

Newsletter Friday 19th December 2025



It is the end of term already and time has flown by since September! Thank you so much to everyone for a really wonderful term in school and, from all of us, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Whole School Carol Service and Infant Nativity

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Carol Service yesterday afternoon at St Michael's Church in Torpenhow. The Church looked beautiful as always and we were very proud of all of the children for how well they presented the messages of Christmas through carols, songs and poems. We hope it helped you to feel Christmassy and to have a moment of peace amongst all of the other things that Christmas brings.

The Infant Nativity was a great success last week too; we were all very impressed by how well the children projected their voices to read their lines and sing so confidently to you all. They were all very courageous and made us all smile (as always). It was great to hear them share their final song at the Carol Service yesterday too, helping us all to remember that "The best gift of all is love!"



Christmas Fun

The children have had a great time this week, as amongst their usual curriculum, there have also been lots of opportunities for celebrating the festive season together in our lovely school community. It was wonderful to see the children working together in mixed age groups to make their annual Christmas crafts, and seeing our older children supporting our youngest ones. We hope you like the fabulous decorations, cards and calendars they have brought home and that the reindeer dust comes in handy on Christmas Eve!

We also had a lovely time at our Christmas party on Tuesday, after all sharing a delicious Christmas meal together. I think Santa enjoyed his visit to our school as much as the children did and we all sang him happy birthday too as we learnt it was his birthday!

Christmas Market Night

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Christmas Market night at the end of November – it was great to see so many members of our community there and lovely to see some old faces who have left us to go to secondary school. We will let you know how much money the Friends of St Michael's raised in the New Year, but the School FIDS group were very excited to have raised £150 from uniform sales, games and by selling their delicious homemade apple juice!

Christmas Cards from India

Earlier this month, we all received Christmas cards from our partner school, Purwanchal Vidyamandir in Kolkata, India. The children were so excited looking through the beautiful drawings and messages! We sent our own cards to India a few weeks ago too, so it's been lovely for the children to swap festive greetings.

School Meals and Wraparound Bookings

Just a little reminder to please make sure you have ordered your child's school meals by Tuesday 6th January for the first week back, and to make any wraparound care bookings that you need. Even if you don't pay for your child's school meals, we still need you to make their choices on Arbor please, as otherwise we need to chase this up with the children every day. Thank you for your help in this!



Friends of St Michael's School
warmly welcome you to our



Baby and toddler group

Themed sessions for ages
0-3 with a range of
activities and toys.

New
Monday
group!

Messy play, keepsake
crafts, free play and
songs and rhymes

Bring a travel
mug and enjoy a
hot drink

Mondays
9.30-11am
during term time

Bothel School hall
(enter via Breakfast
club door in car park)

£1 per family

Toddler Group

Did you know that our weekly toddler group has moved to Monday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00am during term time?

It is for anyone who has a baby or child up to 3 years old and we would love to welcome you along. If you have a friend or neighbour who might like to come along, please let them know!

Some 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

Tuesday 6th January – INSET Day (school open for staff only)

Wednesday 7th January – First day back to school for children

Thursday 5th February – KS2 Technology Day at Beacon Hill School

Week beginning 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February – Last day of term

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

We wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas and we very much look forward to welcoming you all back for a new term in 2026.

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!!

