

March Newsletter

Caring, Learning, Excelling



Important Dates

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March – Stay Safe Partnership Yr5/6

Wednesday 4th March – Yr1/2 Picture Book Awards.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day, dress up as your favourite character. See below.

Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March -Stay Safe Partnership Yr5/6.

Wednesday 11th March – Yr3/4 Picture Book Awards.

Thursday 12th March – Yr5/6 Picture Book Awards.

Tuesday 17th March & Wednesday 18th March – Parent / Carers Consultation Evenings 3.40pm-6.10pm. Bookings made through Arbor.

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day Non-uniform.

Tuesday 24th March 3.30pm – Yr6 SATS meeting for parents / carers with Miss Tuplin. Text reminder will be sent home nearer the time.

Tuesday 24th March – St. Michael's Choir performing at St. James' Church. Times and more info to follow.

Wednesday 25th March - F/S Louth Library visit.

Thursday 26th March 1.30 – 3.30pm – F/S Easter stay and play session for parents and carers, more information to follow.

Wednesday 1st April – F/S Rand Farm Trip. Book and pay through Arbor.

Thursday 2nd April – Easter Service St. Michael's Church 10am. KS2 parents welcome to join us.

Tuesday 21st April – First day back of Term 5.

Monday 11th – 14th May – Yr6 SATS. No absence authorised during statutory testing periods. More info at parents evening.

Monday 8th - 10th June – Yr 6 PGL trip to Claythorpe.

Term Dates 2026

Term 4 - Mon 23rd February 2026 - Thurs 2nd April 2026

Inset: Mon 20th April 2026

Term 5 - Tues 21st April 2026 - Fri 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday: Mon 4th May 2026

Term 6 - Mon 1st June 2026 - Wed 22nd July 2026



FRIDAY 20TH
MARCH

Red Nose Day –
non-uniform

Optional £1
donation in aid of
Comic Relief 😊

Clubs For Term 4 (23rd February – 2nd April 2026)

Mondays

3:30 – 4.30pm Multi Sports - Yr3 - Yr6

Wednesdays

8am – 8.45am Gymnastics F/S - Yr6 (externally chargeable)

3:30 – 4.30pm Multi Sports Yr1 - Yr2

3.30 – 4.30pm Sewing Club Yr3-Yr6

Thursdays

3:30 – 4.30pm Football Fun Factory – F/S - Yr6 (externally chargeable club)

All Club bookings made in Arbor (apart from gymnastics club which is made through Premier Education [Premier Education](#))

PE Days

Monday – Yr 3/4 and F/S

Wednesday – Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6

A reminder for students to come to school dressed in PE kits on these days.

Illness

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office and leave a message by 9am to report their absence. A clear message with Child's Name, Class and nature of the illness will be much appreciated. If we fail to receive a reason, this will go down as an unauthorised absence. For each day your child is absent/sick we require a daily phone call for an update.

Reminder: If your child has had sickness and / or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.



Free School Meal Eligibility

Find out if you are eligible for free school meals via this link:

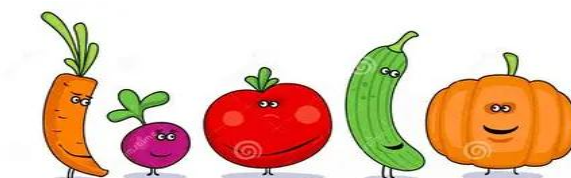
[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

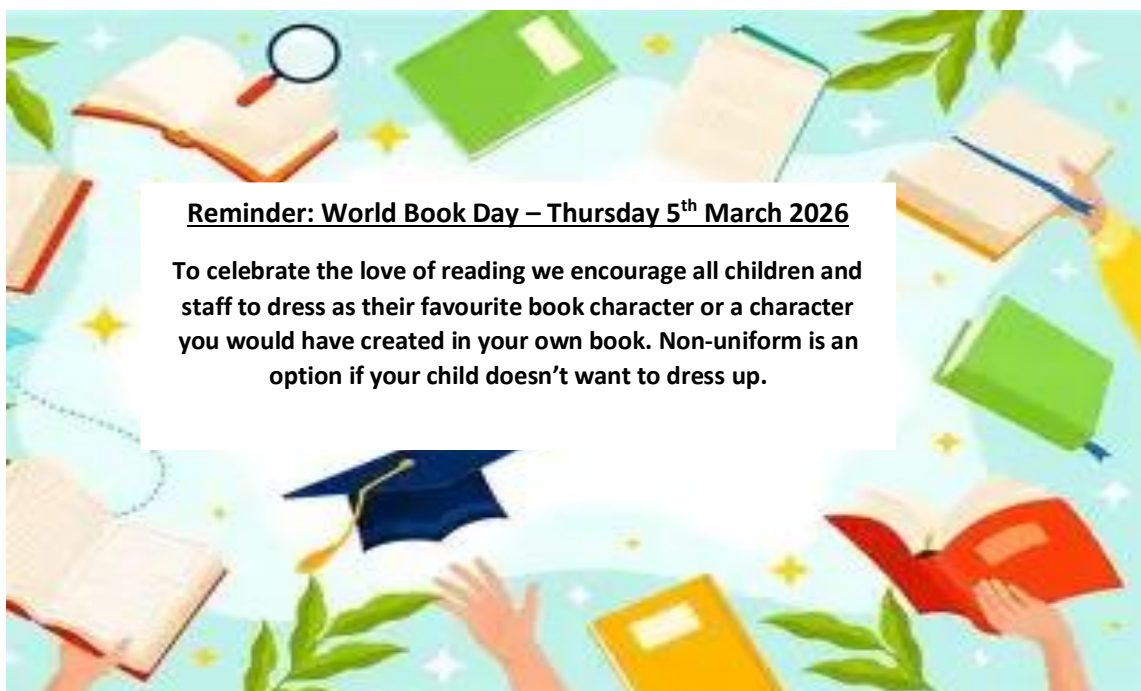


At our school, we are promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles. A balanced diet helps children concentrate, maintain energy levels, and develop healthy habits for life. We kindly ask parents and carers to provide nutritious lunchboxes including fruit, vegetables, and water. Sugary drinks and sweets should be limited.

