

ST. MICHAEL AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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ParentPay

Please be advised that if ***you do not book*** your child's school meals this will result in the ***vegetarian option*** of the day being booked here at school.



We have been advised by our catering company that due to two poor potato harvests that the delivery of potato supplies could be interrupted which will mean that there may need to be a change in menu. Please find noted below the changes that they have proposed:

Roast dinner days: mash

Jacket potato days: Paninis with fillings as advertised

It is hoped that supplies won't be effected but felt it important to share this information with you.

Daily Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or appointments, please ensure that you report their absence each day **before 9.15am**.

You can leave a message on our 24 hour absent line on **020 8572 9658** or alternatively you can send us an e-mail on: absence@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk.

If you are using the absence line, please ensure that you speak **clearly leaving your name, your child's name, their class and a brief description of why they are absent**. Simply advising us that your child is 'unwell' is not acceptable. Messages are very hard to decipher and on occasions are impossible to understand when there is lots of background noise. Please bear this in mind.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs Duggan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice. I am very aware that during the past six months the personal circumstances of many families may have changed. If you feel that there is something that your child's teacher or I should know, please do make contact and let us know. Parents will often share a concern with me and end by saying, "I'm sorry for wasting your time with this." This is not the case. If there is anything, we want to know as we are here to help.

Diary Dates

10/07 - Yr6 Production - MATINEE PERFORMANCE

11/07 - Yr6 Production - EVENING PERFORMANCE

12/07 - Yr4S Swimming

12/07 - Yr5 into Yr6 Parents Transition Meeting 2.30pm

12/07 - Nursery closes for summer holidays

16/07 - School Open Day & Art Gallery (9.15 - 11.45am & 1.15 - 2.45pm)

18/07 - Yr6 Leavers' Mass

18/07 - Yr6 Leavers' Disco

19/07 - Yr4M Swimming

19/07 - Year 1 Beach Day

22/07 - Meet the teacher

23/07 - School closes for the summer @1:30pm - Mufti-day



Summer Term After School Clubs

All summer term clubs commenced as of Monday 22nd April and will run through until **Friday 19th July 2024**.

Annuals Charge Payment Requests 2023 / 2024

These payment requests have been released to your ParentPay account.

Thank you to those families who have made their full or part, prompt payment for these requests. This is very much appreciated. These monies help us to support your child's learning further by planning focused learning weeks in many different including theatre group visits, workshops, cooking activities etc, all of which cost money. **All** children participate in planned activities and therefore we do ask **all** families to make their contributions in a timely manner.

Please do not get this request confused with our annual governor's payment request.

PAYMENT REQUEST CLOSED - Governors Fund Request 2023 - 2024

Thank you to those families who have now completed their payment of this annual request. This request has now be closed for this academic year.

Our 2024 /2025 payment request will be released in September 2024. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Warm Weather

Please ensure that your child has a **green** sun hat – clearly labelled with their **name and class** and a water bottle each day. It is very important that they remain hydrated and are able to enjoy being outside.

Please remember to apply sun cream before your child arrives at school as we are not permitted to do this.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform maybe worn from this date up until the October half term.

Please use the link below to remind yourselves of the current school uniform requirements:

[School Uniform Requirements](#)

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

If your family financial circumstance have changed in the last year and you feel that you may now be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium Grant, please use the link below to make your application to the London Borough of Hounslow.

[Pupil Premium Grant Link](#)

Easyfundraising

Every time you shop online via easyfundraising at one of the 3,300 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and Booking.com, a donation will be made to the school and it won't cost you an extra penny.

It's really simple to get started.

Go to

:<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelstmartinschool/> or find easyfundraising on the App Store and download the app then search for (the cause) St Michael & St Martin school.

Sign up for free and get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically donated to the school.

There are no catches or hidden charges and we can look forward to using the funds raised for much needed equipment. Several other schools I know have successfully registered as a cause and have raised £1000's. It couldn't be easier! Please sign up today as we need all the help we can get!!

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Registration for the upcoming (2024-25) Sacramental preparation programmes

Registration for the 2024-25 First Holy Communion preparation programme at the parish of St Michael & Martin opened on Monday 17th June 2024. Children in Year 3 and aged 8 (and over) may be registered via the online registration form accessible from the homepage of the parish website (parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow). Registration will remain open until Sunday 28th July 2024, or until all available places are filled, whichever comes first.

The places available for each preparation programme is dependant on the number of volunteer catechists, one DBS-checked adult is needed for every eight children. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as catechists so that we can accept all applicants. Prior experience is not necessary, newcomers are welcome. Please email hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk to volunteer.

Nut Free Reminder

WE ARE A NUT FREE ZONE



May we respectfully remind you that children in the juniors bring either a piece of fruit or some vegetables for morning snack, **no other** form of snack is acceptable. Furthermore, no food containing nuts should be in children's lunchboxes. No sweets, chocolate or crisps should be included in any lunchbox. This includes snacks for any after school clubs.

To help to spread this Healthy Eating message further, we **discourage** you, as parents/carers, from sending sweets into school when it is your child's birthday. We do believe it is important to celebrate children's birthdays, instead we suggest that you donate a book for the class library or a wet play game. The book/game will have a label put into it acknowledging that it was donated on the occasion of your child's birthday if you wish. Please **do not** ask Class Teachers to hand out any party bags / sweets.

