

## Spring term 1 2026

Our newsletter is emailed at the start of every half term and provides you with Key dates for your diary, as essential information. Therefore, please remember to let us know if you are not receiving emails or you change yours. We hope you find the newsletter engaging as well as informative but do make sure you follow us on Facebook as we post regular updates and share activities.

Welcome and a big hello to Eddy and Israel who both joined us last half-term and George and Ryder who are both joining us this half-term.



### This term we are focusing on design and planning!

We have many exciting activities planned for this half-term. However, before we begin the new terms activities, we like to spend the first week talking about Christmas and sharing our experiences. Photos often help the children initiate conversations; therefore, it would be amazing if you could send in a photo or two that captures the magic of Christmas for your family.

Please save the date!

The children will be creating an invitation to invite you in to share the magic of the terms activities and there might even be a special visitor. So please, if you can, keep 2pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February free.

### Key dates for your diary

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January- Pre-school re-opens

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January-AGM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February-Tea party

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February-Last day of term

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March- Mother's Day breakfast

Saturday 22nd March- Teddy bear's picnic

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Garden party

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Father's Day breakfast

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June Family fun day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July-Leaver's trip

## St Michaels Pre-school

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[St Michael's Pre-school – Encouraging independence, resilience and learning through](http://www.stmichaelspreschool.co.uk)



#### Essentials Kit checklist:

- The weather is certainly starting to feel cold so please layer children up and a jumper/cardigan is a must.
- A warm puddle suit and pair of wellies, which can be left at pre-school, and remember a change of shoes as wellies often get wet.
- A well-stocked bag with multiple changes of clothes including socks, t-shirts and jumpers as well as trousers and pants. Please remember a separate bag for wet/dirty clothes to be placed away from their clean clothes after changing.
- Please remember to check and restock wipes and nappy sacks as well as nappies/pull ups daily.
- **Naming all items is essential if you don't want them to become lost.**  
This includes shoes, coats, bags, water bottles and lunchboxes.

#### At St Michaels Pre-school

- We are a free-flow pre-school and children have access to outside provision in all weathers so with this in mind please ensure your children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather. We also enjoy lots of messy, exploration activities and water play.



**Important reminder- If your child is due to start year R September 2026 (Turns 5 between 1st September 2026-31st August 2027) you can apply online and applications close on Thursday 15th January 2026. If you need any advice/help with applications please do come and speak to Naomi.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

**Lastly, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January @19.30, we will be holding our annual general meeting (AGM)**

**Our pre-school is a charity run pre-school that requires a committee of volunteers who work hard to keep the pre-school running smoothly and fundraise to provide valuable opportunities for your children.**

**Please attend the AGM to find out about the past year and what is instore moving forwards. Or contact either Naomi or Courtney**  
[stmichaelscommittee@outlook.com](mailto:stmichaelscommittee@outlook.com) **to find out how you could help!**

1



2



Cheese

Yogurt

Egg

3



Fresh fruit

Dried Fruit

Raw vegetables

4



2x Biscuit

$\frac{1}{2}$  packet crisps

Small flapjack or cake

Reminder:

We are a healthy eating setting in line with Hampshire County Council's schools. If your child is joining us for lunch, we do ask that the contents are healthy, nut free and of a suitable portion size for a pre-school child. These are a few suggestions, one item from each number is plenty and provides a healthy and balanced lunch for a typical 2-4-year-old.

**Always include a refillable bottle of water and icepack as we are unable to store lunchboxes in the fridge.**

Ensure the food is cold or able to remain warm and prepared in a way your child likes, i.e. crusts removed, slices instead of sticks.

**Grapes, olives and cocktail sausages must all be cut length ways to minimize risk of chocking.**

All children are encouraged to eat everything in their lunchbox so please try not over-load and 1 treat item is plenty.

### Important Notice!

**We are a nut free setting. Please can you check items do not contain any form of nuts before placing in lunch boxes!**