St Michael's Weekly Post

5th September 2025

Welcome back to you all and a huge welcome to our new starters for this academic year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It has been really wonderful to see the corridors full of life again and well done to everyone for settling in so well to their new classrooms, ready for the year ahead. A particular congratulations to our new Reception Class for finishing their first week in school, a big step and we are so proud of them all!

Oak Class will head off on their residential next week to Plas Pencelli in Wales. They are due to partake in lots of amazing activities including canoeing, caving, gorge walks and much more! We are really looking forward to hearing how they all get on, please keep an eye on the website for updates.

Music Lessons

All music lessons will commence next week. The first brass ensemble will take place on **Tuesday** 16th and then return to **Wednesdays** from the 24th. Year 3 cornet lessons will commence w/c 15th.

After School Clubs – September

Please see below our after school clubs happening this term. Please email/sign up via the links or emails to secure your child's place.

Monday – KS2 Art – Helen Cooper, booking link: https://the-studio-ramsbury.classforkids.io **(starting w/c 8th)**
Monday – Years 1-3 Football – Link (starting w/c 15th)
Tuesday – KS1 Art – Helen Cooper, booking link: https://the-studio-ramsbury.classforkids.io **(starting w/c 8th)**
Tuesday – Years 2-6 Dance – Kelly Sutton smart.ksutton@gmail.com (starting w/c 8th)
Tuesday – Years 4-6 Sports Club – Sophie Fynn sophiefynn12@gmail.com (TBC start date)
Wednesday – Years 2-6 Performing Arts – Yasmin Yazdi im_yasmin@hotmail.co.uk (starting w/c 16th)
Thursday – KS2 Swindon Town Football – Link (starting w/c 8th)
Friday – Years 1-6 Karate – Matt Ward info@ukkaratefederation.co.uk (starting w/c 8th)
Friday – Ultimate Band (Years 1-6) – ultimatetuitionuk@gmail.com (starting w/c 8th)

Willows

A reminder that we have a new booking system for Willows which we hope you have all received instructions for. Any cancellations/bookings for the **same day** are to please be **made via the office**.

A reminder not to book your children in when they are on their residential trips! Thank you. Any queries please contact: willows@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk

Explorer and Adventurer Clubs:
Explorer and Adventurer clubs are back! These will start on Tuesday 12th September. These clubs are run in school and are really well loved so please encourage any children interested to join!
Explorers: Tuesdays (Years 2 and 3)
Adventurers: Fridays (Years 4-6)

Buddy Service
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!

St Michael's Snack-tember Challenge
As a school, we are be participating in "Snack-tember". The aim of this initiative is to improve children and young people's knowledge, skills, confidence and motivation to make and choose healthier and more sustainable snack choices.

Throughout September 2025, we will be helping children and young people to:

- **Explore** better snacking
- **Try** new snacks
- **Make** their own healthy snacks

Children are invited to submit posters on this initiative! The winning entry will be displayed around school. Drop your entries into the office.

We will be also be including a 'healthy snack' recipe for September in the post to give you ideas, do send any of your own favourites to admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk for inclusion. This week's recipe is banana and raspberry biscuits, using oats and ground almonds, for a healthy twist: https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/raspberry-almond-oat-breakfast-cookies

Treasurer wanted for school PTA:
If you have a desire to help the school but are only able to give a small amount of time, then the role of Treasurer of the school PTA could be for you. No prior experience is necessary and training and tooling will be provided. You will not be required to take sole responsibility until you are fully competent in the role. The submission of the formal accounts to HMRC is kindly done for us by our accountant, so the role itself involves:
- Managing the cash for each PTA event (distributing cash floats, collecting cash taken, counting and holding the cash, documenting, and depositing when required into the PTA bank account).
- updating and keeping track of the PTA account cash in and out (excel spreadsheet)
- liaison with PTA chair and School Bursar
- providing updates and an end of year summary to the PTA meeting.
- Authorising payments from the PTA online bank account.

Computer literacy / ability to use online banking is required, as are infrequent visits to local Lloyds branch. The role can be carried out effectively in as little as a couple of hours a month. If you are interested, please contact the current Treasurer, Jodie Miles for a no obligation chat.

Message from The Aldbourne Children's Book Group:
We would be delighted for you to join us for a garden party to celebrate Roald Dahl Day on Saturday 13th September at 2pm. We hope to see you there!

Message from St Michael's Church Aldbourne:
The annual Discovery Day will take place on Saturday 4th October. This year the theme is…boats!

We're organising two morning activity sessions in the summer holidays – Mondays 11th and 18th August, 9.30am until 12 noon- for families who'd like to help decorate a boat that will feature in this year's Discovery Day – our "Boat of Blessings".

This activity is free of charge, but it would be helpful to know in advance who is interested in coming so that we can organise things accordingly. People can contact us using the email address on the poster: discoveryday.sma@gmail.com.

September 2025 Term 1
Please note the 2025/2026 term dates can be found here. The final TD day has been set for Monday 17th November. Thank you.

Monday 8th – Friday 12th September	Plas Pencelli Residential	Oak
Monday 8th September	Art after school club starts	KS2
Tuesday 9th September	Art after school club starts	KS1
Tuesday 9th September	Dance after school club starts	Years 2-6
Thursday 11th September	Swindon Town FC after school club starts	Years 3-6
Friday 12th September	Karate after school club starts	Years 1-6
Friday 12th September	Ultimate band after school club starts	Years 1-6
Monday 15th September	FACE football after school club starts	Years 1-3
Tuesday 16th September	Brass Ensemble (Tuesday this week only)	Brass Ensemble
Wednesday 17th September	Performing Arts after school club starts	Years 2-6
Wednesday 17th-Friday 19th September	Braeside Residential	Rowan
Wednesday 24th September	Brass Ensemble (Wednesdays from now on)	Brass Ensemble
Friday 26th September	Buddy Service, followed by tea and coffee, 1.45pm	Acorn and Oak
Wednesday 22nd October	Last day of term	Whole School
Thursday 23rd October – Sunday 1st November	**Half term holiday**	**Whole School**

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