**St Michael's Weekly Post**

7th November 2025

We hope everyone had a lovely half term break. It has been a happy week back in school for the children.

A group from Rowan Class had a brilliant time at Marlborough College this week, taking part in a netball festival against several other local schools. We are so proud of them for their teamwork and as ever, great sportsmanship!

Hazel Class received an interesting talk and walk around the village from the Aldbourne Heritage Group on Thursday. They learnt all about the Great Fire of Aldbourne and how it affected our village. A great day putting history in to action – thank you to the Aldbourne Heritage Group for giving up their time and incredible knowledge.

**Welly Walk – Thank you!**
What an amazing Welly Walk we had this year, the sun shone and the children all did an amazing job stomping around the field completing their laps! Hot chocolate, biscuits and a film awaited them and it was the perfect way to end the term. A huge thank you to everyone who raised £2,650 for this brilliant event.

**Odd Socks Day – Wednesday 12th November**
The school council have requested for the children to wear odd socks to school next Wednesday please, in recognition of anti-bullying week. We would like everybody to wear odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different. We can't wait to see what socks everybody wears!

**Children in Need – Friday 14th November**
To support Children in Need next Friday, 14th November, children are invited to attend school in non-uniform (spots, if you wish!) in exchange for a donation to the charity. Donations can be made in cash brought into school or via ParentPay.

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**Individual School Photographs – Thursday 13th November**

Colourbox Photography will be in school on Thursday 13th November to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like your child/children to have a sibling photograph with a younger family member, who is not in school, please come to the main school entrance for an 8.45am photograph.

**Celebration Assembly – Friday 14th November**

Our weekly 'Celebration Assembly' will commence next Friday, 14th November. For those parents new to the school this is an opportunity for all parents to join assembly and celebrate the children's successes. Please head to the hall after drop off.

**Flu Vaccination**

As a reminder, please complete the online permission form to give consent or decline the **nasal flu vaccine** on the following link ahead of the vaccinations in school on Tuesday 18th November. **Please use the school code: WT126392.** If the form is not completed by 14th November, your child will not receive the vaccine in school.

**Message from Parents - Smartphone Free Childhood:**

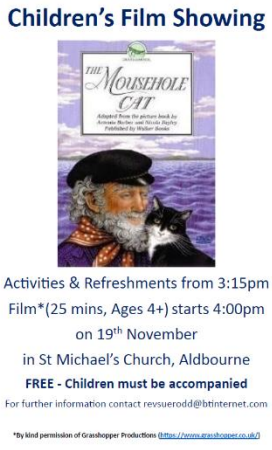
There will be a brief meeting held after the first Celebration Assembly (next week) to talk about practical solutions in the hope to delay smartphones and social media access to our children for as long as possible. All parents and families are welcome to join to find out how we can work together on this important topic. There is also an interesting online talk from the PAPAYA team exploring the importance of play in childhood development and wellbeing, and the impact that screens are having on children which could be of interest to many. It takes place on Tuesday 25th November – please see the link here.

**Thank you from the PTA:**

The Safari Supper raised a whopping £945! Huge, huge thanks to the hosts who cooked and everyone else who took part. It was a fun night and all the better knowing we made so much (possibly the biggest year ever!) for the school. Let's see if we can keep beating this total next year!

**Message from The Parish of Whitton:**

Join us for 'Seedlings' on the 3rd Sunday each month, 9.30–10.30am. It is for children aged 0-11 and includes stories, songs, crafts and activities. The next session will be Sunday 16th November called "Remember the rainbow" where we will be thinking about the story of Noah and making lots of animals. *Bringing families together in the Whitton Team*. For more info, see https://whittonteam.org.uk/?page_id=227 or email revsuerodd@btinternet.com




**The Mousehole Cat**

Come along to St Michael's Church in Aldbourne for activities, refreshments and a viewing of the Mousehole Cat film from 3.15pm on 19th November.

**FREE - Children must be accompanied**. For further information contact revsuerodd@btinternet.com

**Harvest Festival Thank You**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the school's harvest collection, as part of A-Ha! (the Aldbourne Harvest Appeal). In total, over £1,000 and over 150Kg of food were donated to the Swindon Food Collective following the Community Service on the 26th October – including just over £130 and five crates of food from the school families! Please also note that the clergy here can act as a recommending agency to the Food Collective for local families in need.

**Term 2**

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| Wednesday 12th November | Odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week | Whole School |
| Thursday 13th November | Individual and Sibling photos | Whole School |
| Friday 14th November | Weekly Celebration Assembly commences (8.45am, all parents welcome) | Whole School Community |
| | Non-uniform for Children in Need | Whole School |
| **Monday 17th November** | **TD Day – Children not in school** | **Whole School** |
| Tuesday 18th November | Nasal Flu Immunisations | Whole School (Opt in or out) |
| Monday 24th-Wednesday 26th November | Parents Evenings – More detail to follow | Whole School Community |
| Wednesday 26th November | Hampton Court Palace Trip | Rowan |
| 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<br>Parent Workshop in school (more info to come) | Whole School |

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