

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a brand new year in school. It was so lovely to see everyone again yesterday, share stories of our summer breaks and begin to get ready for the new school year. My highlights of the day were hearing all the pupils singing together again in Collective Worship, looking at them all settling into their classrooms and watching them at play – renewing friendships and making new ones.

We begin this year with exciting opportunities for learning both in school and beyond. All pupils in KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in outdoor learning opportunities during the week commencing 22nd September:

- Innovators – residential trip to Carroty Wood 22nd – 24th September
- Investigators – day trip to Kench Hill 23rd September
- Years 1 and 2 – day trip to Kench Hill 24th September

I will continue to communicate dates for the future to you via the Newsletter and separate communications will be sent out regarding the details.

We welcome two new members of staff onto the team here at St Michael's, Mrs Isted in Explorers and Mrs Whittle in Enquirers (although we know Mrs Whittle well from her support in Investigators last year!). We are excited to have them join our community and look forward to working with them as a team to deliver the very best we can for all pupils in our care.



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PE days are included in each newsletter and we will notify you if there are any changes – although these will be few and far between, if at all. Pupils should come in their PE kit all day on PE days. Please note that PE kit is: their school logo T-shirt in the colour of their house, black shorts or joggers and their school jumper or cardigan. Pupils may wear plimsolls or trainers for PE, I would suggest though that if they have plimsolls, they wear their school shoes for the remainder of the day.

It was lovely to see all pupils turned out beautifully in their school uniform, please ensure that they continue to attend adhering to the uniform policy. Please also ensure they bring a coat / waterproof, especially when the weather is as unpredictable as it is now.

Finally, a few images of pupils in their first couple of days here at school.



And a final thought at the beginning of this new academic year:

“Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can.” —Douglas Pagels

Enjoy the weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday!

Regards

Fay Churchill



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Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time
Innovators Residential	Monday 22 nd to Wednesday 24 th September	All day Mon / Tues / Weds
Kench Hill Outward Bound Day – Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 23 rd September	All day
Kench Hill Outward Bound Day – Investigators	Wednesday 24 th September	All Day
INSET day	Monday 3 rd November	All day
Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime @ Peasmarsch School	Thursday 11 th December	tbc
Carol Service in St Michael's Church, Playden	Friday 19 th December	1.30pm
INSET day	Monday 5 th January	All day



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Open Mornings 2025

Come and visit our vibrant, inclusive environment to learn about how your child could grow and belong in our nurturing church school community.

Pupils enjoy learning at this warm and friendly school. They feel happy and safe. One pupil, reflecting the views of many, said, 'The best thing about the school is that we look after each other.' Ofsted 2025



Staff in early years explain learning clearly and model communication accurately. Children learn important skills of communication that allow them to express their ideas and can apply them accurately. Ofsted 2025

Daily Breakfast Club 8 – 8.45am - Daily After School Clubs to 4.30pm

Tuesday 30th September
Thursday 16th October

Wednesday 12th November
Tuesday 9th December

Thursday 8th January

All visits will begin at 9.30am.

Please contact the school to book your place.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Contact: 01797 280 277 or office@playdenschool.com

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School Uniform

At St. Michael's we take pride in our uniform and expect all children to wear the correct school uniform as follows:

General uniform:

- Burgundy jumper or cardigan (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Grey skirt, pinafore or culottes
- Grey trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Black shoes with appropriate fastening. No trainers, sling-backs or boots.

Summer wear:

- Red gingham dress
- White polo shirt (school badge preferred, but optional) and grey skirt or shorts

PE kit:

- Coloured T-shirt according to the pupil's House assignment. May be blue, green, yellow or red (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Black shorts
- Black joggers
- Black plimsolls or sports trainers

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Investigators	Explorers	Investigators	Explorers	Innovators
Innovators	Enquirers	Investigators	Enquirers	Innovators

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please note that access to After School Extra-Curricular Provision is only available by booking through Arbor.

Activity	Day	Provider	Time	Cost (if applicable)
Youth Club	Monday	School	3.30 – 4.30	£4
Drama Club	Tuesday	School	3.30 – 4.30	N/A
Sports Club	Wednesday	School	3.30-4.30	N/A
Rugby Tots	Thursday	Rugby Tots	3.30-4.30	N/A
Multi-sports	Friday	School	3.30 – 4.30	N/A

Contact emails:

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If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding please speak to:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Fay Churchill
- Vicky Isted



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