

What a magical week we have had! Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children made us so proud as they performed their Nativity Plays amazingly. It's incredible to think that some of the children are only 2 years old - they all did so well! On Monday, it is the turn of our older children in school to lead us in our Carol Service. I am very much looking forward to hearing their beautiful singing and we hope many of you will come and join us in Church at 1:30pm.

This event will mark the end of the Autumn Term in school. I want to say a HUGE thank you to the children for their supreme effort and hard work this term. We are so proud of all of our children's achievements and look forward to their continued enthusiasm and dedicated approach to school life next term! Their behaviour has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are so pleased with the way they embrace our school values and shine as St Michael's children!



**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December (am) WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR VISITING EVERY CLASS IN SCHOOL with a PRESENT for EACH CHILD.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm KS2 CAROL SERVICE –** Parents are welcome to join us and can take children home straight after the service. Foundation 2 & KS1 children will also be attending and watching the service.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December –** School closes to pupils for the Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December –** INSET Day (Staff Only)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 –** Pupils return to school

**There will be no after school clubs in the first week and a half back after the Christmas holidays. Clubs will recommence from Monday, 16th January. A new list of clubs for children to book onto will be sent out when we return.**

**Strep A** Please see the symptoms of Strep A. Most children who contract this illness have mild symptoms. I know it is a worrying time for parent/carers at the moment.

### Signs and Symptoms of Strep Throat

#### Usually include:

- ✓ Sore throat starts quickly
- ✓ Pain when swallowing
- ✓ Fever
- ✓ Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- ✓ Tiny red spots on the roof of the mouth
- ✓ Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

#### Typically do not include:

- ✗ Cough
- ✗ Runny nose
- ✗ Hoarseness
- ✗ Conjunctivitis (pink eye)



### ATTENDANCE

**Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance again this week.**

F2 – 78.8%

Year 1 – 85.8%

Year 2 – 95.8%

Year 3 – 88.9%

Year 4 – 93%

Year 5 – 89%

Year 6 – 90.2%

### Mass Times for Christmas

**Saturday 24th December 2022 – Christmas Eve**  
5.30pm Family Mass at St Michael and All Angels -Live Streamed  
10pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

**Sunday 25th December 2022- Christmas Day**  
9.30am St Joseph's  
11.00am St Michael & All Angels – Live streamed  
No evening Mass

This week in school we have been preparing for Christmas by reflecting on the great joy of Jesus' birth for each of us personally. In the Gospel on Christmas Day, the angel says: "Do not be afraid. I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared with everyone." Jesus is the good news. Each of us is invited to know Him and share Him with others.







This week in school..... thank you to everyone who has donated to the CARITAS Toy Appeal. You will make a real difference to a child this Christmas. CARITAS have asked us to pass on their thanks.

Movie Night was a great success across the school.

Thank you to all those who stayed.

Foundation 1 have had a lovely time this week making reindeers and using sticks to help pull Santa's sleigh.

In their prayer time, Year 1 decorated hearts and created a path to the Lord. They thought of the good deeds they could do during Advent and how they can prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We continue to love seeing our 'Travelling Nativities' being well used by children at home with their families.

Little Angels have enjoyed visiting each prayer space this week and completing the task assigned. Miss Clark was super impressed with their gorgeous responses.

LIPA have worked with our Year 5 and Year 6 children leading them in ECO workshops which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children.







**We hope you all enjoyed the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays last week. We love to see so many parents/carers, grandparents and other family members coming along to enjoy this festive treat. Many thanks to all our wonderful pupils and staff for their hard work.**



As we approach the end of 2022, we extend our thanks to all the members of our school community who make St Michael's such a wonderful place to learn and teach. Thanks firstly to all our parents who support their children and the school throughout the year. We are lucky to have such an effective and supportive governing body as well as a fantastic team of teaching and support staff. They all play their individual parts and together make the school the best it can be for the pupils. Finally, we thank all the children who attend our school for their gifts, talents and enthusiasm for life and learning. We are looking forward to 2023.



**Enjoy the holiday, Mrs Ralph**