St Michael's Weekly Post

10th October 2025

What an amazing kapla workshop we had in school this week! It was really wonderful to see each class fully immerse themselves in the hall and work together as a team. Jennifer was so patient teaching each class how to make the intricate structures using the blocks and the finished creation was absolutely incredible! A big thank you to all of our volunteers who came to help.

Elder class had a brilliant sunny trip to Savernake Forest this week as part of their geography fieldwork. They made good use of their compasses and maps and conducted surveys to people passing by about why they used the forest and how often they go. They then set off for a long walk around the forest, stopping for a well deserved rest and lunch break!

Join our School Council (children)

Do you have brilliant ideas? Do you want to make our school an even better place to learn and have fun? Then the **School Council** needs YOU!

As a School Councillor, you can:

- Share your ideas to make our school more **eco-friendly** and help us care for our planet.
-Design a **Worry Box** to help everyone feel happy and supported.
-Be the **voice of the pupils** – speak up for your classmates and make a difference!
- Work with people in our **village** to build strong community links.

You'll help plan, create, and lead real changes in our school. It's fun, exciting, and a great way to make new friends and show your leadership skills. Elections will take place next week, so the children are invited to create a presentation, speech or a poster to present why you should represent the school council for your class!

Teachers Leaving Collections

It is with heavy hearts that we approach the leaving dates for Mrs Maslin and Mrs Budd – both of whom have worked at St Michael's for almost 20 years! We are arranging parent collections for them, if you would like to contribute to either please do:

Mrs Maslin: https://pay.collctiv.com/linda-maslin-parent-donation-7663
Mrs Budd: https://pay.collctiv.com/karen-budd-parent-donation-40751

St Michael's Open Day

We will be holding an open day for any prospective new parents with children starting school on Friday 7th November. If you know anyone who might be interested in looking at our lovely school, please share the details and the following link to RSVP.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service will be taking place on the last day of term, Wednesday 22nd October at **9.15am** in the church. All parents/carers and siblings are welcome. As per last year, we will be collecting produce for the Swindon Food Collective. The Food Collective website gives more details of the basic staples that are most urgently needed and there is also an app that flags their precise needs at any given time should you need some direction on what to donate. Please bring your donations on the day.

Welly Walk

On Wednesday 22nd October the children will be taking part in our annual Welly Walk around the school grounds for an afternoon, raising money for our school. It's a fun event, with the whole school walking in their wellies (that children should all have in school or something suitable)... whatever the weather! After the walk the PTA will greet the children with a warming hot chocolate. Children will finish school at the usual time. Please see letter attached for more information on how to fundraise, including via the following Just Giving link.

Picture News

Story: This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN). Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving problems.

Question: What makes a good peacekeeper?

Virtual Picture News: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Message from the PTA:

Last chance to buy tickets for the Safari Supper on Saturday night! There are a few spots left so please do join if you can to help raise money for our school: https://www.stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk/our-school/who-we-are/pta/

Message from St Michael's Church:

Noah's Ark Pet Service

Join us with your furry, feathered or scaly best friends to thank God for the blessing of their love at 11am on Sunday 12th October on the Green.

Message from the Aldbourne Nursing Home:

We would like to invite all St Michael's children to visit the Nursing home for Trick or Treat on Friday 31st October between 4 and 5pm.

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Message from The Crown, Aldbourne:
Join us for a Halloween party from 3.30-5pm on Friday 31st December. Spooky games, dressing up competition and treats!

September 2025 Term 1
Please note the 2025/2026 term dates can be found here.

Tuesday 14th October	Football Festival, Pewsey Vale	Selected Rowan and Oak
Thursday 16th October	River Lambourn Trip	Oak
Friday 17th October	PTA Safari Supper (ticketed event)	Whole School Community
Wednesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival Service, St Michael's Church, **9.15am**	Whole School Community
	Sponsored 'Welly Walk' pm	Whole School
	Last day of term	Whole School
Thursday 23rd October – Sunday 1st November	**Half term holiday**	**Whole School**

Term 2

Monday 3rd November	**First day of term**	Whole School
Thursday 13th November	Individual and Sibling photos	Whole School
Friday 14th November	Weekly Celebration Assembly commences	Whole School Community
Monday 17th November	**TD Day – Children not in school**	Whole School
Monday 24th-Wednesday 26th November	Parents Evenings (more info to come)	Whole School Community
Friday 28th November	Christingle Service in St Michael's Church, 2.30pm	Whole School Community
Saturday 6th December	PTA Santa Dash	Whole School Community
Tuesday 16th December	Nativity (2pm and 5.30pm)	Whole School Community
Wednesday 17th December	Panto, Newbury Corn Exchange	Whole School
Friday 19th December	Last day of term Parent Workshop in school (more info to come)	Whole School

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