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A Masterpiece in the Making: Our Brilliant St Michael's Art Day!

Dear Families,

What an absolutely *joyful* and inspiring day we have had at St Michael's! Our recent Art Day has brought our whole school community together in the most creative and meaningful way. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Tordoff for her vision, passion, and organisation.

It was a real privilege to welcome local artist **Mollie Harris**, who worked alongside every class, sharing her talents and inspiring our pupils to see themselves as artists. The children embraced every opportunity; experimenting with new techniques, reflecting on their experiences, and creating pieces that not only showcase their creativity but also celebrate their journey through school.

This special day links beautifully to our school promise: **'20 Things to Do Before You Leave St Michael's'**—a collection of experiences we want every child to enjoy and remember. Our artwork will now become part of a stunning collaborative mural in the hall, capturing these milestones for years to come.

Mrs Berry



Our '20 Things to Do' Art Journey

Each class explored one of our key experiences, translating it into unique and imaginative artwork. Turn over to see some of the brilliant work!

Preschool – Growing Sunflowers

Inspired by planting and nurturing sunflowers, our youngest learners created vibrant collages using colourful tissue paper. A beautiful reminder of growth, care, and new beginnings.

Reception – Pond Dipping Adventures

Following their real pond dipping experience, Reception children produced detailed drawings, enhanced with wool textures to bring their discoveries to life.

Year 1 – Spring Walk at the Woods

After a local woodland walk, pupils expressed the beauty of nature using a range of materials, layering colours and textures to reflect the natural world.

Year 2 – St Michael's Church

Children explored stippling and colour blending techniques, creating delicate watercolour artwork inspired by our local church—truly thoughtful and atmospheric pieces.

Year 3 – Making & Creating

Reflecting on playing instruments and baking, pupils worked on still life drawings, developing skills in sketching, shading and contrasting tones.

Year 4 – Learning to Swim

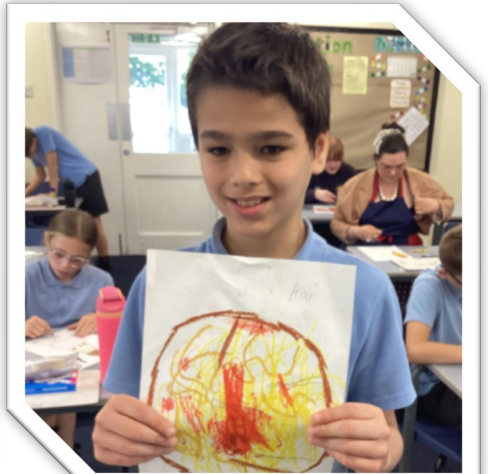
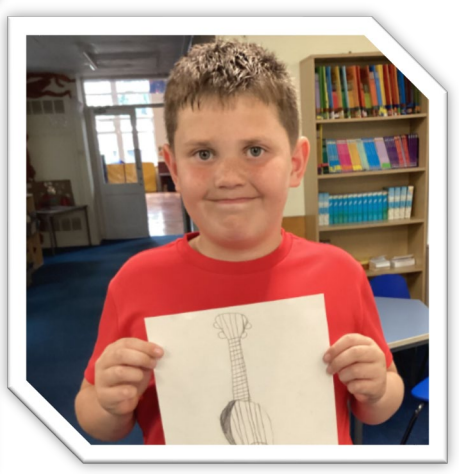
Inspired by artist David Hockney, Year 4 created striking collage work, capturing movement and water in bold, expressive ways.

Year 5 – Sleeping Away from Home

Taking inspiration from Clare Caulfield, pupils used watercolours to represent their residential experiences—full of feeling, reflection and independence.

Year 6 – Cooking Skills

Year 6 reflected on their cooking journeys, using oil pastels to explore colour theory and depth. Their artwork shows both technical skill and personal growth.





Talking Around the Table

'If our family were a team this week, what 'wins' would we celebrate together?'

You might like to share this over dinner, on the journey to school, or before bedtime. It is a simple question to spark reflection and connection together.



Reminders & Support

We would like to take this opportunity to share a few important reminders and highlight the support available to all our lovely families.

Attendance Reminders

Attendance remains a **high priority** at our school, as we know how important regular attendance is for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

We kindly remind parents and carers that:

- Any child absence must be reported **before the start of the school day**
- This must be done **by telephone**
- Parents and carers must **speak directly to a member of staff**
- Absences **cannot be reported by email**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain clear and consistent attendance procedures.

Safeguarding and Family Support

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is always at the heart of what we do. You can talk to **any** member of staff in school if you are worried about a child. All members of staff, governors and volunteers have had safeguarding training.

Our school does have special members of staff trained to deal with concerns and worries. They are called Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and our main one is Mrs Berry. All members of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Westby and Miss Lawless, are also Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Further information about family support, safeguarding and who to contact can also be found on the **school website**.

We are always here to listen and to work in partnership with families to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.