Polite reminder no flasks with hot food and we continue to remain a nut free school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils make healthy choices.





Reminder: World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

To celebrate the love of reading we encourage all children and staff to dress as their favourite book character or a character you would have created in your own book. Non-uniform is an option if your child doesn't want to dress up.

Mother's Day Sunday 15th March

 Top Tips to Make a Mother's Day Card!

What You Need:

- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- Pencil

Steps:

1. Fold your paper in half.
2. On the front, draw a big heart.
3. Write: **Happy Mother's Day!**
4. Inside the card, write 3 things you love about your Mum and give thanks.
5. Add pictures and colour everything.
6. Hide it until Mother's Day!



School Transport

Lincolnshire children starting primary school or secondary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, you may apply for transport after 2nd March (secondary offer day) or 16th April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place.

Applications can be made online at the website below

****Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place****

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport

Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk



BREAKING NEWS!

English 4 – 11 Non-Fiction Picture Book Awards: An Exciting Opportunity for Our School

St. Michael's has been selected to take part in a wonderful literacy opportunity this year. Our school has been invited to join the Shortlisting Panel for the English 4 – 11 Picture Book Awards, a national award that celebrates high-quality children's literature.

As part of this process, our pupils will explore a collection of 25 outstanding picture books currently being considered for the award. Children will have the chance to read, discuss, and share their personal views on each book. Their responses will contribute directly to the shortlisting process and help identify the final winner of the Margaret Mallett Prize for Children's Non-Fiction.

This is a fantastic chance for our pupils to engage with a wide range of texts, develop their critical thinking and experience what it's like to be part of a real judging panel. We are delighted to offer them this unique role in celebrating children's literature.





Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th March & Wednesday 18th March.

Remember to make an appointment with your child's Class Teacher in the Arbor app.

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair alongside our Parent Consultations. Your children will get the opportunity to look at all the books with their class in the daytime and then purchase them with you after school at both Parents Evenings.

Yr 6 Secondary School Induction dates

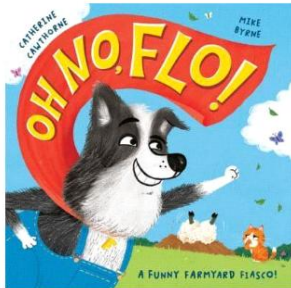
Louth Academy – Wednesday 1st July, Thursday 2nd July & Friday 3rd July

John Spendluffe Technology College – Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July.

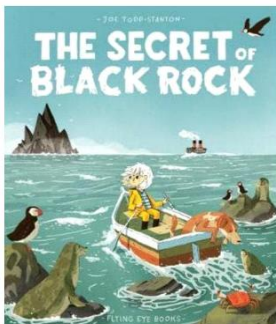
King Edward VI Grammar School – Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July.

March Reading Recommendations-

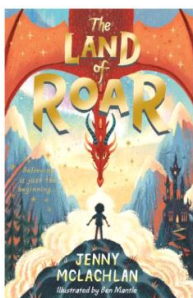
Each month Miss Tuplin will recommend a book for each Key Stage. If you like the sound of these books and would like to share them with your child, you can find the book in school or visit our local library to borrow a copy.

EYFS-**Oh No, Flo! by Catherine Cawthorne**

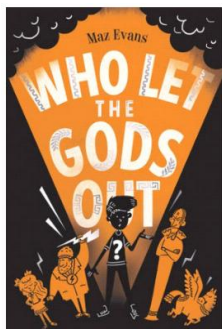
Catherine Cawthorne's picture book features Flo, a sheepdog determined to help when Farmer falls ill. But Flo's attempts at farm work go hilariously wrong, causing chaos with the animals. Mike Byrne's lively illustrations bring the story to life, offering a fun introduction to farm life. Full of humour and repetition, this book encourages kids to join in and keeps them hooked as Flo's well-meaning blunders unfold.

KS1-**The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton**

Erin dreams of exploring the sea beyond her quiet fishing village, despite the warnings about Black Rock, a creature said to wreck passing boats. When she secretly hides on her mother's boat, she discovers the truth - Black Rock is alive and teeming with sea life. Determined to protect it, Erin stands up to her community and shows them a different way to see the ocean. Joe Todd-Stanton's stunning illustrated story deftly explores themes of nature, understanding, and belonging.

LKS2-**The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan**

When Arthur's grandad disappears, Arthur searches the attic thinking it's a trick. But soon he realises that he's slipped through a folding bed and into the Land of Roar. This wonderfully imaginative and immersive fantasy story will draw in and grip 8-9-year-olds with a perfect blend of magic, mythical creatures, adventurous heroism and unbreakable friendships.

UKS2-**Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans**

An anarchic laugh-out-loud story about a boy, Elliot, who spots a shooting star one night which turns out to be a deity with a lot on her mind; and something unexpected and very nasty lurking under Stonehenge. The pair call on the Gods of Greek myths to save the world and Elliot's mum. The outrageously funny language will appeal to reluctant readers.