

ST. MICHAEL AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Diary Dates

01/12 – Advent Sunday
02/12 – EYFS Purple Mufti Day
02/12 – 4M trip to Boston Manor
03/12 – KS2 Reconciliation
04/12 – 4F trip to Boston Manor
6/12 – 50 FINAL swimming
09/12 – Whole School Food Bank Collection Day
10/12 - Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am
11/12 - Year 1 Nativity @ 9.30am
12/12 - Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
12/12 – Christmas Food Parcel Collection Day
13/12 - Nursery Nativity AM @9:30am and PM @ 1.15pm
13/12 - 4M FIRST Swimming
14/12 - Choir attend Diocese of Westminster Carol Service
17/12 - KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
18/12 - Reception - Yr6 Christmas Lunch
18/12 - Whole School Christmas Jumper / Nativity Mufti Day
19/12 - Nursery Closes for Christmas Holidays - Mufti Day
20/12 - Mufti Day - School Finishes @ 1.30pm
06/01 - Spring Term 1 Commences
10/01 – 4S FIRST Swimming



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.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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](#)

Parents Maths Workshops

Thank you for your attendance at these workshops, as mentioned it is vital that we work together as staff and parents to help support our children. The presentation will be available on the school website for your reference.

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

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Purple Mufti Day 2024

This will take place on **Monday 2nd December 2024**. Please use the link below to read full details:

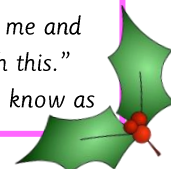
[EYFS \(Nursery & Reception\) Purple Mufti Day 2024](#)

ParentPay



We continue to ask that you confirm that your child will be having a school meal via your ParentPay account and clicking on **'book a meal'** – do not forget to scroll to the bottom of the page to **'confirm bookings'**. Please remember that no payment is required for meals at this time. **If you receive a note from the office stating that meals are not being booked, please do not ignore this. If you are having difficulties please visit us to enable us to try and resolve your issues!** We have made some small changes to the menu for the next half term.

[UPDATED Autumn Term Menu 2024](#)





Annuals Charge Payment Requests 2024 / 2025

A HUGE 'Thank You' to those families who have already made their full or part payment for the relevant request. Your speedy, on-going support is much appreciated.

If you have not received your copy of these requests please use the relevant link below to view these letters which explain the breakdown of how these monies are used and how monies can be paid over the academic year:

[Nursery Annual Knowledge & Understanding and Mufti Day Request 2024 - 2025](#)

[Reception Annual Knowledge & Understanding, Themed Weeks & Mufti Days 2024/25](#)

[KS1 & 2 Annual Themed Weeks & Mufti Days Request 2024 - 2025](#)

These monies help us to support your child's learning and enable us to offer focused learning weeks with the opportunity to take part in many different activities such as theatre group visits, workshops, cooking and many other activities, **all of which cost money**. Sadly, with continued education budget cuts, as a school we cannot afford to absorb the costs of these visits without your support.

All children participate in planned activities and therefore we do ask **all** families to make their contributions in a timely manner.

Reception Applications

We continue to welcome applications for Reception 2025 / 2026. Our Supplementary Information Form (SIF) 2025 – 2026 can be downloaded from our website (Key Information – Admissions) details of supporting information is included on the SIF.

There is also a link on this page to access the London Borough of Hounslow e-admissions which must also be completed. Please remember that if you are applying to any other Catholic Primary Schools you **must** ensure that you fill in the necessary Supplementary Information Forms for each of your chosen schools.

You must also ensure that you make the necessary arrangements to meet with your Parish Priest to complete the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for each of the Catholic school which you are applying to. For your information we require an *original* CCP be attached to your application. **Remember to check when the deadline is to your supplementary information forms and evidence to each school.**

The deadline for these applications is Monday 15th January 2025 @ 4pm

After School Clubs

Our Autumn term clubs are well under way. They will continue **until Thursday 19th December 2024**.

[Autumn Term After School Clubs 2024](#)

Advents Events in School

As we move into Advent there are many activities planned here at school including EYFS and KS1 Nativities, KS2 Carol Service, Whole School Food Bank Collection etc.

Details of all events were given in Mrs Duggan's letter dated 21st November 2024. Please use the link below to refresh yourselves of these:

[Whole School Christmas Letter 2024](#)

Whole Christmas Food Bank Collection

This will take place on Monday 9th December 2024.

Please use the link below to read full details:

[Whole School Christmas Food Bank Collection 2024](#)

Any donation no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated.

School Coats

With winter approaching and the weather being very changeable at this time, you are kindly asked to ensure that your child has their school coat with them every day.

Please ensure that their name is clearly visible

Annual Poppy Appeal

As a school we raised **£297.73** this year.

The Royal British Legion have sent their thanks to everyone who supported this cause.

School Instagram

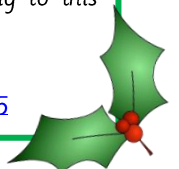
We are delighted to confirm that we have joined Instagram - please click on this link to follow us and see the great things we do at school: [St Michael and St Martin Instagram](#)

Yr6 Kingswood Residential Trip – June 2025

Numbers have now been confirmed for this trip and a payment request has been released for the balance of this trip. All monies for this trip must be received by the **28th March 2025**. If you have any financial concerns relating to this please speak to the office.

Please refer to our recent letter for full details:

[Yr6 Kingswood Residential Trip June 2025](#)





Request for Term Time Leave

For your information **no** term time leave is authorised irrespective of your personal circumstances. We do appreciate that many of our school community – including staff and governors have family living in other countries.

Any request for term time leave **must** be placed in writing to Mrs Duggan, Headteacher either by letter or email. As stated these will not be authorised, however **without prior written communication** from you children can and will be marked as 'missing in education'.

Please also note that extended term time leave *could* result in your child's absence being reported to the Schools Attendance Support Service (SASS) where further actions may follow.

Easy Fundraising

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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Class Attendance of the Week: 15/11 – 28/11/2024

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	1C – St Gabriel	97.50%
	5G – St Jude	96.77%
	4S- St Paul	
	6L – St Faustina	96.03%
Below school attendance threshold	3E – St Ann	95.81%
	3M – St John	95.48%
	1G – St Nicholas	95.33%
	4M – St Patrick	95.16%
	2P - St Abigail	94.84%
	6S – St Gerard	94.67%
	5O – St Louise	93.55%
	2M – St Beatrice	92.90%
	AM Nursery	89.23%
	PM Nursery	88.33%
	RM – St Teresa	84%
	RM – St David	81.13%

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.

Reflection- A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Father,

Let your hope arise in our hearts!

Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation!

Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation.

Amen.





Rocksteady Assembly

On Wednesday, the children who were participating in the Rocksteady sessions performed their pieces in front of the school and their families. Over the last seven weeks the children practised in a band to play the beats to different songs; we had guitarists, drummers, singers and even children playing the keyboard. The children displayed their outstanding talents.

