

# St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March



### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00

**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

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – EYFS Heights and Weights

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

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 5 Discovery Day at Park High School

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Transition Day

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Day

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 2 Trip Brockholes

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Bushcraft Day

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly in Church 11:00

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly in school 14:30

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Colour Run

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School Closes 13:30



As we journey through this Lenten season, I'm delighted to share with you the vibrant activities that have been enriching our pupils' lives at school. Our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals continues to shine through in every endeavour.

Yesterday, we gathered for our special Lent service at the church. It was a moment of reflection and unity, reminding us of the importance of community and spiritual growth during this significant time in the Christian calendar. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces sharing the service with us.

Our Year 6 pupils have been scaling new heights – quite literally! They've been honing their climbing skills, pushing their limits, and building confidence with every reach and grip. It's been wonderful to witness their determination and teamwork in action. Not content with conquering vertical challenges, they've also been showcasing their agility and precision at the table tennis tables, developing hand-eye coordination and strategic thinking.

Meanwhile, Year 4 has been rolling into action with indoor bowls. This classic sport has been teaching our younger pupils about focus, gentle control, and the joy of friendly competition. It's heartening to see them embrace this traditional game with such enthusiasm.

We've had a very special visitor padding through our corridors recently – Mo, our therapy dog. The presence of this furry friend has brought smiles, comfort, and a sense of calm to our school community. The positive impact of animal-assisted therapy on our pupils' wellbeing is truly remarkable.

Literature has taken centre stage this week with our book fair in full swing. It's been a delight to see our pupils' eyes light up as they explore new worlds and characters within the pages of books. Today, we celebrated World Book Day in the cosiest way possible – with a pyjama day! Our school was filled with the soft rustle of slippers and the excited chatter of pupils discussing their favourite stories, all while snuggled up in their comfiest nightwear.

These diverse activities reflect our commitment to providing a rich, varied educational experience that goes beyond the classroom. We're nurturing not just minds, but bodies and spirits too. From the solemnity of our Lent service to the playful spirit of World Book Day, we're creating memories and learning opportunities that will stay with our pupils for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support in making St Michael and All Angels a vibrant, caring community where every child can thrive and grow.

## Mathematics Homework

Do you need any support with helping your child with Mathematics homework?

If you find yourself needing help in this area, I encourage you to visit our school website, particularly the *Helping Your Child with Mathematics* section.

<https://www.st-michaelangels.lancs.sch.uk/page/how-to-help-your-child-with-mathematics/147021>

Here, you will find valuable resources, including:

- Our **calculations policy**, which outlines the methods we use in class.
- A **multiplication PowerPoint** designed to reinforce skills at home.
  - **Parent guides** available for download to further assist you.

For example



We understand the importance of collaboration between home and school, and we are actively developing additional strategies to support you and your child with homework.

