St Michael's Weekly Post

19th September 2025

It was Rowan's turn this week to head off on another amazing residential. On Wednesday they arrived at Braeside Education Centre for two nights. Their trip has been jammed packed – including a morning canoeing and also trying out the 'leap of faith' being suspended high in the air! They have also tried their hands at climbing walls and blindfolded nightline courses. The children have all shown real perseverance and determination when tackling the different activities and most of all, they have had so much fun. We can't wait to hear all about it upon their return.

School meal taster day – Thursday 2nd October

We will be holding a school meal taster day for Acorn, Hazel and Birch Classes on Thursday 2nd October. This will be a great opportunity for all children to try a school lunch, if they don't usually. Children would be welcome to bring their own packed lunch with them if they don't think they will enjoy the lunch. We are really fortunate that we have amazing kitchen staff and various meal options, including baked potatoes and sandwiches, along with the main hot meal each day. Our school menu can be viewed on our website. We will book all children who haven't already ordered through Lataca a main meal. You can of course opt out by emailing admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk.

Sponsored Welly Walk – Wednesday 22nd October

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. More information on how to fundraise to follow.

St Michael's Forest School Stay and Play – Friday 17th October

Do you know any children who might be due to start school in September 2026? We are hosting a Forest School stay and play session on Friday 17th October from 9.30am-11am. Please see the link to RSVP and please pass on to anyone that might be interested!

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Buddy Service – Friday 26th September, 1.45pm

Acorn and Oak parents are invited to join us at St Michael's Church for our annual "Buddy Service" on Friday 26th September at 1.45pm, followed by tea and coffee in the school hall. We're so proud of our buddy system we offer at St Michael's and this is a great opportunity to welcome new families and chat over coffee and cake. Younger siblings are most welcome – we will have a corner of toys for them!

Picture News:

Story: Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, it's encouraging people to have a go at some unclaimed records!

Question: Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?

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

St Michael's Snack-tember Challenge

As a school, we are be participating in "Snack-tember".

With only three ingredients these healthy banana brownies can be made in 30mins for a quick and healthy snack or pudding!

https://www.theconsciousplantkitchen.com/healthy-banana-brownies/

Message from the PTA/ Aldbourne Carbon Neutral: Apple Donations Wanted for School Apple Juice 🍏

We will be collecting apples this weekend and next week. All varieties of apples welcome but please don't bring any with rot, mould or mud – a slight bruise or blemish is absolutely fine.

👉 Rule of thumb: "If you'd eat it, we'll press it."

Where to drop off your apples: **Aldbourne Community Garden** – please leave them on the picnic table before **Saturday 20th September** Or outside **4, The Downs, Aldbourne**, between **Saturday 20th and 23rd September.**

PTA AGM – Tuesday 7th October

The PTA's Annual General Meeting is on **Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out more about how you can support the PTA in small or large ways. We're looking for new committee members and trustees, so if you would like to join and support the school fundraising, then we'd love to have you. Please let us know in advance by email aldbournepta@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there.

Safari Supper – Friday 17th October

Join us for Aldbourne's popular Safari Supper on **Friday 17th October**. It's an easy low-pressure way to meet new people or catch up with familiar faces - whether you're new to the village/school or have lived here for years. It works best if most people host, but it really doesn't need to be anything fancy; just a simple meal and a warm welcome. If you don't live in the village, you can still join or host. Please email with any questions: admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk. Book now to be part of this much loved community event in support of our wonderful St Michael's

School. £15 per person to host, £25 per person if not hosting. Tickets can be bought at Aldbourne Post Office or via the following link.

Message from Aldbourne Girl Guides

It was an absolute pleasure to have four of your pupils with us on Sunday celebrating their Gold awards - highest award for any section Rainbows through to Rangers. Sophia, Thalia, Harriet and Rosa achieved them at Rainbow level and have now moved onto Brownies and Evie achieved hers as a Brownie and has now moved onto Guides. Well done all! If anyone is interested in joining any of the sections - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides please contact: Wendybeattie995@gmail.com or www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus.

Message from St Michael's Church Aldbourne:
Discovery Day – Saturday 4th October

As well as our Church being a ship to carry us through the journeys - sometimes stormy - of life, Aldbourne has a surprising number of maritime connections: come and discover these at Discovery Day on Saturday 4th October, through displays and trails. Lots of things to see and do at Discovery Day - we're looking forward to helping you to navigate them.

September 2025 Term 1

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

Tuesday 23rd September	Weekly Forest School starts	Acorn
Wednesday 24th September	Brass Ensemble (Wednesdays from now on)	Brass Ensemble
Friday 26th September	Marlborough LitFest Talk	Rowan and Oak
Friday 26th September	Buddy Service, followed by tea and coffee, 1.45pm	Acorn and Oak families
Thursday 2nd October	School meal taster day	Acorn, Hazel, Birch
Tuesday 7th October	PTA AGM – School Hall, 7.30pm	Whole School Community
Friday 17th October	PTA Safari Supper (ticketed event)	Whole School Community
Wednesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival Service, St Michael's Church, 9.30am	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**

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