

St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

Friday 16th September



Welcome back to school!

It has been really great to welcome children and families back to the start of a new school year. It has also been lovely to hear about the children's holidays and new experiences over the summer. The children have been busy settling into their new classes, establishing class expectations, rules and routines and getting to know their new teachers. There has been a really positive, productive energy around school and I would like to congratulate all of the children and staff on making the start of the year so fantastic.



The Death of Queen Elizabeth II September 8th 2022

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we send our condolences to the Royal Family and all those affected personally by Her Majesty's death. In school, we held a special assembly to reflect on the period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty.

Roald Dahl Day Tuesday 13th September

To commemorate him and his achievements, Roald Dahl Day happens every year on his birthday - September 12th - celebrating the magic that he brought and continues to bring to children everywhere. Thank you for all your efforts in dressing the children in characters from his books. We really appreciate all your efforts.

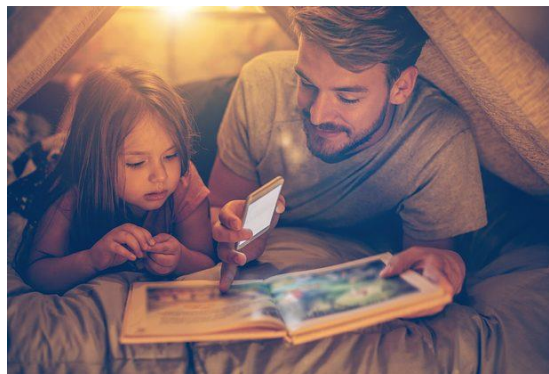


Starting school - Reception 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you must apply for a Reception 2022 place online. The deadline is Sunday 15th January 2022. Reception places are offered by the Local Authority. To apply, go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

Open Day for Reception Starters September 2023

There will be an open day for Reception starters 2023 on Wednesday 2nd November. The first tour of the school will be at 10:00 and the second session at 14:30. Parents need only attend one of the sessions.



Please read with your child- whatever age!

Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects. Reading can offer them a lifetime of enjoyment and learning. There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a child.

It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. The earlier parents can start, the better as it allows the maximum time for their child to grow up with reading and for the love to take root, grow and become part of their life. And what an enriched life that will be!

However, it is important to continue to read with your child in every year of their primary life. I know how busy home life can be, but please take the time to read for ten minutes a night with your child.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Attendance Matters



Attendance research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in the future. Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships. Punctuality is also very important. School opens at 8:40am and children must be ready to learn by 8:50am each morning.

Did you know, that being just 15 minutes late each morning means that your child would miss 10 days from school each year?

If your child is absent, please ring school at your earliest opportunity and leave a message on the answerphone. If the attendance of a pupil is low or they are persistently late, parents will be contacted and asked to meet with school staff to see how this can be improved. Support will be offered to both parents and pupils as required. Thank you.



Friday Club

Friday club is running on the dates below at St John's Methodist Church, Albert Road Colne from 6.30-8pm. Includes team games, crafts and stories, £1 per child including refreshments.

30th September
28th October
25th November
16th December



On Friday 30th September we are hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in remembrance of Jayne Pennington, a much valued teacher at St Michael and All Angels.

More details will follow soon. Please try to support this event if you can.



All Age Service at St Michael and All Angels Sunay 18th September 9:30am

As a school we are extremely pleased our presence in the church is increasing and we will be participating in these services every month in school term time. We are helping with the service this Sunday and would love for as many children and families to attend as possible.

Church services <https://www.saint-michael.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-church/>

Dates for your Diary

Please click on the following link for latest diary dates and information about the term dates for 2023/2024.

[Calendar | Saint Michael and All Angels C of E Primary School \(lancsngfl.ac.uk\)](https://www.saint-michael.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-church/)



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the governing board. We meet twice termly for approximately 1 hour per meeting. If anybody is interested, please contact Wendy Phillipson in the school office.



Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to **Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282861338 then select Option 3.**

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend. Thank you

Crossing Patrol Vacancy

The current crossing patrol officer will be carrying out his role until 21st October. Therefore, the position is vacant from after the October half term. If you are interested, please contact, Jeff at Lancashire County Council on 07831309599.

Use of our School Hall.

If you know of any clubs or event that would like to hire our hall, out of school hours, please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you

Year 6 Seeds and Gardeners

We are in the process of pairing our year 6 with the Reception children to guide them in their first year at school! They will be finalised next week.



Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson

Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey

DSL Amy Latham (Rebecca Lamb)

Year 6 Residential To Robinwood

Year 6 are looking forward to our residential trip on the Monday 17th October until Wednesday 19th October. There will be a parents' information meeting on **Monday 3rd October at 6pm**. Here are some photos from the trip last year! The staff can't wait to go again!



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Listen to Kay Perry's Resilient song! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fA19iq3-Bz4&scrllybrkr=e74db8d7>

AUTUMN
TERM FIRST
HALF 2022



THE GROWTH MINDSET FOCUS FOR THIS HALF TERM IS RESILIENCE.

THE CHRISTIAN VIRTUE FOCUS THIS HALF TERM IS RESPECT.

*RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND
RESPECTING OTHER'S DIFFERENCES*