October 2026

St. Michael's C of E Primary School

October Newsletter

Useful Dates

Thursday 1st October – Jack Murray (Author) visit

Monday 5th October – Elm Farm visit

Tuesday 6th October – Juniper Farm visit & Steve Webb (Author) visit

Wednesday 7th October – Holly Farm visit

Monday 12th October – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th October – Donations for Harvest Festival

Thursday 15th October 2:30pm-3:30pm – Coffee Afternoon
(More information to follow)

Friday 16th October – Dodgeball Event Day and Non-uniform
£1 donation via Arbor

Wednesday 21st October – Break up

Monday 2nd November – First day of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November – Parents Evening (More info to follow)

Wednesday 4th November – Y5/6 Tag Rugby

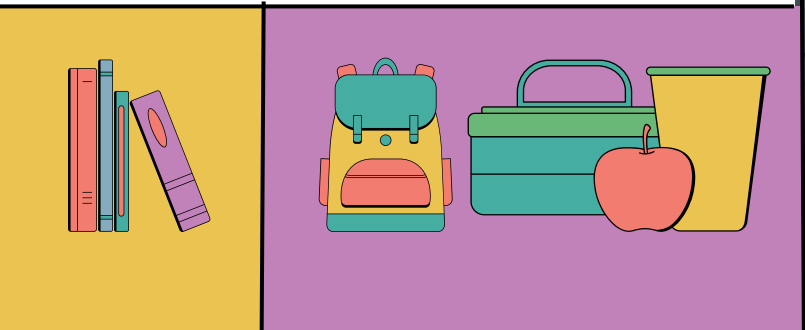
Wednesday 11th November – Y3/4 & Y5/6 Boys Football at Louth Academy

Thursday 3rd December - Wedneday 9th December - Christmas Tree Festival at St James's

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Discos (More information to follow)

Wednesday 16th December – Santa visit & Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December – Christingle Service 10-11am
St Michaels Church, Louth



Racket Sports Project

On Tuesday 15th September, pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a fantastic morning of tennis games and activities before having the opportunity to experience Padel for the first time.



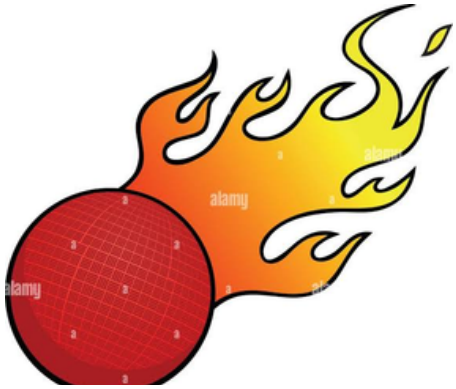


Mr Willoughby, Mrs Elvin and our sports superstars!



Glow Dodgeball

Fundraising Day



Friday 16th October the children will have the chance to take part in an unforgettable neon-filled dodgeball experience, complete with UV lights, glowing equipment and lots of exciting games. As part of the event, the children will also take on the **1,000 Throws Challenge -** seeing how many throws they can complete during their session!

How can you support us?

Your child will be coming home with a **Glow Dodgeball Sponsorship form.** We would be incredibly grateful if you could help them collect sponsorship from family and friends for their 1,000 Throws Challenge. Please note this is cash only sponsorship.

Non-uniform Day

We will also be holding a **non-uniform day** as part of the fundraising with a suggested contribution of **£1 per child to be paid via Arbor.** We'd love to see the children wearing their brightest and most colourful clothes to help create the ultimate neon atmosphere!

Where will the money go?

Most importantly, **all the money raised by our children will come directly back to our school.** The funds will help us to further improve the opportunities, experience and resources we can provide for **all our children.**





Girls Football Festival

On Wednesday 16th September KS2 girls attended a football festival hosted by Louth Academy. Every single player displayed incredible determination, fantastic teamwork, and some serious skills on the pitch. They gave it their absolute all and supported each other through every minute making the whole school community proud.

The afternoon was an incredibly competitive festival with St.Michael's snatching the title with an amazing 20 points throughout the fixtures.



Flu Vaccinations

As a reminder, Flu Vaccinations will take place on Monday the 12th of October.

If you require your child to have the vaccine, please consent via the email sent from the NHS. Please note if you have not given consent then your child will not receive the vaccine.

This Year's Attendance: 96.6%

Please try to ensure good attendance. This is essential in order for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we would be very grateful for donations of **non-perishable food items.** All donations will be given to a **local food bank** to support families and individuals within our local community.

Please bring donations to the school on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October to display in the hall.





Yr 5/6 Swimming

Year 5 and 6 swimming starts on **Monday 2nd November.**

Students will require swim kits and goggles, along with a waterproof coat for walking to and from the leisure centre.

Additionally if they have long hair, please ensure it is tied back and earrings are to be removed.

Please log onto Arbor, see **Trips**, give consent and pay for Term 2 Swimming.







