

# St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January



### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Well being week non-uniform day – relaxed clothing

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Candlemas Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number Day - non-uniform day number theme

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 4 Multiplication Check Parent Meeting

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes 15:20

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – School re opens 08:40

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Class Photo's

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Book fair in school

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Lent service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 – Bookings will open w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 – Bookings will open w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Church Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – School closes 13:30

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – School re opens 08:40

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – KS2 Palace Theatre Trip Manchester 'Mary Poppins'

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 5 Trip Tropical World

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Sports Day PM

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 3 Trip Grosvenor Museum Chester

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Reserve Sports Day PM

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 4 Trip Bolton Abbey

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – School closes 15:20

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School re opens 08:40



Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils and families after what we hope was a joyous Christmas break! We've hit the ground running in 2025 with a flurry of exciting activities and achievements across the school.

The recent snowfall brought a magical atmosphere to our school grounds, with pupils of all ages embracing the wintry weather. The sound of laughter and the sight of snowmen dotting the playground warmed our hearts despite the chilly temperatures!

Our Year 5 pupils have been pedalling their way to success with their Bikeability training, learning essential cycling skills and road safety. It's been brilliant to see their confidence grow as they navigate our local streets safely.

We're incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who recently took part in the Panathlon Challenge. Their teamwork, determination, and sporting spirit were truly inspiring. Speaking of sporting prowess, our Year 6 athletes have also been showcasing their talents in various athletic events, demonstrating the wealth of ability we have here at St Michael and All Angels.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils were treated to a fantastic trip to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the pantomime. The excitement was palpable as they returned, full of tales about the performance and eager to share their favourite moments.

Looking ahead, we have some special events coming up that we'd like you to pop in your diaries. On Monday 20th January, we'll be kicking off our Well-being Week with a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - pupils are encouraged to come to school in relaxed clothing as we focus on the importance of mental health and self-care.

Following that, on Friday 7th February, we'll be participating in the NSPCC Number Day. This will be another non-uniform day, but with a numerical twist! We're asking pupils to incorporate numbers into their outfits – whether it's a sports jersey, a t-shirt with a number, or even a homemade creation. It's a fantastic opportunity to combine fun with raising awareness for an important cause.

As always, we're immensely proud of all our pupils and the vibrant, supportive community we have here at St Michael and All Angels. Your continued support and engagement make our school a truly special place to learn and grow.

## Year 6 Panathlon Challenge

Congratulations to our year 6 pupils who represented school at a Panathlon competition held at Pendle Vale. They came third out of seven schools in the local area. Well Done!



## Year 5 Bikeability



## Year 1 Football

Congratulations to our year one superstars who attended the football session at the Leisure Box. We are so proud of you!



Fun in the snow



Year 4 creating identification keys in science



IT'S SLIME FOR FUN  
**SEN SESSIONS**

**Break Time Sessions**  
Child / Young Person with SEN only

**WHO**  
Children & Young People with SEN Age 4-18

**WHAT**  
- Feel good fun  
- Crafts, cooking, outdoor play, games  
- Acquiring life skills  
- Boosting self esteem  
- Sense of belonging  
Building relationships

**US**  
Experienced Team - Fellow SEN parents

**TIME**  
School Holiday sessions  
Saturdays in Term Time

**VENUE**  
Whitewell Bottom Community Centre  
Burnley Road East  
Whitewell Bottom  
Rossendale  
BB4 9LB

**BOOK**  
Call Klair on 07841744020 or email [slimeforfuninfo@gmail.com](mailto:slimeforfuninfo@gmail.com)

Break Time and Break Time Plus Provider

Lancashire County Council

Age 5-11 £1 Per Child

# FRIDAY CLUB

At The Exchange Project  
(St. John's Methodist Church, Colne)

**Time** 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

**Dates** 10th January  
14th February  
14th March  
9th May  
13th June  
11th July

**Games, Group Activities  
Story Time and Much More!**

Please use the side Entrance

the exchange project  St. John's Methodist Church

## What is the MyTime to Thrive service?

Barnardo's MyTime to Thrive is an Emotional Health and Wellbeing service working alongside mental health partners using the Thrive model of care for all children in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

**OFFERING** short term therapy for children and young people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

**SUPPORTING** ages 5-18 and up to the age of 25 for those with additional needs.

**DELIVERING** counselling and therapeutic interventions, in person, online, individually and in groups.



Find out more



T 01772 505138  
W [barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/lancashire-and-south-cumbria-thrive-service](http://barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/lancashire-and-south-cumbria-thrive-service)  
E [thrivesc@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:thrivesc@barnardos.org.uk)

[barnardos.org.uk](http://barnardos.org.uk)



Family  
**AUTISM**  
Service

**Is your child seeking or has an autism diagnosis?**

**Do you live in East Lancashire or Blackburn with Darwen?**

**Is your child/children under 25 years old?**

**Are you a parent/carer looking for information, advice and support?**

**Come along to our:**

- Parent Support Group
- Autism Awareness Sessions and workshops
- Cygnet Course
- Social Activities (for families, young people, siblings)
- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions



MAKE A REFERRAL

For more information:

☎ 01254 244706 | ✉ [autism@canw.org.uk](mailto:autism@canw.org.uk) | [www.canw.org.uk](http://www.canw.org.uk)





## 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.



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



## 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 Rebecca Lamb (SENCO)

### NSPCC Support

Click on the link for information to support your child regarding mental health.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>



## Spring Term 2025 First Half



**The Christian virtue focus this half term is forgiveness.**

**The Growth Mindset focus is learning from mistakes.**

***"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***

