

Governors' Newsletter – Spring 2026

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By God's love, we all flourish together

Welcome to the Spring Term 2026 edition of St. Michael's Junior School Governors' Newsletter. As always, it has been a busy term.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. (1 John 4:16)

VISION – At St. Michaels, by God's love and through our Christian values of Love, Faith, Respect and Courage, we celebrate uniqueness and nurture curiosity, enable each child to flourish on their own rich learning journey whilst contributing to the wider community

The Governors Fund

We would like to thank the parents/carers who purchased light refreshments or made donations towards uniform, at the recent parents evening. The money raised has been used to purchase new chairs for the front entrance of the school.

Training to help us become better Governors

As School Governors we have an important part to play in raising school standards through effective leadership and management. We regularly seek and attend training courses to provide us with the knowledge to make the best decisions we can. This term our training has included:

- 1) Attending a safeguarding briefing with Jo Barclay,
- 2) Updating our knowledge in relation to GDPR. Attending training to help us understand data tracking tools.
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- 4) Completing safeguarding training.
- 5) Attending the Essex School Governance Association (ESGA) conference.



Governor Involvement in School Life

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- Attending the Ash Wednesday and Easter services.
- Discussing the P.E. Action Plan, it's funding and expenditure.
- Serving tea/coffee, cookies and cakes at Parents Evening.
- Monitoring child progress data.
- Meeting the subject leader for English to discuss the evaluated Action Plan for 2024 – 25 and the plans for 2025 – 26.
- Meeting with SMASH and supporting them with their fundraising.
- Attending the Science Day on 13/03/26.

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An Easter message, from Revd David Cattle (Vicar and ex officio Governor).

At the time of writing, the children are preparing for their Easter service in Church. They have all been asked to make some palm leaves, which we will use in a procession around the inside of the Church at the very start of the service.

This reminds us of Palm Sunday – Jesus came into the city of Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey, and a large crowd were so pleased to see him that they waved palm branches and shouted words of praise to God. It is a moment of joy at the start of a tough week for Jesus – he taught in the Temple courts, he shared the last supper with his disciples, he was betrayed, abandoned and arrested, put on trial, and executed by the Roman authorities on the Friday. The Romans crucified thousands of Jews in those days; it was their standard way of getting rid of someone – a terrible way to die, which said to everyone else “don’t mess with Rome!” And Jesus was a victim of this imperial machine.

But we don’t remember Jesus 2,000 years later because of his death. We remember him because many of his followers, in the days after his death, genuinely believed that they had seen him alive and well – God had raised him from the dead, showing that he was who he said he was: the One sent from God, the Son of God, even God incarnate who showed the world what God is like.

I believe that this is a message that brings hope to the world, because it shows that God is good, that God is involved with the creation, and that God cares about each one of us. Jesus died and rose again for all of us, but also for me and for you.

When I lead an assembly or a service for our children at St Michael’s, this is the message I try to proclaim, as faithfully as I can, and then give the children the tools to think about all of this for themselves and to come to their own decisions about it.

Whatever we think about these things, we can be assured that St Michael’s Church is praying for our world, where there is so much darkness now, and for our school.

On Easter Sunday, 5th April, there will be a service in Church at 10am, which includes an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. I wish you all a safe and blessed Easter.

David.

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Finally

As the spring term comes to an end, we would like to say, thank you to all of the staff for their hard work this term and happy Easter to you all.