**

Quite a few events are already in our school calendar, so below is a list of what we already have confirmed. There will be lots more to come over the course of the term, so we will add them in as we go along. There may also occasionally be changes to some of the below dates, so keep checking newsletters, emails and messages to make sure you are completely up-to-date.

**Dates for your diaries so far this term**  
**More details and dates will follow**

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – KS2 After School Cricket Club each Wednesday
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September** – KS2 swimming each afternoon
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Science Show at Lakes College
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Cross Country at Silloth Green
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – School Photographs
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Break up for Half Term

**HALF TERM BREAK**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Return to school

