

## St Michael's Weekly Post

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We can't quite believe the time has come to say goodbye to Mrs Arkwright tomorrow, and we hope to see those who can make it in the church at 9.30am for the Easter Service, followed by tea and coffee.

Please see below a note from Mrs Arkwright:

*Dear Parents,*

*I wanted to write to thank you for the thoughtful gifts and wonderful messages I have received. It has been one of the greatest honours to be the head of such an amazing school.*

*St Michael's has been a very special chapter in my life and somewhere I am going to miss very much.*

*Thank you for all of your belief, support and commitment.*

*I leave confidently knowing I am handing over to the most incredible team who will take St Michael's on their next adventure.*

*Wishing you all the best.*

*Jude*

A huge thank you to Rvd Sue Rodd and the team at St Michael's Church for hosting each class for their annual Easter Experience this week. As ever, it was amazing to hear them share their knowledge about the Easter Story with the children. There were lots of opportunities to reflect on the emotions of the story and the children, as always, offered so many insights.

Birch Class have been learning about materials and forces in Science and rounded off their learning with a very exciting experiment this week! They have been discussing different material's properties and which would work well as shock absorbers. Then they tested the theories by wrapping eggs in different options and (with the help of Mrs Greaves and Mrs Parmitier) throwing them off the church tower! Once the eggs were thrown from the tower, they were eagerly unwrapped to check if they had survived the fall. Some of their absorbent materials worked brilliantly, others unfortunately did not. They all had a great time and learnt so much!

It has been a great sporting week for Rowan Class as members of the class attended both a Tag Rugby competition at Marlborough Rugby Club and also a Kurling county final at Pewsey Vale. We were so proud of their determination and sportsmanship whilst attending both festivals – well done Rowan!

We hope everyone has a happy Easter break when it arrives tomorrow and we look forward to seeing children back in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



### Parent's Evening

Please note parent's evenings will take place at the beginning of next term on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in school. Bookings are open from 12pm on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** in the Reach More Parents (Weduc) app, under the Parent portal area and then Parent meetings. Please contact the office if you are having any trouble booking when it goes live.

### Forest School

Please note timings for next term:

- **Acorn Class - Mondays**
- **Hazel Class - Tuesdays**
- **Elder Class - Fridays**

Please touch base with the office if you are able to volunteer and help out at all, thank you in advance!



### Book Club – Years 5 & 6

The wonderful Aldbourne Children's Book Group will be running a new after school club on Monday afternoons from 3.15-4pm. If your child is eager to read new books, spot award winners or keen to help the Book Group choose the next stars, this one is for them! They will be testing all sorts of books from picture books to novels and chapter books. Please email [admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsaldbourne.co.uk) to book your child in.

### After School Tag Rugby Club

We are delighted that Rhys will be returning for after school tag rugby after Easter on Tuesdays. Please contact [crc@rwbrfc.club](mailto:crc@rwbrfc.club) to book your child's place. It is available for Years 3-6.

### Messages from the PTA:

If you enter the [School Lottery](#) before 28th March, you are in with a chance to win a Home Robot Bundle! Each weekly ticket purchased on Your School Lottery before the closing date will provide you with one entry into this prize draw as well as the jackpot of £25,000. This also raises funds with 40p of every £1 sold going to the PTA. There is no limit to the number of entries per person. Also, if you refer a friend to Your School Lottery and they enter your referral code during the checkout process to buy a ticket, School Lottery will give you and your friend a free entry into their exclusive referral rewards draw where you can win a £200 Amazon gift voucher.

## The School Disco is BACK!



Timings will be as follows:

- KS1 4.15-5.30pm
- KS2 5.45-7:00pm

KS1 parents please drop and pick up at the main entrance.  
KS2 parents please drop and pick up at the pre-school gates.

Tickets are £6 and can be purchased using the following link  
<https://buytickets.at/stmichaelsaldbournepta/2138483>

Please include the name of your child, dietary requirements plus their year group in the comments section on the payment link.

## Easter Egg Hunt

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, join us for an Easter Egg-pedition. Purchase your trail map (£5) from the Aldbourne Post Office and get hunting! There are 12 locations around the village where you can spot paper eggs, kindly decorated by St Michael's children. Each egg will have a letter next to it. Use these letters to rearrange and discover a hidden word. Once you have done so, head to the Post Office where you can receive your Easter egg. Good luck!



## Wine Tasting Evening

Join Master of Wine Jeremy Lithgow for a fun evening tasting Mediterranean wines, with a cheese board, competitions, prizes and a raffle. Jeremy is one of only 425 Masters of Wine worldwide, so it's a great chance to learn from a real expert. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £27 each and can be purchased via the following [link](#).

## Messages from St Michael's Church

### EXPERIENCE EASTER!!

23<sup>rd</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
St Michael's Church, Aldbourne

Come and follow the Easter story through the six displays :

- Palm Sunday - Future hopes,
- Jesus washing the disciples' feet - the Servant King,
- The Last Supper - "Remember me",
- Gethsemane - All alone - or are we?
- The Cross - Symbol of Hope,
- Resurrection - New life!



There are things to think about and actions linked to each one.



All the classes in Aldbourne school will be visiting on either the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> March - talk to the children about it afterwards...

The church is open to all during daylight hours, and there's plenty of food for thought for adults too!

Later, look out for the Cross by the Pond & the Easter Gardens in the church porch & at the top of the Green.

## Easter Garden

Come and help build  
a sad garden for Good Friday  
and a happy one for Easter in  
the church porch!



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10am

Further info from Sue Rodd  
(541571 or [revsuerodd@btinternet.com](mailto:revsuerodd@btinternet.com))

– let her know if you'd like to come!

### Looking for something to do over the Easter Holidays?

#### Cake & Company Children's Easter Bake-Off Competition

1. Get an entry form (must be 15 yrs or younger) from St Michael's Church or St Michael's School, Aldbourne or email [MCW.SN8@gmail.com](mailto:MCW.SN8@gmail.com)
2. Bake your cake, biscuits, brownies or other sweet treat
3. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm or Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 8.30-9.30am bring your baking plus completed entry form to the Methodist Hall, Aldbourne
4. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Methodist Hall, Aldbourne:
  - 10am – 12noon Cake & Co attendees taste cakes etc and vote for their favorites
  - 3-4pm – results (and any left-over cakes)
5. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Day – Prizes presented during 11am service in St Michael's Church, Aldbourne



### Term 4

Please note the term dates for next year are now available on the [website](#).

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 5 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Easter Egg hunt around the village	Whole School Community
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service in the Church 9.30am	Whole School Community
	End of term, 1pm finish	Whole School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday	Whole School

## Term 5

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term	Whole School
	Explorer Dome in school	Whole School
	Acorn Forest School	Acorn
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshops	Birch, Rowan and Oak
	Hazel Forest School	Hazel
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Elder Forest School	Elder
	PTA Wine and Cheese evening, 7.30pm	Whole School Community
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent's Evening (2.30-6pm)	Whole School Community
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent's Evening (3-5pm)	Whole School Community
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