



Year 1 Class Newsletter

Pentecost 1

April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. We are settling back quickly into the routine of school and preparing for what will be a busy half term ahead.

Please arrive promptly between 8.25-8.45 every morning to ensure your child is ready for learning. Our first daily session in Year 1 is phonics so it is very important that the children do not consistently miss this input.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to come and see us.

Mrs Bater, Mrs Tersteeg and Mrs Hamilton

Here is an overview of our topics for the half term.

R.E –To the ends of the Earth- We will be learning about the road to Emmaus, the promise of the Spirit, Ascension and Pentecost.

English – The Lonely Beast a fictional text by Chris Judge.

We will introduce story mapping and writing a story. We will learn more about formal letter writing.

Maths-Introducing multiplication and division with equal groups. Introducing fractions and place value within 100.

Science- Plants- The children will learn how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants.

Summer- changes in weather.

History- The Wright Brothers- Learning about the invention of the airplane by brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Music- Under the sea- Children will take a journey into the unknown explore under the sea through music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments.

PSHE – Keeping Safe: Physical Contact, Harmful Substances and Can you help me?

ICT – Coding- Introducing block coding using 2Code.

PE – Team building, rackets- bat and ball and games for understanding.

Homework- Spellings learnt for tests on Mondays. Spelling sentences in red books.

Reading daily at home.

Maths- Infinity quiz weekly

Phonics- weekly activity sheet.

Remember: Please ensure your child has a filled, named water bottle in school every day.

Please ensure sunhats and any sunglasses are named.

Your child should be in summer uniform. **Boys-**grey shorts and school logo polo shirts. **Girls-** Navy/white checked summer dresses and white socks or tights.

Please keep us up to date about anything at home which might affect your child's learning so that we can support them as much as possible. Also, for any non-urgent questions please e-mail us at:

ks1-4701@stmichaelscs.org

We will visit the library on alternate Mondays so please send in the books ready for them to be changed. Your child will also receive a phonics reading book and a sharing book on Fridays. AR books, for those on the scheme, can be changed daily as needed.

