



6th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! We hope you had a lovely summer spending time with family and friends.

Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.^[a] ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Many of the incidents recorded about Jesus for posterity are about healing. He had a reputation as a healer. We know from the weakness of our bodies and the fragility of our hearts that we need God. Prayer is the time we come in need to God knowing that he always gives strength of mind, body or soul when we place ourselves in God's loving presence.

First Communion Programme

Registration for the First Holy Communion Programme takes place on **Saturday, 7th September at St Michael's Church at 9:15** for both children and their parents.

Term Dates

Please see attached the term and holiday dates for the 2024/25 academic year. These can also be found on the school website:

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/our-school/term-and-holiday-dates/>

RE Newsletter

Please see attached the RE newsletter for this term with the topic and holy days.

There are two separate newsletters one for Nursery, Reception (EYFS) and Years 1 and 2 (KS1). There is also another newsletter for years 3-6 (KS2).

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin on the week beginning the 16th September. Google forms have been sent to complete for the various clubs from year 1 to year 6. Unfortunately, we do not currently have any after school clubs for pupils in Reception.

Mass

We have our Mass for the start of the new school year on **Wednesday, 11th September** at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings for years 1-6. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and learn about the curriculum he/she will be learning this year; you will also receive key information such as how to support your child at home, PE days, homework, etc.

Date	Time	Class
Wednesday, 11 th September 2024	9:15 am	Year 3
Wednesday, 11 th September 2024	2:30 pm	Year 1
Thursday, 12 th September 2024	9:15 am	Year 5
Thursday, 12 th September 2024	2:30 pm	Year 2
Monday, 16 th September 2024	9:15 am	Year 6
Monday, 16 th September 2024	2:30 pm	Year 4

Nuts in School

Just a reminder that St Michael's does not allow food containing nuts in school; we have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have nut allergies. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products. For their safety, all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for packed lunch, snack or for a special birthday treat- this includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them - it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Due to the severity of the allergy, if any pupil is found with a nut-based product, the school will confiscate it and contact parents straight away.

We appreciate your continued support to ensure that our children remain safe.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms. Please see below for a reminder about the

uniform expectations.

Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Nursery

- Navy sweatshirt with school logo
- Navy jogging bottoms
- White polo T-shirt
- Black shoes
- St Michael's school bag

Reception

- White Polo shirt
- Burgundy jumper with school logo (**boys compulsory**)
- Burgundy cardigan with school logo (**girls compulsory**)
- Mid grey trousers/tailored shorts (boys)
- Mid grey pleated skirt/pinafore/trousers/tailored shorts (girls)
- Sensible black shoes (**No boots**)
- Grey socks (boys)
- White socks - Grey tights may be worn in the winter months only (girls)
- Woollen winter hats with or without school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours
- School bag with or without logo

Year 1 to Year six:

- White school shirt
- School tie (Burgundy & gold stripe)
- Burgundy jumper with school logo (boys optional)
- Burgundy cardigan with school logo (girls optional)
- Mid grey trousers/tailored shorts (boys)
- Mid grey pleated skirt/pinafore/trousers/tailored shorts (girls)
- Sensible black shoes (**No boots**)
- Grey socks (boys)
- White socks - Grey tights may be worn in the winter months only (girls)
- Blazer **compulsory**
- Woollen winter hats with or without school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours
- School bag with or without logo (Yrs 1 & 2)
- School backpack with or without logo (Yrs 3-6)

PLEASE MARK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CLEARLY WITH THEIR NAME - items of clothing cannot be returned unless they have a name printed inside them.

Important: Please note, these items are not permitted in school:

- Jewellery including earrings
- Nail varnish
- Hair gel, hair dye or razor markings
- Trainers

For health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied back using plain ribbons, bands or hair slides in school colours.

PE Kit:

- White round necked P.E. T-shirt

- Plain navy blue shorts
- Plain navy blue track suits with/without school logo
- Black plimsolls (indoor PE)
- Swimming costume and swimming hat (Yrs 3-5 only)

Staffing

Our teaching staff for this academic year are listed below:

Staff	Role
Mrs N. Scott	Executive Head Teacher
Ms J. Pereira	Deputy Head Teacher
Ms M. Alexander	Assistant Head Teacher

Nursery	Role
Miss H. Tucker (Wednesday to Friday)	Teacher
Miss S. Harvey (Monday and Tuesday)	HLTA
Mrs M. Fabor	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Role
Miss R. Samad	Teacher
Ms R. Rahman	Teaching Assistant
Class 1	Role
Ms E. Samson (Monday to Thursday)	Teacher
Ms J. Pereira (Friday)	
Mrs R. Mathew	Teaching Assistant
Class 2	Role
Ms M. Alexander (Monday to Wednesday AM)	Teacher
Mrs K. Davies (Wednesday PM to Friday)	
Ms L. Isaacs	Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Role
Mrs D. Corriette	Teacher
Mr S. Balkeesoon	Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Role
Mrs S. Edgar-Charles	Teacher
Mr S. Balkeesoon	Teaching Assistant
Class 5	Role
Ms C. Omo-Osagie	Teacher
Ms A. Eke	Teaching Assistant
Class 6	Role
Mrs S. D'Cruz	Teacher
Miss S. Harvey	Teaching Assistant

God Bless,

N. Scott
Executive Head Teacher