

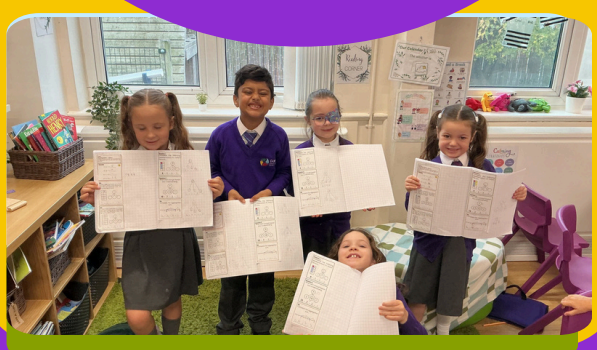
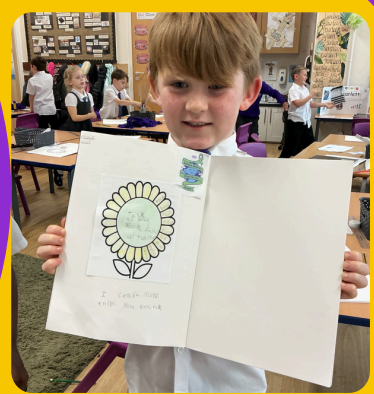
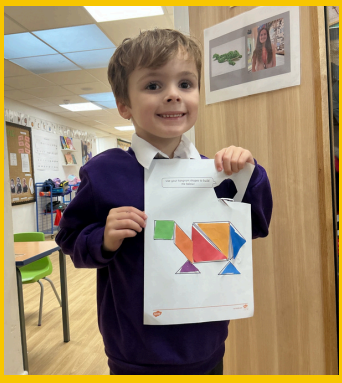
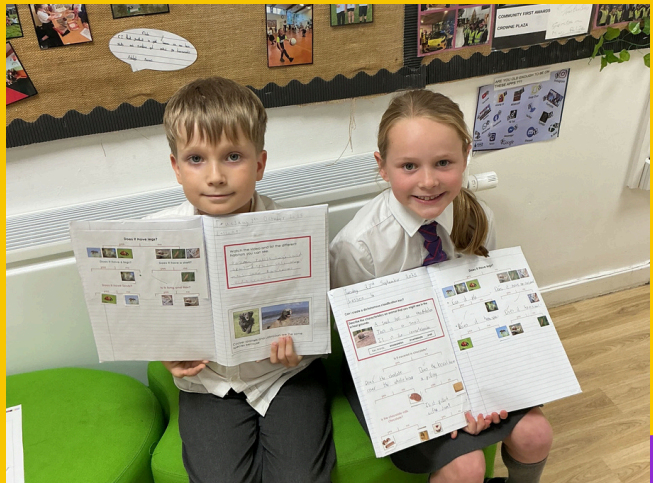


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Autumn 1 Newsletter

Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Each and Every Child

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As we settle into the new school year, we're delighted to share our Autumn 1 Newsletter. A celebration of fresh beginnings, inspiring learning, and the wonderful sense of community that has filled our school this half term. Inside, you'll find highlights from classroom projects and special events. It's been a fantastic start to the year: full of curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm and we're proud to share just a glimpse of all that's been happening. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy reading and reflecting on an amazing first half term together!

**School closes for half term on Friday 24th October 3:15pm.
School reopens on Monday 3rd November at 8:45am (Breakfast Club opens from 7:45am).**



We have had a very busy term...

Rainbow Graduation

It was lovely to see all our children graduate from their Rainbow Graduation!

What a wonderful celebration of their hard work and achievements! 🌈

A big well done to all our children who gave up their own time to learn new skills and show such great commitment to their clubs. We are so proud of your enthusiasm, dedication, and love of learning!



Chess Provision

Year 4 and 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning and developing their chess skills during their weekly chess lessons. Chess is proven to support critical thinking, concentration, and problem-solving. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and strategy each week.



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Football Teams

It has been great to see both our girls' and boys' football teams back in action this half term. What a fantastic start they've made in their league games! The teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm they've shown on the pitch have made us all very proud.



Cross Country

It has been wonderful to see our cross country team back in action this half term, showing amazing perseverance, energy, and team spirit at every event! The children have represented our school brilliantly, giving their very best and cheering each other on every step of the way. We're so proud of their effort and determination.



