

St. Michael's Primary School

Faith Newsletter August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Partnership



We are delighted to share some exciting news about the continued development of the relationship between St Michael's Primary School, our parish and our families.

As a Catholic school, we are proud of our faith and the important role it plays in the spiritual development of our pupils. As we continue to develop our school value of Faith, Mrs Di Mascio and Mrs Stevenson recently had a positive meeting with Fr Emmanuel and John Donnelly from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP).

Together, we discussed lots of exciting opportunities that we hope will strengthen the links between our school, parish and wider family community over the coming year.

Celebrating Our Children's Work

We are delighted that an area within St Michael's Church will be identified where we can display and celebrate our children's wonderful work. This will allow members of our parish community to share in and appreciate the children's learning and faith journey.

The St Vincent de Paul Society also hopes to organise competitions and other opportunities for our pupils to become involved in parish life.

Once the display area has been created, we would love to encourage our families to visit the church, have a look at the children's work and feel part of our growing school and parish community.

Developing a Quiet Prayer Area

Our Mini Vinnies will also have an exciting opportunity to become involved in developing a small area within the church grounds. Working alongside the St Vincent de Paul Society, they will help to create a quiet and peaceful space for prayer and reflection.

Once this area has been developed, we will share photographs and information with families so that anyone who wishes to visit can enjoy this special space.



Supporting Our Families

We are also hoping to develop a school uniform area within the church, where families may be able to access items of uniform that they require.

We hope that this will provide practical support for our families and encourage our community to work together in a spirit of kindness, generosity and care for one another.

First Friday Masses

We are delighted that the school will now take part in First Friday Masses at St Michael's Church.

On these occasions, the whole school will walk to the church to celebrate Mass at 9.30am. Pupils will have opportunities to participate in the celebration by reading, taking part in the Offertory Procession and contributing in other ways.

As the whole school will be attending, there will be no capacity for pupils to remain in school during this time. Any pupils who do not wish to actively participate in the Mass will accompany their peers and sit respectfully in the church throughout the service.

The dates agreed so far are:

- **Friday 4th September**
- **Friday 2nd October**
- **Friday 6th November**
- **Friday 4th December**



We would warmly welcome any parents, carers or grandparents who would be willing to accompany us on our walks to and from the church.

Sacraments

As we begin planning for the year ahead, we need to identify the children who will be preparing to celebrate a Sacrament this year. This will allow us to ensure that we have the appropriate resources and materials available for all pupils who will be enrolled.

[Sacraments 2026-2027](#) Please use this link to indicate if your child will be celebrating a Sacrament.

With parental permission, we are also exploring the possibility of displaying photographs of the children preparing for the Sacraments within the church. This would give members of our parish community the opportunity to keep the children in their prayers and leave messages of encouragement and support on a dedicated display board.

Further information about this will be shared with the relevant families, and parental consent will always be sought before any photographs are displayed.

These are just some of the exciting projects and opportunities that we hope to develop throughout the coming year. We are really looking forward to continuing to strengthen the important relationship between faith, family, school and parish.



By working together, we hope to create a strong, welcoming and supportive faith community where our children can live out the Gospel values and our school values of Faith, Kindness, Respect, Resilience and Success.

Kind regards,

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