

Primary 1A Newsletter

Term 1

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St Michael's Primary. I am Miss Prior and I look forward working in partnership with you while your child is in Primary 1. The children are all settling in well and they are keen to work hard and learn lots of new things in Primary 1. Lots of our work will be shared on the class Teams page and St Michael's school website so please keep an eye on these channels.

Shoes

When coming in from outside, the children are encouraged to change from their outdoor shoes into a pair of indoor shoes, preferably black plimsolls. The children will keep these shoes in class, and they can also be worn for gym.

I will send your child's indoor shoes home at the end of each term so that you can check that they still fit correctly and are in good condition. This is important to ensure that the children's footwear remains safe and suitable.

As we encourage the children to become as independent as possible, it is important that they can put on and take off their indoor and outdoor shoes independently. Velcro or elasticated shoes are particularly helpful at this stage, as they allow children to manage their footwear themselves. Laces can be tricky if your child has not yet developed the skills to tie them independently, so we would encourage children to wear shoes without laces where possible.

Names and Lost Property



Please could you ensure that all your child's clothing and any other belongings have their names labelled clearly on the tags or inside the item. Gym days or hot days can be tricky when the children take jumpers etc. off and items of clothing are left in the classroom, or out in the yard. We will try our best to label any items that we notice with a name on them, as this makes it easier to return items to the children.

If your child does bring someone else's clothes home, please return them as quickly as you can to school.

Homework

Homework is issued on a Friday and should be returned to school on the following Thursday. Homework will be posted on our class team. The username and password for this team was emailed to you separately on the 14th August. If you have any problems accessing Teams, please let a member of school staff know.



Your assistance and encouragement of work covered in class is essential to the success of homework activities. The children will receive a variety of homework activities including Language work to consolidate work in class, oral reading, spelling activities and maths.

More information on this will be given at our upcoming Parent's as Partners on Thursday the 1st of October at 2pm. This session will be extremely beneficial in supporting your child.

Sumdog

Sumdog is an online resource which the school are using to continue to develop our mental maths skills and agility. Each child has been given their own username and login which allows them to access the

programme and track their progress this will be put inside the front cover of the homework jotter over the next few weeks.



P.E.

Our class will have indoor P.E on **Tuesday and Thursday**, and outdoor P.E will now take place on **Tuesday** as part of our outdoor learning programme. Please ensure your child brings their full P.E. kit to school on Monday in a separate bag. Kits will be kept on their peg throughout the week and returned home on Friday.

For indoor P.E, children require the school P.E kit: green t-shirt and green shorts, available to order from Logo Express. For outdoor P.E, please include dark joggers or leggings, appropriate outdoor footwear, and a waterproof jacket. This outdoor kit will also be suitable for our regular outdoor learning sessions in the forest area, where wellies are very helpful. It is important that children come dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. Many children become thirsty after P.E, so please ensure they bring their water bottle on these days.

To help avoid mix-ups, please label all items of clothing, including uniform pieces and P.E kit. Children should not wear jewellery on P.E days. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings, please provide plasters so they can be safely covered.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast club starts at 8.15 am where the children are offered cereal, toast and fruit, with a drink of milk or water. Booking in advance is not required.



Snacks

Please ensure that your child brings a snack to school which is **nut-free – this includes all form of Kinder products, and chocolate spread on sandwiches**. We have children in the school with nut allergies and we would appreciate your co-operation in choosing a snack for your child which is mindful of this.

Keeping in Touch

Please know that I am always happy to have a quick chat at the school gates at pick-up time if you have a question or something you would like to let me know about.

If you have a concern that requires a longer conversation or would benefit from some privacy, it may be more appropriate to arrange an appointment. This means that we can give you our full attention and have enough time to properly discuss anything you may be worried about.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are all working together to support your child and want to ensure that you feel comfortable communicating with us.

Can you help?

If you are available to help in any way, perhaps through topics or just being an extra pair of hands for school trips, walking down to church or helping in class, could you please let me know?

We would love if you could volunteer to walk and attend First Friday Mass with us on the following dates;

Friday 4th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 6th November

I look forward to working with you all and helping to give our lovely Primary 1 children the best start to their time here in St Michael's.

Many thanks
Miss Prior.