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iSingPop

Well done to all the children who took part in our iSingPOP concert! It was such a special occasion for our school community and a wonderful celebration of music, joy, and togetherness. The performances truly showcased how far our children have come in their confidence and performing skills. We are so proud of each and every one of them!



Harvest Festival

Well done to our Year 2 class, who led our Harvest Festival Service so beautifully! I am sure you will agree their confidence and enthusiasm made it a truly special celebration.

A big thank you to all our families for your generous donations to our Harvest collection.

All contributions have been given to St Michael's Foodbank, where they will make a real difference to those in need.



Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping us maintain great attendance at school. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and helps keep them connected with their friends and daily routines. We really appreciate your efforts in making sure they are here and ready to learn!

Our whole school attendance to date is 95%. We are just 2% away from reaching our target of 97+%.

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school by 8:45 am to report their absence.

Please can we politely remind families that, due to new government guidelines, we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Please see the process the school follows in such cases on the next page.

Class Attendance this half term.

Pre-Nursery: 95.4%

Nursery: 92.9%

Reception: 96.8%

Year 1: 94.7%

Year 2: 95.5%

Year 3: 95.3%

Year 4: 95.1%

Year 5: 97.6%

Year 6: 91.3%



YEAR 5



YEAR R



YEAR 2

Attendance

Attendance Updates

The Government will be implementing changes concerning unauthorised absences from school from 19th August 2024. Please read below to find out what this will mean.

What do the new rules mean?

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised.

Because your child will miss 5 days of school you will be given a penalty notice.

£160

The fine is £160

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN


£160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

3

FOR A FAMILY OF 2 PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

4

Irregular Attendance

10 in 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, you can receive a fine of £160

1 Day = 2 Sessions

Every Day Counts!





Wrap Around

Just a reminder that we run a daily breakfast club for all children from 7:45 am each morning. Please note that, due to our insurance policy, children are not allowed to enter the school building before 7:45 am.

Our after-school wrap-around care operates every night until 5:45 pm. Sessions must be booked beforehand by contacting the school office.

Further information can be found here: [Club Information](#).



Values

Our Value for next half term is:

Excellence

We will be sharing the Bible story of The Creation which is a great example of the value of excellence in action.



Family Prayer for Excellence

Dear God,

Thank You for the gifts and talents You have placed within each of us.

*Help us to use them with care, effort, and joy,
always doing our best in everything we do.*

*Teach us that excellence isn't about being perfect,
but about giving our hearts fully,
trying again when things are hard,
and encouraging others to do the same.*

*May our words be kind, our actions thoughtful,
and our learning filled with curiosity and pride.*

*Guide us to shine our light brightly,
so that through our efforts, we bring joy and goodness to others.*

Amen.



Reception 2026



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- **Ofsted- outstanding rated Early Years provision**
- **Statutory data outperforming national**
- **Free wrap-around care during the Reception year**
- **Free PE Kit and book bag**



**Call the office to book
onto one of our school
tours.**

Key Dates for Autumn 2 Term

Autumn Term 2	
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Sunday 9th November	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11th November	10:45- Remembrance Service lead by Y6
Tuesday 11th November-Wednesday 12th November	3:30pm-6pm Progress Evening (appointments for parents/carers) ** Parents/ Carers Attend one night
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 19th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Reception Parents
Thursday 20th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Year 1 and 2 Parents
Thursday 20th November	2:30 Year 5 Class Assembly
Saturday 22nd November	10:00-11:30am- all families welcome Messy Maths Early Years Open Morning
Tuesday 2nd December	3:30 Christmas Family Bingo
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:00 - Christmas Fair (finish school at 1:30pm) Wrap Around closed
Sunday 14th December	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Monday 15th December	2:15 - Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 16th December	9am Christingle Service at St Michael's Church
Wednesday 17th December	9:00- Reception Christmas Performance Christmas Lunch 2:30 - Pre Nursery and Nursery Christmas Performances (morning children can join with parents)
Thursday 18th December	9:00 - Carols and Songs in school hall- all families welcome

**School re-opens on
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8:45am (Breakfast club open
from 7:45am)**

