



Message from Mrs Crocker

Dear all,

It's hard to believe we're already four weeks into the new school year. The term began with a wonderful buzz of excitement, and it's been amazing to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. I just love their energy, enthusiasm and curiosity.

The Reception children appear to have settled in brilliantly. It's been a joy to see them exploring their new environment, making friends, and diving into school life with such confidence and fun.

Trips

Acorn Class had a wonderful trip to Barry Island on Monday, where the sun shone and spirits were high. The children loved digging in the sand, paddling in the sea, and of course, enjoying a well-earned ice cream!

Oak Class had an equally exciting adventure to Cadbury World. They learned all about the chocolate-making process and had a sweet time exploring the exhibits – although I'm still waiting for someone to bring me back a bar of chocolate!

Online Safety – Online Games

We're aware that some of our pupils may be playing online games at home. It's crucial families know what their children are accessing and ensure games are age-appropriate. Please check that parental controls are in place, voice chat is disabled where possible, and talk regularly with your child about what they're playing and who they're interacting with. Open conversations and supervision are key to keeping children safe online. For advice and support, visit Internet Matters or NSPCC Online Safety.

Reminders

A couple of reminders for families:

- Snacks at playtime should be fruit or vegetables only, please.
- As the weather turns, please check the forecast and ensure children come to school with appropriate clothing – coats, hats, and waterproofs are especially important.

Volunteer Readers

We're also looking for Volunteer Readers! If you or someone you know would enjoy coming in to read with the children on a regular basis, we'd love to hear from you. It's a wonderful way to support our pupils and share the joy of reading.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to all the exciting things ahead this term!

Louise Crocker

Preschool News

We have welcomed new and old families to the start of a new academic year, all the children have quickly settled and appear very happy playing! On our daily walks the children have been looking for signs of Autumn collecting leaves of various colours and shapes, finding acorns as they play under their favourite oak tree and planning to plant some to attempt to grow their own oak trees!

There is a open day at the school Wednesday 15th October 9.30-11.30am aimed at families who have a child starting Reception in September 2026. Preschool is looking forward to inviting these parents to an informal parents evening, which is going to be held on Wednesdays at 3.00pm over the next few weeks.

Exiting through green gate is obviously new to us and we feel it is a barrier to our usual feedback at end of the day but it is for the safety of your children; if you would like to speak to us confidentially please mention to us at drop off or email Mark we will always make time as soon as we are able for that conversation.

Thank you for providing waterproofs, wellies and a change of clothes as here in Michaelchurch the weather never stops us being outdoors!

Dates for diaries

Monday 29th September

Preschool trip to Growing local in Hereford

Have a lovely weekend hoping this beautiful Autumnal weather will continue,
Julie and Beth

Reception Open Day



Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-school



Is your child starting school in September 2026?
Come and explore what makes our school a warm, welcoming,
and inspiring place to begin your child's learning journey.

Wednesday 15th October 2025, 9.30-11.30am
Michaelchurch Escley Primary School, HR2 OPT

For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, it's time to start thinking about Reception class places!

What to Expect:

- Tour our school/Acorn classrooms and outdoor learning spaces
- Learn about our curriculum and values
- Ask questions about the admissions process



Key Admissions Info:

- Applications open: 15 September 2025
- Deadline to apply: 15 January 2026

Apply online via: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

PLEASE NOTE: You must apply, even if your child attends our Pre-school.

National offer day: 16 April 2026



**Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates
can be found on the calendar on our website here.**