



St Michael's Matters

For term time absence
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Friday 6th January 2023
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A note from Mrs Luff – Welcome back. I hope that you have all had a restful festive break and a happy new year. Despite the dark and rainy mornings, the children have arrived in school ready and raring to go. We have joined together in collective worship, to remind ourselves about our school values and why it is important to follow rules. Please speak to your children about this at home.

I would like to remind parents / carers about mobile phones. If your child is bringing in a mobile phone, it should be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. Smart watches that can also be used to message/call should be treated the same way. This is to ensure we keep all children safe and focused during the school day.

Census Day - Thursday 19th January 2023

Next Thursday (19th January) is Census day, when our school meal numbers will be used to capture data for future funding. The Department for Education will use this figure, to adjust our funding based on whether our uptake is above or below a set percentage. Therefore we hope that you can help to ensure the uptake of meals is as high as possible. We would be grateful if as many children as possible could have a school dinner next Thursday. Please see the menu below. Lunch can be booked as normal, via ParentPay.



Mac 'n' Cheese,
Jacket Potato or
Tomato & Basil Pasta

Chocolate Milkshake with Chocolate Biscuit,
Fruit or
Yogurt



Reception school place - September 2023

The deadline to apply for a school place in a reception class, for September 2023 - is fast approaching. Please ensure you apply before 15th January.

Please click the link below, to start your application if you have not already done so. Thank you:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions>



Together
for Families

Starting school September 2023

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2023



Weather

Can we please remind you to ensure your child is bringing a warm, waterproof coat to school each day, as it is still very cold and wet at the moment. Thank you.



Library Project



Our junior library is now complete! We used money previously raised by the FoSM, to revamp and update it and we hope you'll agree, it looks fantastic! We have also started the infant library, this should be completed very soon.



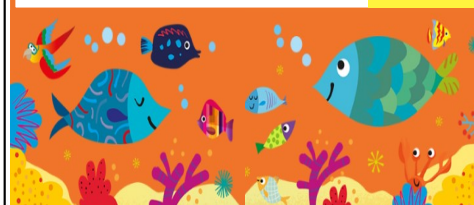
We have a large amount of pre-owned school uniform that we are currently sorting through. We would be very grateful for donations of children's hangers. Thank you.



WANTED

Book Fair 2023

On the 6th and 7th of February, the book fair will be coming to St Michael's school. It will be situated in the Junior hall on Monday 6th February and the Infant hall, on Tuesday 7th February.



Accelerated Reader Awards

This week the following children were presented with an award in recognition of their outstanding achievements, in becoming a Ready Reader:

Ready Reader 1: Alfie W. Ready Reader 2: Aamea B, Maisie C, Sennen T, Jessica S, Elizabeth P and Riley O'C. Ready Reader 3: Lewis C. Ready Reader 4: Lottie-May P, Sennen P and Arlo P-J. Ready Reader 5: Caspar G. Rising Reader: Tahla H. Star Reader 5: Florence F.

Well done to all of the children this week!

St Michael's - Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a BSL Communication Support Worker and a TA, please click the link below, for all of the details and an application form:

<https://www.rainbowacademy.org.uk/vacancies/>



Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:
Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 6th January 2023:

RD - 90.48%	1S - 91.84%
1R - 87.43%	2S - 94.86%
2M - 92.59%	3H - 97.54%
3C - 96.67%	4T - 98.35%
4J - 96.3%	5P - 94.39%
5G - 90.15%	6M - 96.31%
6D - 96.31%	

The winner's for class attendance this week:

KS1 - **2S**

KS2 - **4T**

Overall school attendance average is: **93.32%**

CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to www.st-michaels-helston.org and click on:
CALENDAR DATES

Tues 10th Jan	Year 4 - First gymnastics lesson (In School)
Fri 13th Jan	5P First swimming lesson
Mon 6th Feb	KS2 Usborne Book Fair (Junior Hall)
Tues 7th Feb	KS1 Usborne Book Fair (Infant Hall)
Tues 28th Feb	Cross Country - Mullion School 4PM KS2 Peninsula Qualifier (Race 4)



Latest Updates from Wellbeing and Public Health
for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

NHS

Parents/Carers, please click the link below to see the latest government guidelines and advice from public health, regarding Strep A;

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/>



**Travelling by train, in
2023**

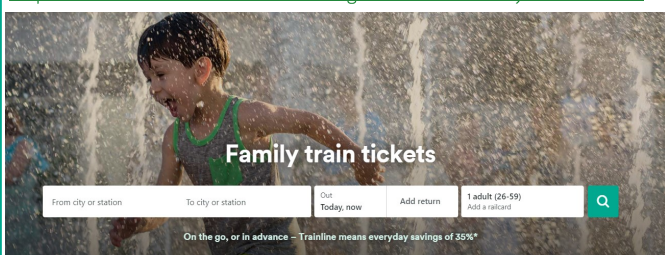


Trainline have put together a guide to booking family train tickets and will provide you with all the information you need, to make your family train trip a breeze. From easy ways to save money on train tickets, to offers and child fare information, we've got you covered. Discover top destinations, travel tips, money-saving ideas and much more in our [summer train travel](#) guide.

If you're planning a family day out in London or the South of England this summer, [kids can travel by train for £2 or less!](#)

Please click the link below, to view to take a look and get booking;

<https://www.thetrainline.com/trains/great-britain/family-train-tickets>



Star of the Week W/C 3rd January 2023

These children received the
Star of the Week award this week:

1R - Kaiden H, for excellent literacy work this week.

1S - Aramis D, for being ready to learn and for amazing Maths work today.

2S - Joshua M, for his reading in class this week.

2M - Joshua B, for his excellent attitude to all learning.

This week's Junior assembly theme was about:
Respect

These children received the
Star of the Week
award in KS2:

3C - Theo M & Elijah M-J
3H - Stanley S & Archie G
4T - Corben C & Darcie F
4J - Isaac D-F & Kieran L
5G - Bruno M & Amy P
5P - Nicholas A & Millie H
6D - Freddie S & Gracie B
6M - Polly R & Tristan P

HOUSE POINTS

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 6th
January 2023

This Year's House Point Totals:

Blue (Fal) - 126

Red (Hayle) - 101

Yellow (Helford) - 155

Green (Cober) - 93

**Well done to the yellow house
this week!**