

Newsletter Friday 9th January 2026



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and, from everyone here at St Michael's, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Curriculum

The children have come back to school absolutely ready to learn and have got straight back to working hard and enjoying their new learning. It has been lovely to go into classrooms each day this week and see how calmly and happily everyone is working, with lots of fantastic new things underway. I have just had a great conversation about the science that is already underway in both classes, with some Year One and Two children telling me all of the features of living things and someone in Year Six excited to begin an experiment comparing two spider plants.

You will have just received an email with information about this half term's curriculum for your child's year group, where you can find out all about what they are learning over the next few weeks.

School Meal Bookings

Thank you so much to everyone who has booked their child's school meals for the week or term ahead already. It really helps Mrs Marr in the office when this is done in time as it means meals can then be quickly ordered from Beacon Hill, without Mrs Marr needing to check on missing orders. Thank you so much for your help in this; we understand that it is easy to forget sometimes, especially after the Christmas break, but it would be great if everyone could get theirs ordered ready for next week, please. Thank you in advance for your help!

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!

School Values and Spirituality

We kicked off the term's Collective Worship this week, thinking about Epiphany and discussing "Light Bulb Moments" we may have had. We also had a brilliant discussion about our school's values of Friendship, Love, Respect, Courage, Perseverance and Generosity this morning, linking it to all of the things we do in school. This morning, we had some reflection time in Collective Worship, thinking about the shared language of In, Out and Up that we adopted last year as a school when thinking and reflecting on Spirituality. We thought about looking in towards ourselves, out at the world and looking up by asking big questions, praying or wondering.

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.

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

New Monday group!

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



In



Out



Up

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

Friday 16th January – Whole school outdoor learning afternoon

Wednesday 21st January – Year 5 and 6 Careers event at Nelson Thomlinson School

Friday 23rd January – Big Bird Watch Day in school

Friday 23rd January – In-school sessions for all children from Wordsworth House

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 – Whole school outdoor learning afternoon

Friday 13th February – Last day of term

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 23rd February – Back to school