ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C.E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

11th September 2026

Aiden	Bede	Chad	Columba

Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school.

Classrooms and corridors have quickly filled with smiling faces, excited chatter and a real sense of enthusiasm as the children settle into their new classes. A particularly warm welcome goes to all the new children and families who have joined our school community this year.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and staff have been incredibly impressed with how quickly they have settled into new routines, classrooms and learning environments. It has been wonderful to see their confidence, positivity and eagerness to learn.

In this week's newsletter, you'll find a snapshot of what children will be learning this half term and we encourage you to attend the Curriculum Expectations sessions on Wednesday as they will provide you with the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about learning, routines and expectations for the year ahead as well as how to support them at home to ensure they achieve their potential in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited about everything this new school year will bring and look forward to a term filled with learning, achievement and many happy memories.

Mrs Berry



Loving God we make our prayer to you at the beginning of this new school year.

Thank you for our school and for all who work to make it a good and exciting place to learn.

Thank you for the spirit of love and care that surrounds us here as we work together.

To those who are just starting here at St Michael and All Angels, give them encouragement.

As we welcome them, may they know that they belong.

Bless and guide us in all that we try to achieve in the coming year.

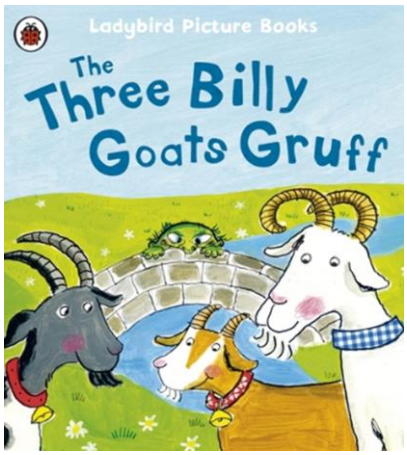
This we ask in the name of our great teacher and friend, Jesus Christ.

Amen

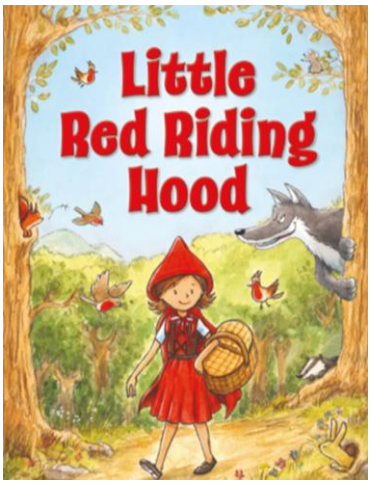
Year 1

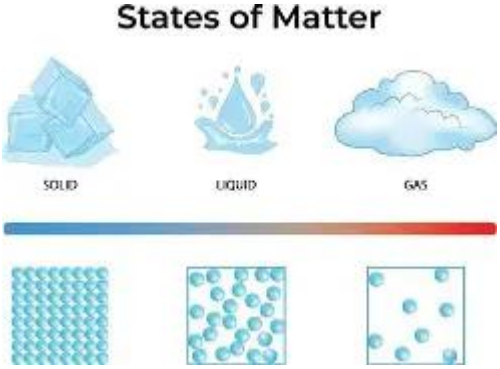
This term in Year 1 we will be learning about the changing seasons in Science. We are excited for our local walk to look out for signs of Autumn. We will also be looking at Van Gogh's autumn inspired artworks and creating our own piece in Art & Design. In History we will be learning about how we have changed since we were born. Please send in a baby photo of your child if possible! In English and Maths we will be consolidating all of the skills the children have learned in Reception and building upon those.

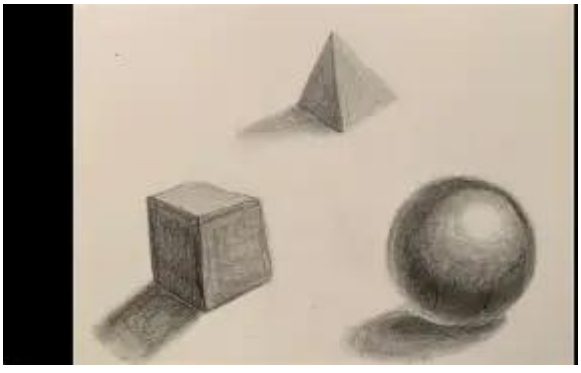
Year 4



In Year 4, the children have lots of exciting learning to look forward to. In English, we will be reading The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood, and using them to write our own innovation of a traditional tale. This will give the children a chance to be creative with characters, settings and events while building their writing skills. In Science, we will be learning about the states of matter, exploring solids, liquids and gases through practical investigations. In Geography, we will compare the different features in Halifax and Sheffield, helping the children notice how places can be similar and different. In Art, the class will enjoy 3D sketching, developing their ideas and experimenting with shape, form and space. It promises to be a busy and interesting half term ahead!







Pre-School



This half term, Pre-School are having a lovely time settling into routines, making new friends and exploring lots of exciting activities. We are finding out about ourselves and our families whilst learning how to share, listen and talk.





