

Primary 1B 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 Ms Grogan 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 through both traditional work and play experiences. 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 has been emailed to you separately. If you have any problems accessing Teams, please let a member of school staff aware and we will help.



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.



P.E.

Our gym days are a Tuesday and Friday. We will also have one 30 min slot of P.E. which will take place outdoors on our outdoor learning day. For our time in the hall, a full indoor P.E. kit (shorts and t-shirt) is necessary and an outdoor kit, including joggers, appropriate shoes and a

waterproof jacket will be required for outdoor learning. The children also have the opportunity to take part in some outdoor learning in the forest area on a regular basis. The outdoor P.E kit will be appropriate for this and wellies will also be helpful. It is important that the children come appropriately dressed and prepared for the outdoors during these times. After P.E, some children become thirsty and may need an extra drink. If you could ensure that your child brings their water bottle with them on these days, I would be very grateful.

Again, it is important also to mention that it would be a good idea to label all items of clothing to avoid any confusion i.e. shirt, tie, jumper, shoes etc as well as your child's P.E. kit. Please could you also ensure that your child **does not wear jewellery** on this day. If your child has just had their ears pierced and cannot take out their earrings, please provide plasters for them to cover the earrings.

PE kits should be brought on a Monday and will be returned on a Friday.

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 Grogan.
