

St Michael's Weekly Post

Friday 6th February 2026

It was a wet and windy week at St Michael's but it didn't stop our little Acorn explorers in the forest who have been learning all about birds! They made feeders to attract the birds to the forest, binoculars for spotting and used ID guides to see what birds they could identify. They were lucky enough to see two robins, a blackbird, several pigeons and a red kite! They submitted their data to the RSPB Big School Birdwatch and have received a certificate for their efforts.

Elder Class have been exploring habitats this week. To bring their learning to life, they headed outdoors to investigate a range of microhabitats around the school. They had great fun searching under plant pots, beneath logs and around tree trunks, discovering a variety of fascinating insects. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited as they explored the natural world around them.



Well done to our Learners of the week!



Brass Ensemble

There will be **no** brass ensemble next week, but a reminder to children to please bring in their instruments on Monday for the concert.

Hazel Class 100 Day Celebration

Friday 13th February marks 100 days of the children being in Hazel class! They have been counting the days as part of their maths learning and would love to invite parents and carers to join at 2.30pm to round off their celebrations!

Bag2School Collection – Tuesday 24th February

We will be having a Bag2School Collection after half term, on Tuesday 24th February. A great opportunity to have a good clear out over the break. Please bring your donations into school first thing on the 24th. For a full list of items they would like please see here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Thank you!

Parking

A polite reminder to all parents to please park near the square and not on Back Lane or on St Michael's Close when dropping off or collecting your children. We need to ensure that emergency vehicles can access both gates as well as making sure our neighbours are not blocked in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Picture News



Story: Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online.

Question: Should children have social media?

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

Share The Story

This week's story: **The good neighbour, how YOU could be a good neighbour to someone who needs you to be kind or helpful.**

Tesco Stronger Starts

Exciting news! We have been chosen as one of the blue token charities for Hungerford Tesco. We could win up to £1,500 towards our OPAL provision. Please make sure you pick up a blue token next time you're in store, vote for us and do spread the word! Voting closes on Tuesday 31st March.



Music Concert – St Michael's Church

There will be a music concert on **Monday 9th February**. This will be a chance for the first half of Cherry Class who have been learning the cornet to showcase their skills and for other children who have individual music lessons in school to show you what they have been learning. The concert will take place at St Michael's Church at 2pm.



Education Friday

We hope you will join us in St Michael's Church at 9am on **Friday 13th February** for a special service to celebrate education past and present, giving thanks to those who gave us this start in life. Our celebration assembly will be incorporated into this. All are welcome.

Messages from the PTA:

Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group

We're delighted to let you all know we now have a Facebook group to exchange second hand uniform. You can post something you'd like to donate, or purchase via commenting. Suggested donation of £1 per item and there will be a link to pay in the group. There will be a box at the front gate where you can leave items that someone has reserved, please pop their name onto each item.


SAVE THE DATES! The school disco will be back on Friday 24th April and the Summer Fair on Friday 12th June, more information to come on both but for now please pop the dates in your diary!

Message from Help Ukraine Support Group

There will be a collection of aid for Ukraine on Tuesday 17th February from 9am-2pm at Hungerford Town Football Club. Please see their [Facebook](#) for more information on what they need.

Message from the Aldbourne Music Festival

AMF Silent Disco at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 7th March starting at 7pm. Bar and snacks available. Over 18s only. Tickets available from the Post Office and online [here](#). More information available on our [Facebook page](#). Tickets are £15 and will support the staging of the festival in the summer as well as supporting our good causes.



HUGS - Help Ukraine Group Support
in association with: Dragon Oxford Aid to Ukraine, Stanislav Induchny and The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP)

COLLECTION OF AID FOR UKRAINE
Tuesday 17th February 2026 9.00am-2.00pm
Hungerford Town Football Club
Bulpit Lane, Hungerford, Berks RG17 0AY
Please help supply these essential items to frontline communities

MEDICAL

- **IN DATE** medications including painkillers
- cold/flu remedies, multivits
- haemorrhoid cream/suppositories
- medical & surgical supplies & first aid kits
- dressings & bandages, Sudacrem, Germolene
- burns dressings & trauma bandages
- athletes foot sprays & creams, anti-itch cream
- crutches, wheelchairs & mobility aids
- gym/rehab equipment

SANITARY & TOILETRIES (unopened)

- wet wipes & personal hygiene products
- hard soap, shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste
- unscented anti-chafe talk, lip balm
- disposable razors, shaving gel/foam
- hair trimmers (corded or cordless)
- nappies, tampons, sanitary & incontinence pads
- washing powder, washing-up liquid, loo rolls

CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR (only as listed)

- premature, baby & children's clothes
- clean hiking boots, insoles & warm socks
- good condition trainers, light weight socks
- dark colour fleeces, plain dark t-shirts
- military grade camo kit (adult sizes)
- dark colour adult waterproofs
- jogging bottoms, new dark underwear (M/F)
- dark beanie hats & balaclavas, warm gloves

BEDDING (clean & unstained)

- bedding and good condition towels
- blankets: cellular & fleece only
- duvets/pillows: synthetic only

ELECTRONICS & OPTICS (in working order)

- unlocked tablets, laptops, smart phones & older working mobiles (all with chargers if possible)
- LED hand/head torches (rechargeable, battery or solar, preferably with red light option)
- batteries (AA/AAA)
- power banks; chargers (mains or solar)
- binoculars/monocular
- laser rangefinders

TOOLS (only as listed)

- working generators & power tools
- new & good used spanner & socket sets
- car accessories: battery chargers, tyre inflators, jump leads, tow ropes, winches
- mechanics' general-purpose gloves (L & XL)
- new tenon hand saws; new hand axes
- duct tape

OUTDOOR LIVING

- tents (min. 2 person)
- groundsheets, roll mats, sleeping bags, camp beds, folding camping chairs, tarpaulins
- *Hot Hands' chemical hand & foot warmers
- water purification tablets
- Thermos flasks/bottles metal-lined
- kitchen paper towels

FOOD (dry & non-perishable; no jars)

- rice, pasta, porridge, tinned meat/fish
- coffee, tea, energy bars, wrapped sweets
- dried mixed fruit, nuts, boxed dates

PET SUPPLIES

- dog/cat food, animal meds, other pet products

All items CLEAN and ready to use please and NO OTHER ADULT CLOTHING at this time.
Sorry, no donations can be accepted before the day.
Please get in touch for more details or to volunteer help
Tony : 07999 693399 Mandy : 07762 935804
www.helpukraine.co.uk www.facebook.com/helpukrainegroupsupport

Term 3

Monday 9 th February	Music Concert in St Michael's Church (2pm)	½ of Cherry and Individual Music Lessons
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term	Whole School
	Education Friday Service, St Michael's Church 9am	Whole School Community
	Hazel Class 100 Day Party, 2.30pm	Hazel Class (Plus Parents/Carers)
Monday 16 th February – Monday 23 rd February (TD Day)	Half term holiday	Whole School

Term 4

Tuesday 24 th February	Children back in school	Whole School
	Bag2School Collection	Whole School Community
Friday 27 th February	Young Voices Concert	Rowan and Oak
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day, Poetry Slam and Aldbourne Book Group Book Swap	Whole School
Friday 6 th March	Thinking Music Project	Cherry
Monday 16 th March	Rowan trip to Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers, Oxford	Rowan
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term	Whole School

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