

St Michael's Weekly Post

Friday 12th December 2025

The school has been full of singing and rehearsals ahead of next week's nativity and the children are all very excited to perform to everyone on Tuesday!

Birch Class had a brilliant trip to a cricket festival held at the Marlborough Leisure Centre on Monday. The children were guided through some expert coaching and had the opportunity to develop skills in catching, fielding, bowling and batting. A huge thank you to Wiltshire Cricket for inviting us along.

Thank you so much to the amazing PTA who hosted another successful Elfridges event today. Once again, the children were so excited to pick their presents for different family members and we're sure you're all in for a treat come Christmas day!



New after school club - French language and culture games and activities for Years 5 and 6

We're delighted to announce a new after school French club which will take place on Wednesdays starting on January 14th. The cost will be £12 per term. It will be a chance to brush up on your French language as well as taking part in cultural games and activities. The club is being run by our lovely volunteer Jenny Greaves and will be initially available for Years 5 and 6. Please email admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk to book your child in.



Nativity – Tuesday 16th December, St Michael's Church

May we please remind you that you are welcome to take photos of your children but please **do not** post pictures with other children in on social media or send them on without their parent's permission.

Please see below some key information for the day:

Afternoon - please pick up your child from the playground as normal at **3.15pm**.

Evening - please can KS1 children be back at **4.50pm** to get ready for the evening and KS2 back at **5.10pm**.

After the performance - KS1 - please go through the preschool gates to go down to your child's classroom. We will try to light the way but please bring a torch with you!

KS2 - please gather outside the main entrance and teachers will dismiss the children from the hall.

If you have children in both groups, please collect KS2 children first whilst KS1 children get changed!

Parking

A polite reminder to please park your cars in the centre of the village at drop off and pick up, rather than on St Michael's Close or Back Lane. We need to ensure an emergency vehicle could have easy access to both school entrances and no cars are blocking their way. Could we also kindly ask for anyone dropping children early into school to please adhere to the same rules and do not block the entrance into school for our staff. Many thanks for your co-operation on this.



Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18th December

The children will be having a whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December. We hope you have booked your children in via Lataca if they wish to have a hot meal. Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes with a touch of Christmas (if they wish!). Please could you bring in any newspaper you might have for the hat creations in the morning.

Parent Workshop – Friday 19th December

As a reminder, in addition to the information below, we wanted to let you know that your creative task for our Christmas parent workshop this year will be to make a **Christmas decoration** during the session.

Please bring your own crafty bits in (**no glitter please**). For those new to the school, this is a wonderful morning that we do hope you can join us for! Parents are invited to stay after drop off with the children to start the day with a Christmas story performed by our brilliant teachers! You will be then tasked to add to the story by creating your Christmas decorations, the classrooms and halls buzz with you all crafting away before being called back to the hall to finish the teacher's tale.



The children (and parents!) adore seeing their favourite teachers take centre stage, it is guaranteed to make you laugh and we really hope to see many of you there! Siblings are very welcome to join you too. **It will finish at around 11.30am.**



Picture News:

Story: This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Question: What does kindness look like?

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



Tuesday 16th December

Our **Nativity** Performances in the Church – 2pm and 5.30pm.

All KS1 children are to arrive back at school (through the main entrance) at **4.50pm** and **KS2 at 5.10pm** to get ready for their evening performance. Children are to then be collected from school after at around **6.15-30pm**. The PTA will be raising money, selling drinks & mince pies. Could we please ask that younger children attend the 2pm session if they wish to see the nativity, rather than the evening performance.

Wednesday 17th December

Pantomime Trip. We will be taking the whole school to the Newbury Corn Exchange to watch the performance of Robin Hood. The payment is

available via Parentpay. Children are to be in school uniform and it will take place in normal school hours.

Thursday 18th December

School Christmas Lunch. In the morning, children will be making hats out of newspaper. If you have any newspaper for recycling, we would love to have it in school. Children are invited to come in non-school uniform with a 'touch of Christmas' (if they wish!)

Friday 19th December

Parent Workshop 8.45am – 11.30am & early finish for the last day of term 2, at 1pm. We would like to invite you all into school for a morning of festive fun with your children. The parents session will be finished by **11.30am**. We realise that not all children will have a family member available to join us. We therefore ask if there are children without a family member that you include them in your group. Thank you.
We will be finishing our last day of term early at 1pm.



Message from The Aldbourne Book Group

The Children's Book Group Committee invite you to cosy up with us around the church Christmas Tree for classic Yuletide stories on 14th. Volunteers have picked out favourite extracts, stories and picture books for you. The sessions include a chance to make your own Christmas decoration and of course mulled wine, hot chocolate, gingerbread and mince pies. This year, the sessions are split into a morning weekday session for our pre-school members and a second Sunday afternoon story time, open to everyone.

All welcome: Sunday 14th December 3pm. It's all happening at St Michael's Church

and so come and celebrate with us!

Messages from the Parish of Whitton

Parish of Whitton

St Nicholas' Church, Baydon



3rd Sunday each month, 9.30-10.30 for children 0-11: story, songs, crafts, activities,...

Next session: 21st December CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - ALL WELCOME!!

Tuesday 23rd - please let Sue know if possible (541571 or revsuerodd@btinternet.com)

Please join the next Seedlings, which will be a Christingle service on Sunday 21st December. All are welcome. The annual Crib Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 3pm.

Come and celebrate - ALL WELCOME! The children will be helping to tell the story of that wonderful first Christmas! There will be a run-through for anyone who would like to help with the service at **3pm on**



CRIB SERVICE

St Michael's Church, Aldbourne - 24th December 2025, 3 pm
Come and celebrate - ALL WELCOME!!!

Message from Hungerford FC

Hungerford Town FC would once again like to invite you to come and watch us play this Saturday, 13th December at 3pm at Bulpit Lane, Hungerford, RG17 0AY. We are offering FREE entry for all those who email us at crisandgemma30@gmail.com by the midday on Saturday. Each child must be accompanied by an adult, adults must bring a child, and we need the name of everyone coming. You won't need an actual ticket, just come to our main gate on the day and you'll be on our VIP guest list.

We hope to see as many as possible to cheer on Hungerford Town!

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The Parish of Whitton
Incorporating Aldbourne, Hinton, Blyth, Chilton, Fines, Froxfield & Wootton Bassett

A Musical in a Day!
Saturday 10th January 2026
at St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne



Come and learn a fun musical in just one day. Adults and accompanied children (Key Stage 2 and above) all welcome.

If you are interested in taking part, please book your place NOW!

We need to know numbers well before Christmas, to be confident that the event is viable.....and to allow time to order the music and arrange permissions.

Roger Jones

To book your place, please contact Beth Hutton – whittonteamrector@gmail.com
You will need to bring a packed lunch on the day. Drinks will be provided. The costs of the day will be met by the Parish of Whitton's music fund.

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Term 2

Tuesday 16 th December	Nativity (2pm and 5.30pm) KS1 return to school – 4.50pm KS2 return to school – 5.10pm	Whole School Community
Wednesday 17 th December	Panto, Newbury Corn Exchange	Whole School
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas lunch in school, non-school uniform with a 'touch of Christmas'	Whole School
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term Parent Workshop in school (8.45-11.30am) Term finishes at 1pm	Whole School

Term 3

Monday 5 th January	TD Day (Children not in School)	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th January	First day back in school	Whole School
Friday 9 th January	Weekly swimming lessons commence for Elder and selected children	Elder/Selected Rowan and Oak
Friday 9 th January	Young Voices	Rowan and Oak

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