

October 2026

As we reach the end of this half term, the children have been involved in a number of learning opportunities from Ancient Greek Pottery workshops, emotions workshops (helping to develop emotional wellbeing and resilience), and Hand to Mouth workshops this week. Year 6 pupils have also enjoyed a visit to Wakefield Theatre to meet the author SF Said, followed by a workshop in school. Please don't forget to check Class dojo each week to see what your children have been learning in school. Autumn 2 curriculum newsletters will also be shortly available on the school website and sent home via Arbor message.

From me it is a very personal thank you as my time at St Michael's comes to an end. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the St Michael's school community, and I am incredibly grateful for the warmth, kindness and support I have received from children, families, staff and governors during my time here. Schools are very special places, and what makes St Michael's so special is undoubtedly its children and the people who care so deeply about them.

I am immensely proud of the children, their achievements and the many ways in which they continue to grow and flourish. I wish the children, staff, governors and families every happiness and success in the years ahead.



A huge thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and to have the opportunity to share your children's achievements, progress and next steps in their learning. Working together is so important in helping every child achieve their very best, and we really appreciate the time you have taken to meet with teachers this week and support your children's learning and education.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 November – School reopens to pupils.

Teachers will arrange to meet parents to review Individual learning plans w/c 2/11/26

Monday 2 November – Friday 6 November – Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 5th November – Year 6 Emotions workshop

Thursday 5th November – Worry Warriors emotion workshop for Year 4

Friday 6th November – Owl Visit for Little learners, Nursery and Reception

Thursday 12th November – Y4 Worry Warriors workshop

Thursday 26th November – Y5 Self Esteem workshop December

Friday 27th November - Year 3 Stepping into the Stone Age workshop

Tuesday 1st December – Advent Christmas arts and crafts open morning KS2 – 9-10am

Wednesday 2nd December – Advent Christmas arts and crafts open morning KS1 – 9-10am

Thursday 3rd December – Y5 Self esteem workshop

Monday 7th December – Y6 self esteem workshop

Tuesday 15th December – Reception Nativity – 9.15am

Tuesday 15th December – KS1 Nativity – 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th December – Reception Nativity – 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th December – KS1 Nativity – 9.15am

Thursday 17th December – Register at 1.15pm

Thursday 17th December – Cathedral Service led by KS2 – 2pm

Friday 18th December – School finishes at 3.20pm

Thank you to everyone who came together to celebrate Harvest and donated to Kirkhamgate Assist. Your generosity is very much appreciated. A huge well done to Collective Crew who led our Harvest services and did an amazing job at reminding us about Harvest time.



As we approach Remembrance Day, we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies in school. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy and make a donation to this important cause. Thank you in advance for supporting this year's appeal.



Thank you to all our staff for their hard work and commitment to all our pupils and families at St Michael's.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break, and Mr Grace and the team will look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term, and the run up to Christmas, on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026.**



Attendance Matters Every Day Counts!

Thank you to all our families for supporting regular school attendance this half term. Every day in school matters. Being in school regularly helps children build friendships, develop confidence, establish positive routines, and make the best possible progress in their learning. As we move into the colder months, we know that coughs and colds become more common. Please remember that children can usually attend school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well enough.

Let's work together to make Autumn 2 another positive half term for attendance!