



What a difference the sunshine has made this week! There has been a lovely buzz around school, with plenty of excitement, outdoor learning and play. It has been wonderful to see the children making the most of the weather together.

Year 4 began the week with a visit to the local Gurdwara. They enjoyed learning about Sikh beliefs and traditions, including *sewa*, the importance of helping others through selfless service. Visits like this help our children grow in their understanding of other faiths and cultures, and remind us to show respect, tolerance and kindness to everyone. Year 3 also had an exciting trip to the Guildhall Museum, where they explored the Romans and the history of our local area, including the River Medway.

School has felt a little quieter this week while some of our Year 6 children have been away at PGL. They have climbed, abseiled, tackled challenges, tried archery and whizzed down zip wires, to name just a few activities! Even more special has been seeing them conquer fears, grow closer as a group and have a whale of a time. We cannot wait to welcome them back, and I am sure their families feel exactly the same.

Today, some of our pupils were chosen to attend the Diocesan Mass for the beginning of the school year at St George's Cathedral. We are especially proud that two of our children will read during this special celebration. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to represent St Michael's and join other schools in prayer as the new academic year begins.

Next week marks the start of our Harvest collection. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food, particularly tins. Last year, the children created a course using cereal boxes; this year, we are aiming to build a tin tower! Thank you, as always, for helping us support people in our community.

Have a blessed weekend
Mrs Collins



Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. In the Gospel, workers who arrived at different times during the day all received the same wage. Through this story, Jesus teaches us about God's great generosity and reminds us that His love is given freely to everyone.

We thought about how easy it can be to compare ourselves with others and feel that things are unfair. Jesus encourages us instead to be grateful for our own blessings and to celebrate the good things that happen to those around us. His message reminds us that God loves each of us equally and calls us to show kindness, generosity, and gratitude in our daily lives.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to talk about times when they have experienced generosity from others or shown generosity themselves. Taking a few moments to thank God for His many blessings and asking Him to help us be grateful and generous towards others can be a wonderful way to end the week.



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN TIE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS AWARDED THE GOLDEN TIE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

St. Barnabas	Luna Malanog
St. Jude	Irenijesu Akinwale
St. Andrew	Vienna-Violet Brown-Steele
St. James the Lesser	Keren Asamoah
St. Simon	Hannah Oreyelu
St. Philip	Khisara Thenugan
St. Matthew	Freya Crowley
St. John	Rebeca Hircan
St. Thomas	Theodore Burch
St. Matthias	Jephthah Bediako
St. James the Greater	Laetitia Dugbe
St. Bartholomew	Gabriel Oreyelu
St. Augustine	Neide Laurindo
St. Paul	Mia Manville-Goncalves
St. Peter	Dominion Idu

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: INDEPENDENCE

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

YEAR 1: ARON YOUNES

YEAR 2: FREYA CROWLEY

YEAR 3: PADRAIC ROBERTS

YEAR 4: SONNY D'ALESSIO

YEAR 5: ORIAH KITTO-JONES

YEAR 6: SHAHIDUR SAIFALI

VERY WELL DONE. YOU ARE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS FOR THE SCHOOL!

HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 4025

ST. BERNADETTE: 5118

ST. JOAN: 5478

ST. THERESE: 4419

TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 9267

ST. BERNADETTE: 9890

ST. JOAN: 10311

ST. THERESE: 9079

ATTENDANCE



WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

97.33%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. SIMON (99.67%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. JOHN (98.33%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

WALK ON WEDNESDAY



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. JOHN

Term 1 Dates for your Diary

28 Sept: Harvest Food Collection begins. Donations due by 2 Oct.

29 Sept: Feast of St Michael Mass 10am led by Y4. Parents welcome.

30 Sept: Y3 Victoria Gardens Trip-Fieldwork.

1 Oct: Black History Month begins. School Census Day. Early Years Headcount.

5 Oct: Cycle to School Week begins. Harvest Mass 10am led by Y3.

6 Oct: Y2 Rochester Castle trip.

7 Oct: Hands on Science workshops for Y6 and Y2.

9 Oct: Mental Health Day. Wear what makes you happy.

OUR AMAZING LEARNING

Check out the fabulous learning we have been doing this week!



The following children celebrated a birthday this week, or will do over the weekend...



Monty
Jacob
Aria

Ramiru
Ava-Bird
Tobe

Oskaras
Amaechi
Lindsay



Term 1: Dates for your diary

September 2026

1 Sept: INSET Day.

2 Sept: Children start school.

7 Sept: Beginning of Year Mass, 10am. Parents welcome.

8 Sept: Year 4 Guildhall Museum trip.

9 Sept: Housekeeping Meeting for Parents.

10 Sept: Year 6 PGL Parents Meeting

15 Sept: Medway Test. Children to arrive promptly.

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18 Sept: Wear Jeans for Genes Day (£1 minimum donation). Y5 Rochester War Memorial trip.

21 Sept: Y4 Rochester Gurdwara visit.

22 Sept: Y3 Guildhall Museum trip.

23 Sept: Y6 PGL begins.

24 Sept: Y6 PGL. Trauma Informed Parent Workshop 2pm. Y2 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

25 Sept: Y6 PGL. Beginning of Year Mass at St George's Cathedral. Prayer Leaders attend.

28 Sept: Harvest Food Collection begins. Donations due by 2 Oct.

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30 Sept: Y3 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

October 2026

1 Oct: Black History Month begins. School Census Day. Early Years Headcount.

5 Oct: Cycle to School Week begins. Harvest Mass 10am led by Y3.

6 Oct: Y2 Rochester Castle trip.

7 Oct: Hands on Science workshops for Y6 and Y2.

9 Oct: Mental Health Day. Wear what makes you happy.

12 Oct: Parent Consultations- Nursery

13 Oct: Parent Consultation- Reception

14 Oct: Individual and family photographs from 8am. Parent Consultations- Year 1

15 Oct: Parent Consultations- Year 2

16 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 3 and Parent Forum 2.30pm.

19 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 5

20 Oct: Flu vaccination Reception to Y6. Parent Consultation- Year 6

21 Oct: Y1 Superhero Day and Y2 Assembly St. Matthew Class Assembly. Parent Consultations- Year 4

22 Oct: Y6 Assembly- St. Paul.

23 Oct: Last Day of Term. Tag Day. Cake Sale. Cultural Food Celebration.

26 Oct-6 Nov: Autumn Break.