Year 5

Year 5 have lots of fabulous learning in store for us this term. From learning about space to the Anglo-Saxons. We also are reading the book Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and doing some fabulous writing based on the book. We are also looking forward to our residential to Newby Wiske.



Round the table

The value we are focusing on in school and Collective Worship this half term is the value of 'Responsibility'. Here are this week's 'Round the table' discussion ideas about Responsibility:



'What is one responsibility you have at home or school, and why do you think it is important?'



'If you were in charge of the school for a day, what responsibility would be most important and why?'

'God gives each of us gifts and talents. What is one way you can use yours responsibly to help others this week?'

'What's the difference between doing something because you have to and doing it because it's the right thing to do?'

'How do you feel when someone trusts you with an important responsibility? What helps you do it well?'

Reception

This half term, Reception are looking forward to an exciting few weeks filled with lots of new experiences, learning and opportunities with all our new friends. We are enjoying exploring our new classroom, getting to know one another and becoming more confident in our new school environment.

Soon we will be going on our very first school trip to Shelf Woods! We will be exploring the woodland and looking carefully for signs of autumn. We can't wait to see what we discover!

In PE and during outdoor learning, we are developing our gross motor skills by exploring lots of different ways to move, balance and climb.

In phonics, we have already learned some of our first sounds and are becoming confident at recognising and saying them. Each week, we will continue to learn new sounds and practise hearing them in words. We will soon begin to blend our sounds together to read simple words.

In Maths, we are learning all about patterns. We are exploring patterns in our environment and having fun creating, copying and continuing our own patterns.

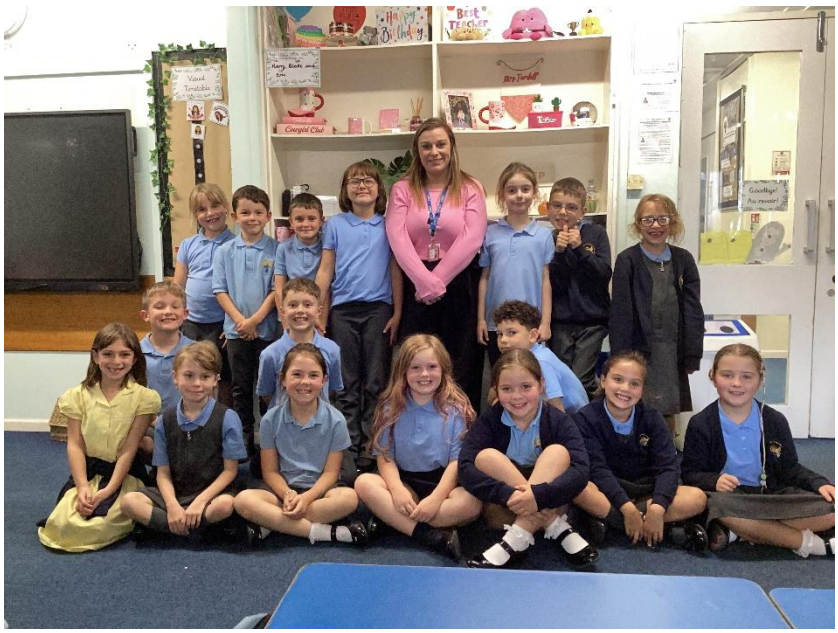
Year 2

Welcome back to an exciting new academic year in Year 2. The children have settled well into a new routine focusing on more learning and building on the skills learned in Year 1. We are learning about place value in Maths and how to write larger numbers and really building the foundations of our Maths knowledge. In English, we are looking at bold women in black history and learning about Mary Seacole, and we will try our hand at shape poem. Geography is all about continents, oceans and Norway. Art with Mrs Nalton is about portraits and Pablo Picasso. We are becoming gymnasts and focusing on keeping our bodies balanced, showing awareness of those around us along with teamwork. Finally, we will be learning about positive relationships/friendships in PSHE. All in all, it's going to be a busy Autumn 1 term. We can't wait.

Year 3

In Year 3 we are learning how to greet others and start a conversation in French. We will learn how to understand and read instructions in the classroom.
In Science we are learning about nutrition and balanced diets. We will explore the jobs our bones and muscles do and how they support us with different movements.
In History we are learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age and how life in Britain has changed.
We have settled in really well and are already making Mrs Tordoff very proud of our hard work!





Our new school meals are proving very popular!
We are looking forward to our first themed day on October 1st.
More information to follow soon!



Year 6

Year 6 have a very busy half term ahead. Here are just a few of the topics that will be taking place. We will be studying the text 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie in our English lessons which will help us with our descriptive writing.
In Maths we will be working on using numbers up to 10,000,000 and consolidating written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our Science lessons will explore light and how we see objects. Our Geography lessons will focus on Eastern European countries and we will be comparing these with what it is like in Yorkshire. We will be exploring why people go on pilgrimage in our Religion & World Views lessons. Through Art we will be learning how to mix powder paint and using it to create mood and atmosphere in our paintings. In French we will be learning how to say the time and describe our daily routines. We will also be active each week working on our passing skills and travelling with a ball in Hockey.