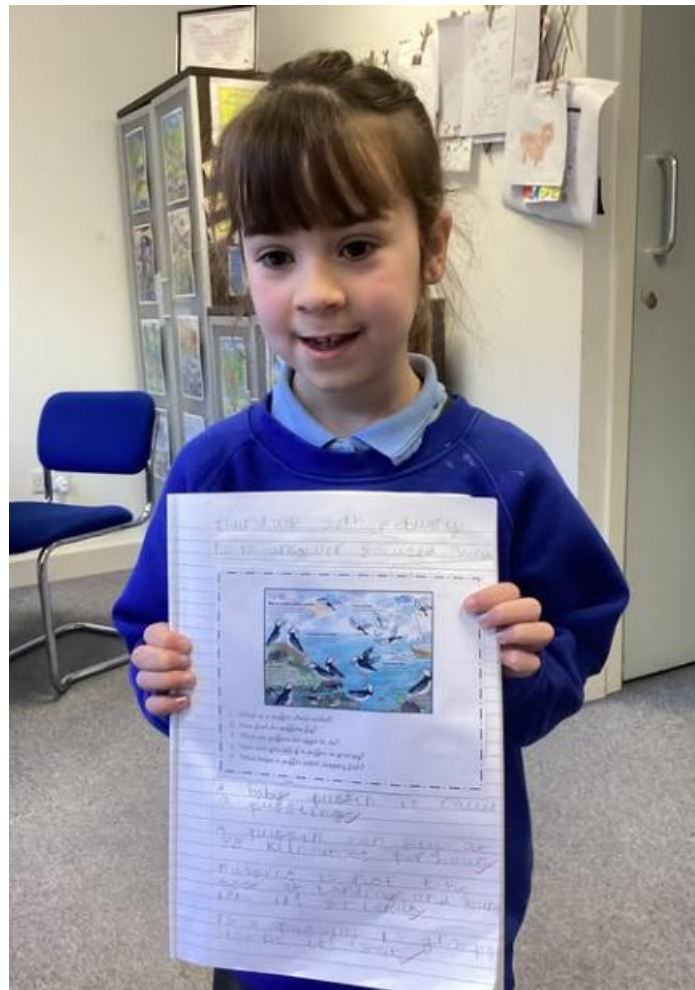
## Curriculum News EYFS

Reception class have been looking at Oliver's vegetables. We have been using our senses to describe the vegetables. We have looked at carrots, sweetcorn, lettuce and cucumbers.



## Year 2

Georgia did some fantastic work in English retrieving text from a book to answer questions about puffins. Well done Georgia!



Ms Richardson was extremely proud of the outstanding work done by the children in her maths group yesterday. Percentage Experts!

A promotional poster for Junior Bake Off. It features four judges in a 2x2 grid. The top-left judge is a man in a light green jacket giving a thumbs up. The top-right judge is a man in a blue and red patterned vest. The bottom-left judge is a woman in a pink jacket. The bottom-right judge is a man in a light green jacket with his arms crossed. The text on the poster reads:

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

Congratulations to our year 6 table tennis team representing school! Very proud of you all!



Some children from 4 attended an indoor bowls event at the Leisurebo. Well done everyone!



## Supporting Your Child



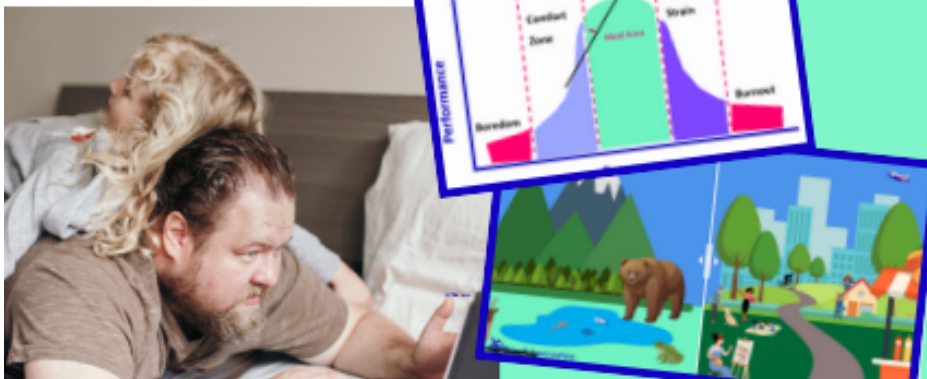
### For Parents & Carers:

Learn practical strategies and approaches to support your child.

Access a downloadable support pack full of approaches and activities.

Learn where to go for further support via the downloadable signposting guide.

Access the eLearning anytime and anywhere via PC, smartphone or tablet.



## Parent & Carer e-Learning

No Charge & Access Any Time

Optional support pack and signposting are available.

## Neuro-Inclusive Mental Wellbeing Training

Aimed at parents and carers of young people who struggle with their mental health and wellbeing.

Young people with specific challenges linked to mental health and neurodiversity / neurodivergence (autism, ADHD, dyslexia etc) are also included in the course. It is neuroaffirming, meaning it does not treat these kinds of differences as only negative.

Includes true lived experience stories from parents, people who struggled with their mental health as children & comments from young people themselves, as well as information from specialists.

Scan the QR code to access





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 Second Half**

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

**The Growth Mindset focus is self belief.**

*"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*