Water Bottles

Please **do not** send hot water into school in your child's water bottle *especially* if they are using the metal chilli type bottles. Water can remain hot in these bottles for a considerable length of time and could cause harm to your child.

Change of Address / Contact Details

Any changes to your home address, email or contact telephone numbers must be sent in to the school in **writing** to help prevent any errors when editing your child's electronic school records. Please email any changes to: office@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk

School Open Morning, Afternoon and Art Gallery

We look forward to welcoming you into the school for this event on Tuesday 16th July 2024. Please use the links below to view full details, which has previously been sent out: [Reception to Year 6 Open Morning and Afternoon 2024](#) [Art Gallery 2024](#)

SANCO - School Uniform Supplier

We have been asked to distribute the following message from SANCO:

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below details of how to obtain school uniform & PE kit for your child, both online and by visiting Sanco (our partner supplier, in Hounslow).

Purchasing Online

You can order from the Sanco website 24/7. To do so, please click on the following link, which will take you directly to the **St Michael & St Martin** webpage on their website.

<https://www.sanco.co.uk/school/31/>

Visiting Sanco

Alternatively, if you wish to visit the store you **must** make an appointment first. To do this please click on the link below and you will be able to book a fitting appointment: -

<http://www.sanco.co.uk/page/book-appointment/>

Please note appointments are for 20 minutes. Sanco's booking policy is on their website which gives you all the details you need to visit Sanco safely and seamlessly. Parents/Carers with appointments will be allowed into the store at your scheduled time. Anyone without an appointment will be asked to queue and Sanco will only be able to serve them in between parents/carers who have appointments.

Making Early Arrangements

It is very important to organize uniform **early**.

You are strongly urged to arrange uniform in **June or July**, and by **31 July** at the latest. If left till August, you may have to queue, or the items or sizes required may not be immediately available in case stock runs out.

Exchange & Refund Policy

To ease concerns over buying early and children having a 'growth spurt', Sanco have maintained an exchange policy of 90 days (refunds 30 days)

PASSPORT / NATIONALISATION PAPERWORK - Important Notice for all families

Please note that the school **no longer** complete signing for the above mentioned paperwork. This is due to the high volume of requests received. More often than not the Passport Office require further confirmation either via telephone calls or e-mails once applications have been received – these additional checks not only take up further valuable time, which staff do not have but can also require staff to share additional personal information.

Class Attendance of the Week: 20/06 – 03/07/24

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	1G – St Nicholas	98.83%
	RM – St Teresa	98.50%
	2M – St Beatrice	97.90%
	2C – St Abigail	97.50%
	3E – St Ann	97.33%
	5A – St Jude	
	RB – St David	96.67%
	10 – St Gabriel	96.17%
Below school attendance threshold	4S – St Paul	95.33%
	PM Nursery	95.20%
	4M – St Patrick	95.17%
	5g – St Louise	94.83%
	3M – St John	94.17%
	6C – St Gerard	92.07%
	AM Nursery	91.15%
	6L – St Faustina	91.38%

Please remember that the threshold for our school attendance is **96%** and it is important that we all work together to reach and even surpass this percentage.

Piano Lessons

Linda Menezes, a past parent, is offering piano lessons to children of all ages and abilities. Please contact 07857503037 for more information. Thank you.



Reflection - Prayer to St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Saint Elizabeth,

whom I have chosen as my special patron,
pray for me that I, too,
may one day glorify the Blessed Trinity in heaven.
Obtain for me your lively faith,
that I may consider all persons, things, and events in
the light of almighty God.
Pray, that I may be generous in making sacrifices
of temporal things to promote my eternal interests,
as you so wisely did.
By your powerful intercession,
help me in the performance of my duties to God,
myself and all the world.

Amen.



Y6 School Journey

PGL Residential Trip

June '24

After weeks of bubbling excitement, our Year 6 pupils embarked on their much-anticipated trip to PGL Osmington Bay, and it truly lived up to every expectation. The beautiful setting, with its stunning sea views and direct access to the pebble beach, provided a perfect backdrop for an unforgettable weekend.

Our pupils demonstrated tremendous attitude and were true ambassadors for their families and our school. They conquered their fears and showed remarkable courage on the climbing wall and zip wire. Their precision and skill shone through during rifle shooting and archery, while their teamwork skills were on full display during the giant swing and water balloon splash. And, of course, they busted some impressive moves at the disco!

Precious memories were made, marking a fitting end to their time at St Michael and St Martin. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children and the way they represented our school community.

Year 6 Team



"I was really nervous about trying rifle shooting for the first time, but as soon as I held the rifle and took my first shot, I felt so proud and excited. It was amazing to hit the target and realise I could do something I never thought I would try!"

Althea 6C

“When I first picked up the fencing sword, I felt a mix of excitement and nerves. But once we started sparring, I couldn't stop smiling. It felt like being in a real-life adventure movie, and I learned so much about focus and strategy!”

Shamaa 6C



“Climbing the wall looked so high and scary at first, but once I started, I just kept going up. Reaching the top made me feel like I could do anything. Abseiling my way back down was super fun!”

Jacob 6L



“My favourite activities were wall climbing and Jacob's Ladder - heights don't scare me!”

Georgia 6C

“The disco was so much fun! Everyone was dancing and laughing together, and it felt like a big celebration. Dancing the macarena was definitely a highlight!”

Shonelle 6L