

## Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and have enjoyed lots of the seasonal fun involved in this time of year! The children have come back to school full of energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

### Christmas Market Night

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Market night on the **evening of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This event has once again been organised by the Friends of St Michael's and it was a real success last year so we hope you will be able to join us and share the word with friends, family and neighbours too!

There will be lots of wonderful stalls from local small businesses with lots of lovely things to buy in perfect time for Christmas. There will be games and crafts for the children, and mulled wine, tea, coffee or juice with a mince pie or shortbread in the price of your entry fee.

We will also be selling our very own apple juice, picked and pressed by the children on their last farm visit. Thank you David for making this possible!

### PTA Request for Raffle and Tombola Prizes

There will once again be the very popular **tombola stall** at our Christmas market night and the Friends of St Michael's would love lots of donations of prizes for this. Please bring any donations of prizes to the school office or send them in with your child and they will be very gratefully received!

Our raffle this year will be made up of generous donations from the market stall holders but if any parents or families have a business that they would like to promote by offering a prize linked to their business, these would also be gratefully received.

### Open Morning for School Places

We will be holding an open morning on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 9:00 until 10:30am** for anyone looking for a Nursery or School place for their child, and in particular for Nursery and Reception places for September 2026. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place, let them know as we would love to show them our wonderful school!

### Farm Visit

We thoroughly enjoyed our last visit to David's farm – it was a beautiful day with sunshine and a bright blue sky, and whilst sampling apples and pears in his orchard, we all felt very happy!

We collected windfall apples which we then began to press to make juice to sell at the Christmas market night, and then we were extremely lucky to be able to pick our own pumpkin each. We hope you all enjoyed the wonderful array of pumpkins the children brought home!





### Children In Need Day

Next Friday is Children in Need Day and to help promote this and celebrate the charity's good work, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children will be able to come in dressed in non-uniform of their choice and can bring in a small donation to Children in Need, which we will collect up and send in. Our suggested donation is £2, but if the children can bring whatever they would like

to and it is fine to bring less if needed as this is just a donation. We will have lots of fun on the day in school, thinking of our values of Love, Friendship and Generosity.

### Christmas dates for the Diary

It is the time of year when we start to think about... Christmas! It may seem a way off but the adverts are already on TV and I know the time will soon be here for putting up decorations.



Below is a list of key dates and times for the festive period – more details will follow over the next few weeks about each of these, but we wanted to make sure you had key dates and times ready, as we know what a busy period it is!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Acorns Class (Early Years and KS1) will be visiting Whinlatter Forest to bring home our school Christmas tree

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** PTA Christmas Market Night 5pm – 8pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** KS2 Christmas visit to Dove Cottage

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception to Year Six trip to see The Wizard of Oz at The Theatre By The Lake in Keswick

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** The NISCU puppets will join us for a Christmas assembly

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm:** Acorns Class (EYFS and KS1) Christmas performance

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas jumper day / School Christmas lunch / Christmas parties and a special visitor in a red suit... who could it be?...

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas craft morning

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm:** Whole school Carol service at St Michael's Church in Torpenhow (children to be collected from Church at home time instead of from school)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

### Dates for the Term Ahead

**Dates for your diaries so far this term (new or updated dates in red) - More details and dates will follow**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Y3 and Y4 dodgeball event at Beacon Hill

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Y1 and Y2 multi skills at Solway School

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Acorns Class trip to Whinlatter to collect our Christmas tree

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 trip to Dove Cottage

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Theatre by the Lake trip for Y1 – Y6 (Wizard of Oz)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Break up for the Christmas holidays