September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. It is great to have all the children back in school and we are looking forward to teaching and getting to know them. The following letter contains information about the coming term and reminders about uniform expectations and PE kit.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Four this term, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Miles, and Mrs Leggett will be supporting the Year Four classes this year. Mrs Murrell will provide PPA cover for teaching.

Uniforms:

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform. **Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes, coats, PE kits and plimsolls, are named.** Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour.

On the days the children have PE, we are asking that the children continue to come in dressed in their PE kit. This helps to minimise the number of things the children bring into school. **PE will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday for Year Four.**

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
- A jumper – this should be their school jumper if a different jumper is needed this **must be** plain black or navy with no logos.
- Trainers or plimsolls

(A plain dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

Breaktime:

As a school we are continuing to focus on healthy lifestyles so your child may bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack at break time. We ask that all children bring in a water bottle with water in it, this can be refilled in school if needed. Please do not put squash in these bottles.

Reading

All children will continue to bring back a library book of choice and a reading or AR book to read at home. The AR book also needs to come to school every day as there will be times when the children have a reading session. In Year Four we reward children for frequent reading at home as we feel this is very important for their progress. We will shortly be issuing a new home/school contact book where you will be able to record your child's reading. The children or an adult **must** record the reading they do at home in the diary as they will be expected to read at least four times per week. We will be checking reading diaries every Thursday, to ensure that the children are reading regularly at home. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.

Homework:

This will be handed out on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday. In Year 4 children are given spellings and multiplication tables to learn every week. They will also be given an English homework book and will be asked to complete activities, linked to their learning in class. Maths homework this year will be set through the website www.mymaths.com. The main Maths and English homework activity will be set on alternate weeks starting with the online Maths activity on the first week.

Whilst multiplication facts (times tables) will be practiced during the school week we are also encourage the children to continue to practice their facts using the times tables Rockstars website at home (www.ttrockstars.co.uk). The children's login details have been written in their home school diaries. If your child has any problems completing their homework, or difficulty accessing the internet, please let us know.

In year 4 all children are expected to complete a statutory times table check, this takes place in June, and it is important that the children start to practice their times tables as much as possible. This will be done in school but needs to be supported at home to maximise the children's learning. We set challenges on TTRS that the children can participate in both at home and in school.

Medication:

We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

Communication:

Please use the home/school diary to pass on messages to the class teacher. Your child must remember to show any messages to the teacher as the book is not checked daily. Alternatively, you can contact the school office by phone or by email at admin@stmichaels.education who will then pass the message on to a member of the Year 4 team.

We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Amey, Mrs Haggis and Team Year Four