

Our first full week has come to an end, and I am delighted with how well it has gone! The school environment looks amazing, with classrooms thoughtfully designed to enthuse, inspire and excite the children. Most importantly, the children have been fantastic. After a considerable amount of time away from school, they have returned to routines with enthusiasm, positivity and determination. We are incredibly proud of them all.

As the new school year begins, we are delighted to welcome several new children and families to St Michael's. Once again, our children have demonstrated great responsibility by guiding, encouraging and helping our new pupils to feel welcomed, safe and part of our school family. Our pupil leadership roles have also now been assigned—from Head Boy and Head Girl to prefects, class monitors and subject leaders. The children have taken on their responsibilities with immense pride, proudly wearing their badges and new ties. We cannot wait to see what they achieve throughout the year.

This week, we welcomed parents and carers to our Housekeeping Meetings, which were very well attended. Thank you so much for your continued support. The PowerPoint presentations should now have been sent to all parents so that those who were unable to attend still receive the important information shared. Details of the class WhatsApp groups have also been sent out, so please feel free to join. We are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate the St Simon Year 1 group; if you are interested, please contact the school office.

To ensure that you remain up to date with everything happening in school, please refer to the Year Ahead information that was recently sent out. Although dates may occasionally be subject to change, we have tried to include as much information as possible, including special events and own-clothes days. We will always endeavour to communicate any changes as soon as possible. You can also keep informed through The Week Ahead, our weekly newsletters, the school website and class WhatsApp groups.

It has been a wonderfully positive start to the new school year, and we are excited about all the learning, opportunities and special moments still to come. Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement and support. I hope that all our children and families have a restful and enjoyable weekend, and may God bless you all.

Mrs Collins



Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' teaching about forgiveness, reconciliation, and the importance of living in harmony with one another. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages his disciples to approach one another with kindness and honesty when difficulties arise, always seeking to restore relationships rather than allow conflict to grow. He also reminds us of the power of prayer and promises that whenever people gather in his name, he is present among them.

This Gospel helped us to think about the importance of listening, understanding, and forgiving others. We reflected on how disagreements and misunderstandings can happen, but Jesus calls us to respond with patience, respect, and compassion. By working through challenges together and treating one another with dignity, we can build stronger and more caring communities.

Jesus' message also reminds us that we are never alone. Through prayer, we can bring our worries, hopes, and intentions to God, trusting that he hears us. We are encouraged to support one another, knowing that Christ is present whenever we come together in faith, friendship, and love.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to spend some time talking about the importance of forgiveness and understanding. You could share a time when someone showed you kindness or helped resolve a disagreement, or think about ways you can be peacemakers in your homes, schools, and communities. Taking a few moments to pray together for those who may be struggling in relationships and thanking God for the gift of friendship, love, and unity can be a wonderful way to end the week.



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN TIE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS AWARDED THE GOLDEN TIE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

St. Barnabas	/
St. Jude	/
St. Andrew	/
St. James the Lesser	Leo Bicker
St. Simon	Omari Sesay
St. Philip	Paris Andrade
St. Matthew	Noble Idu
St. John	Joseph Molinari
St. Thomas	Zayn Saad
St. Matthias	Sonny d'Alessio
St. James the Greater	Hadriel Aliu
St. Bartholomew	Aria Heron
St. Augustine	Oriah Kitto-Jones
St. Paul	Alfie Halmkan
St. Peter	Andre Kasese

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: CARE AND CONCERN

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

RECEPTION: /

YEAR 1: SCOTTIE CHAUHAN

YEAR 2: ST. MATTHEW & ST. PHILIP

YEAR 3: ESME PORTANIER

YEAR 4: HARLOWE KELLY

YEAR 5: FEYIKEMI SALIU

YEAR 6: JESSICA SVADAS

VERY WELL DONE. YOU ARE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS FOR THE SCHOOL!

HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

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ATTENDANCE



WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.4%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. PHILIP (98.89%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. PETER (98.89%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. MATTHIAS

WALK ON WEDNESDAY



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. SIMON

Term 1 Dates for your Diary

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22 Sept: Y3 Guildhall Museum trip.

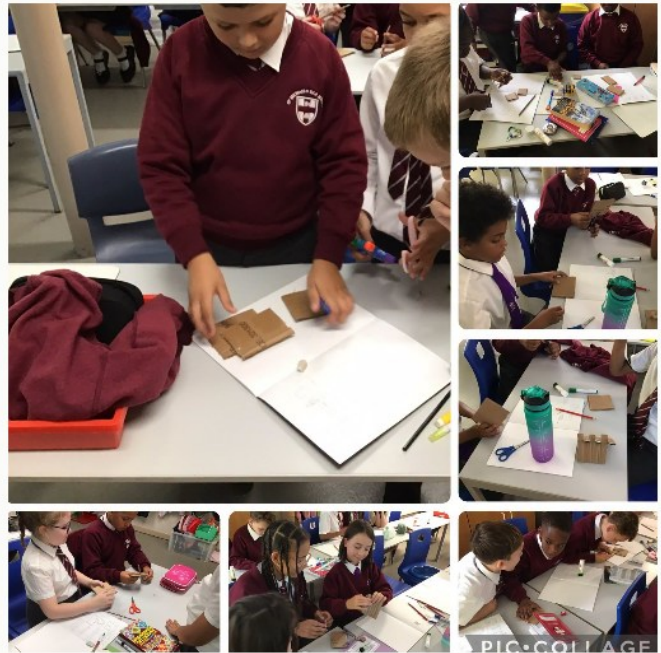
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OUR AMAZING LEARNING

Check out the fabulous learning we have been doing this week!



The following children celebrated a birthday this week, or will do over the weekend...



Freya
Scarlett
Isabella
Libby-Anne

Archie
Darasimi
Esme
Liam

Zalan
Chibeka
Paris
Ajay



Term 1: Dates for your diary

September 2026

1 Sept: INSET Day.

2 Sept: Children start school.

7 Sept: Beginning of Year Mass, 10am. Parents welcome.

8 Sept: Year 4 Guildhall Museum trip.

9 Sept: Housekeeping Meeting for Parents.

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28 Sept: Harvest Food Collection begins. Donations due by 2 Oct.

29 Sept: Feast of St Michael Mass 10am led by Y4. Parents welcome.

30 Sept: Y3 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

October 2026

1 Oct: Black History Month begins. School Census Day. Early Years Headcount.

5 Oct: Cycle to School Week begins. Harvest Mass 10am led by Y3.

6 Oct: Y2 Rochester Castle trip.

7 Oct: Hands on Science workshops for Y6 and Y2.

9 Oct: Mental Health Day. Wear what makes you happy.

12 Oct: Parent Consultations- Nursery

13 Oct: Parent Consultation- Reception

14 Oct: Individual and family photographs from 8am. Parent Consultations- Year 1

15 Oct: Parent Consultations- Year 2

16 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 3 and Parent Forum 2.30pm.

19 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 5

20 Oct: Flu vaccination Reception to Y6. Parent Consultation- Year 6

21 Oct: Y1 Superhero Day and Y2 Assembly St. Matthew Class Assembly. Parent Consultations- Year 4

22 Oct: Y6 Assembly- St. Paul.

23 Oct: Last Day of Term. Tag Day. Cake Sale. Cultural Food Celebration.

26 Oct-6 Nov: Autumn Break.