



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thankfully we avoided the snow and storms of last week. Please ensure your child(ren) comes to school with a warm winter jacket for playtimes and lunchtime. School fleeces are for classrooms and under warm jackets. St Michael's has many exciting things planned over the coming months. Please read on for more information.

VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION

We are delighted to welcome colleagues from North Lanarkshire Council who will visit St. Michael's from Mon 9th to Weds 11th February. During the visit the team will meet with children, staff and the wider school community.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

If your child is eligible to be enrolled for starting school in August 2026 our enrolments continue this week on Thursday 15th from 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. and on Friday 16th from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

SPRING DISCOS

Our Parent Council will once again be holding Spring Discos for all our children on Thursday 12th February. As before the arrangements are as follows:-

Primaries 1-3 from 6.30-7.30 p.m. (entry and exit by main door)

Primaries 4-7 from 7.45-8.45 p.m. (entry Room 11 fire door and exit by main door)

Tuck will be provided by the Parent Council and many thanks to them all for organising this event for our children. The cost will be £2.00 per child, payable on the night.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING



Our Coffee Morning will take place on Friday, 6th March at 10.00 a.m. with entry of £2.00 including tea, coffee and cake. If you are able to donate anything towards the raffle or home baking, please hand this into the school office. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

UNIFORM

We are very proud of our traditional uniform within St. Michael's but we are also very aware that at this time of year the availability and affordability of brown trousers, skirts and pinafores can be challenging. As notified in previous newsletters, we are suggesting that **grey trousers, skirts and pinafores** can be bought should parents and carers be unable to purchase brown items.



LENTEN APPEAL

During Lent the Mini Vinnie's supported by Mrs Stevenson and a SVDP representative are going to be hosting Stations of the Cross at 8.40 a.m. beginning on Friday the 20th of



February. Our Mini Vinnie's will again sell pancakes for 50p on the 12th and 13th of February. Our children will be fundraising to support; SVDP and Missio. Each class will be supplied with a blue cup to gather donations during Lent. Children are asked only to donate what they can, if you have more than one child, please only make a family donation.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will continue to be set through TEAMS for all classes. Please find our Homework Guidance document at the end of this newsletter. If you have any difficulties in accessing your child's homework please contact the class teacher. The homework guidance was compiled with input from parents and children, please encourage your child to complete any homework set by the teacher.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. All our children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not go to any extra expense buying a costume. During week beginning Monday 2nd, all classes will take part in E.R.I.C. - everyone reading in class. Teachers and children will stop and read throughout the school day at various times.



PARENTS NIGHT & BOOK FAIR

Our next Parents Night will take place Wednesday 1st April with the Book Fair running the same week, beginning on Monday 30th March. Details of how to book an appointment with your child's teacher will be sent out shortly as well as our form asking for Book Fair volunteers.

SPRING SHOW

Our senior children are busy preparing for 'Matilda' which will take place on 18th and 19th March. Further information regarding performances and tickets will be sent out shortly.

SACRAMENT DATES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation children will receive the Sacrament on Tuesday 10th March at 6.00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church.

Children will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church on Saturday 16th May at 12 noon.

On Tuesday 28th April pupils from Primary 7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00 p.m. in St Michael's Church.

Information will be sent out separately to parents/carers.

P.7 SWIMMING

Our P.7 children will begin their swimming block at The Tryst, Cumbernauld on Thursday 19th March. Please ensure your child brings their swimming costume and towel each week.

A further letter will be sent to parents regarding this.



P.7 YORK TRIP

Our P.7 children will be heading off to York from 26th to 29th May. Please ensure that all payments are up to date via iPay. The final payment is due week beginning 23rd February. Our Information Evening will take place on Tuesday 24th February in the school at 7.00 p.m. I hope that as many parents as possible will attend.



P.7 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

All children have been issued with the relevant paperwork to register for High School. Please return form PC3 by Monday 26th January. Further details of transition events will be sent out to parents a later date.

P.6 WEEK AT PALACERIGG OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Our P.6 children will visit Palacerigg to take part in a range of activities daily from Monday 11th - Friday 15th May. All payments should be made via iPay with the cost being paid in full by Thursday 19th March.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council will meet on Monday 9th March at 6.00 p.m. New parents will be made most welcome.



PARENTAL HELP

Children are allowed a water bottle in class but this must only contain water in line with our Health Promoting status. Juice or flavoured water can be in lunch boxes for lunch and break times but please be aware that only water is acceptable for drinking within the classroom.

HEADLICE

I would be grateful if all parents and carers could continue to check their children's heads regularly and treat as necessary. Further information can be found at [Head lice and nits | NHS inform](#)

HOLIDAY AND INSERVICE

Mon 16 th & Tues 17 th February	School closed
Weds 18 th February	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 19 th February	Return to school for all
Thurs 2 nd April	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
Fri 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	School closed for Easter Break
Mon 20 th April	Return to school for all

As always if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via e-mail addresses stated below.

Yours sincerely



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Homework Guidelines January 2026

These guidelines have been drawn up after consultation with parents, pupils and staff.

The following is what has been agreed based on feedback.

- Homework will be issued on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday for correction and resubmission.
- This allows families to decide the best time for them to complete homework, over the course of the week.
- Homework will be issued on Glow Class Teams with paper copies being sent home in exceptional circumstances only.
- Children will be supplied with homework jotters to complete homework in.
- The back of the homework jotters will contain a template for children to record their 'reading for enjoyment'.
- Homework will consist of a mixture of spelling, reading and sumdog (online maths activities)
- RE/Sacramental workbooks will be sent out at relevant times, but should this be included, there will be a reduction in the other core areas.
- There will also be a reduction in expected homework during shorter weeks.
- During weeks where the Nativity or school show are taking place, no homework will be issued.
- Personal Projects will be issued once a year, with themes being decided by class teachers at the time and will cover two weeks.
- No other homework will be issued during Personal Projects.
- No homework will be issued the week before Christmas or summer holidays.
- Should any child require an intervention that needs supported at home, this will be sent home after consultation with parents.

