



Walking Nativity

This week we celebrated our 11th annual Walking Nativity, and what a magical evening it was! The children were absolutely amazing, and it was wonderful to see so many ex-Michaelchurch pupils return to support and help out. Thank you to everyone who made this special tradition such a success.

Attendance

In assembly this week, we celebrated the best whole-class attendance for the Autumn Term. Well done to Sapling Class, who came out on top!

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner was a real highlight this week — it was so delicious and enjoyed by all! A huge thank you to Verity for her hard work and cooking expertise in producing such a fantastic meal. We're also very grateful to Kristan, her helper elf, who worked tirelessly in the kitchen too.

School Lunches – January Update

From January, there will be a change to our school lunch arrangements. Before that happens, we want to say an enormous thank you to Verity for everything she has done for our school. She has provided many, many delicious meals for the children over the past few years and put in incredible care and effort. Her themed weeks and special days were always a hit with the children (and of course, Christmas dinner!). Thank you, Verity—we are truly grateful for all you've done!

Look out for an email over the Christmas break with details for ordering for January.

January Staffing

From Tuesday 6th January, Mrs Flanagan will take on the full-time teaching post in Acorn Class as Miss Cook prepares for her maternity leave. Miss Cook will still be around for the first few weeks in January (unless her baby decides to make an early appearance!), but she will be working in other roles within the school.

We're also thrilled to welcome Miss Alice Watts, who will be teaching in Sapling Class on Mondays and Tuesdays. Miss Watts has already visited the school a couple of times, and the children have had a chance to start getting to know her.

SWIMMING – Volunteer required

We'll be changing the swimming day to a **Friday** next term, and we're looking for a volunteer on Friday afternoons to help with Forest School some weeks – so that a member of staff can go swimming. Swimming won't take place every single week of the Spring/Summer Term. If we're unable to find a volunteer, we may not be able to take the children swimming, so please let us know if you can help!

Dates for Swimming:

Year 1: 6th Feb, 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March

Reception: 5th June, 12th June, 19th June, 26th June

INSET Day - Monday 5th January

Please note: Monday 5th January is an INSET day for both primary school and preschool. All children return on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone for such an amazing term:

- Parents – for your continued support and for allowing us to educate your wonderful children.
- Staff – for going above and beyond to make learning fun and exciting while prioritising the children's wellbeing.
- Children – for being your brilliant, unique selves!

Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We'll be busy visiting (almost!) all of our family in Hampshire and Wiltshire and then enjoying a few quieter days back in Craswall to recuperate. I had a quick look at the weather forecast and it does look like it's getting colder later next week, so it would be exciting to see some snow!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!!

Louise

Preschool News

It has been a very busy end to our Autumn term! The children have taken great care creating beautiful decorations to hang on our preschool tree, which was

kindly donated by Esme's daddy – thank you! Last week the children travelled by minibus to Dulas Court to sing Christmas songs with the residents and on Tuesday the children joined the whole school for a festive Christmas dinner in the hall. Finally, on Party Day (Wednesday), the morning began with delivering a present and singing *Jingle Bells* to Farmer Royston to thank him for allowing us to walk daily across his fields. In the afternoon, parents joined us for Christmas fun!

Sadly, we said goodbye to Omie, who is leaving to join a preschool nearer her home. We wish her every happiness and will miss her creativity in our room.

A big thank you to all our parents for your help and support this term and for the kindness shown to us at Christmas. It is such a privilege to watch your children grow in independence, gain confidence, and show curiosity about the world around them – often with huge smiles on their faces!

Preschool starts Tuesday 6th January 2026.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas,
Julie and Beth

[Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates can be found on the calendar on our website here.](#)