

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, the end of term one is here! It seems no time at all since we were welcoming you all back from the summer break. However, the amount of illness and the fatigue the children are feeling tells us it is time for this short break.

The last few weeks have been full of fun and learning once again. You can keep up with this on our [Facebook](#) page, but here are some snippets for you:

Investigators Art



Innovators Art



Mario and Luigi take up residence



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Investigators head to Battle



Investigators Class headed to Battle to visit the abbey and the site of the infamous 1066 battle that changed the course of history on this island. They managed to dodge the weather and visited the visitor centre, walk the battlefield, learn about the abbey built on the site of Harold's last moments and spend time with the education team learning about how the Battle of Hastings came about. They were very knowledgeable about the various members of Harold's family, the reason why there would be no successor to King Edward on his death and the actions of Harald Hadrada. To cap the day off they re-enacted the battle both on the field itself and then under the supervision of the education team. A fabulous day of learning at one of the most important historical sites in the country!



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We will be holding a Ground Force day to concentrate on creating exciting activities for pupils in the EYFS outdoor learning area and on the wider playground. If anyone has time to help out in school on Saturday 15th November, can spare time, bring some tools for sawing, fixing and sanding timber your support would be gratefully received.

If anyone has any timber left over from a project or a pallet lying around that they could donate for us to transform into useful objects for play, these would also be gratefully received.

The PSA event scheduled for Thursday 23rd October was rescheduled due to illness. We will be holding this now on Thursday 6th November. There will also be parents evening taking place that afternoon, I think these two events should complement each other nicely!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Festival collection, Rye Food Bank were very grateful to receive such an amazing array of produce.

It became apparent during the call out to parents yesterday, during the power cut, that we did not have the most up to date details for you all. Can you please go into Arbor and check your details and make any updates.

I held a school council meeting today. One matter that was brought to my attention by a number of pupils was the increasing amount of litter during morning playtime. From now on, all snacks consumed at morning play must be either fruit or vegetable (tomatoes/cucumber/carrot), nothing wrapped will be acceptable as a healthy snack. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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On a final note, I am going to share a thought of the day that I included in the Harvest programme.



I wish you all a wonderful break and rest over the next week and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th November.

Regards

Fay Churchill



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Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time
INSET day	Monday 3 rd November	All day
Parent Consultations	w/c Monday 3 rd November	Tues, Thurs, Fri
Antibullying Week	w/c Monday 10 th November	
Nativity (Explorers and Enquirers)	Wednesday 10 th December	2pm
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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- **Rich opportunities beyond the classroom**
- **Guided by our values of love, honesty, forgiveness & respect**

OPEN DAYS

- Tue 30th September
- Thu 16th October
- Wed 12th November
- Tue 9th December
- Thu 8th January

All visits start at 9.30am
You can also contact us to
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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

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	Investigators	Innovators
Innovators	Explorers & Enquirers	Investigators	Explorers & 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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