Author Visits

Jack Mackay – Visiting Year 5/6 on Thursday 1st October

Jack Mackay's brilliantly received spooky debut, Gloam, published with Rock the Boat last year, was named Times Children's Book of The Week and has since won multiple awards, Jack is now touring with his brand-new release.

The Haunting of Old Splinter — a stand-alone spooky adventure aimed at Year 5 and above, publishing this September, this age group will love it. Jack is skilled at being just scary enough while remaining fully age-appropriate.

Steve Webb – Visiting Year 3/4 on Tuesday 6th October

Steve Webb is a graphic novelist who has recently released the fourth book in his popular Peng and Spanners series. Perfect for fans of Dog Man and Bunny vs Monkey, Steve delivers a brilliant, interactive draw-along assembly that even the most reluctant readers enjoy. Steve's graphic novels are widely loved for their humour, energy and brilliant drawalong sessions.

Highfield Farm

Juniper, Holly and Elm class have been kindly invited to visit Highfield Farm in Cawkwell on the dates below:

Monday 5th October - Elm
Tuesday 6th October - Juniper
Wednesday 7th October - Holly

Throughout the trip we will meet with expert farmers and learn all about life on the farm.

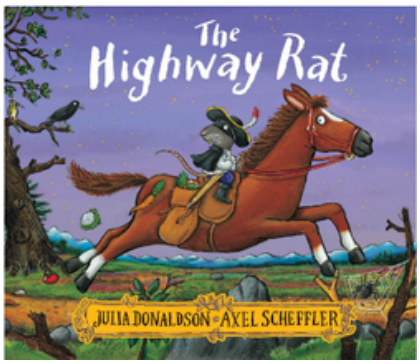
Please ensure all children are dressed in their school PE kit (joggers or leggings - no shorts or skirts), sensible footwear, wellies if you have them and a waterproof coat. We also ask that the children wear their school jumper.





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 visit our local library to borrow a copy.



EYFS-

The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson

The Highway Rat, a lively and humorous Julia Donaldson story that children adore. With its bold illustrations and memorable rhymes, it's a brilliant book for exploring themes of kindness, fairness and consequences — and a wonderful way to spark conversations about making good choices.

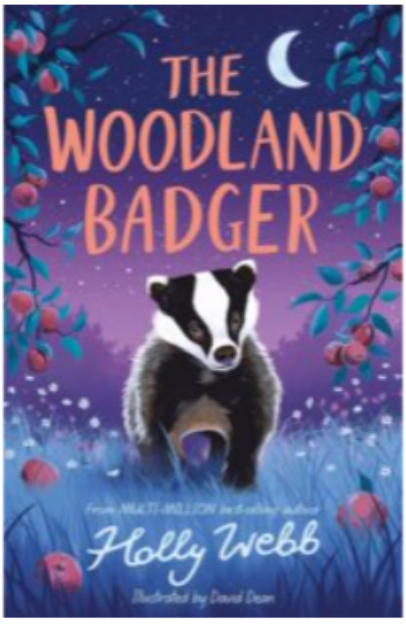


KS1-

Look Up! By Nathan Bryon

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket. She's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?

Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.



LKS2-

The Woodland Badger by Holly Webb

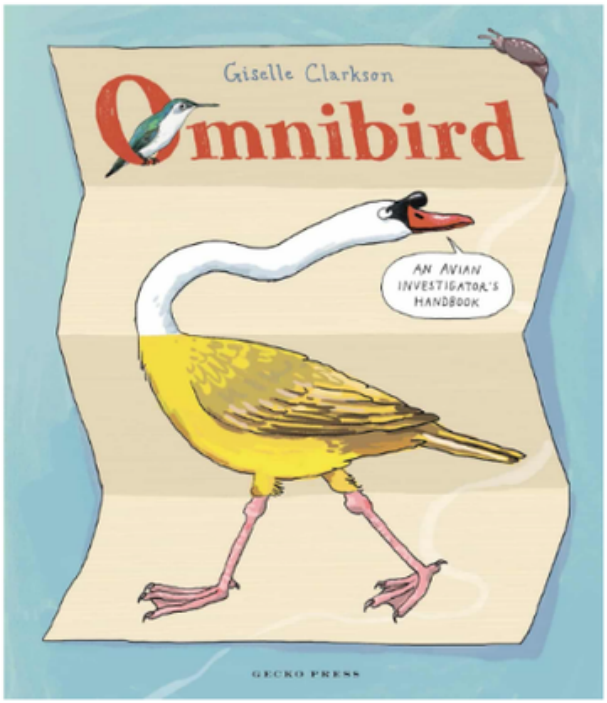
Poppy loves spending time at her mum's allotment and the tangle of wild woodland behind it. They regularly see foxes and hedgehogs, but one special evening, just as they are about to head home, they spot a young badger. It's the first time Poppy has ever seen one in real life, and she's entranced.

Then Poppy learns that the woodland has been sold and there are plans to build houses on it. Poppy and her mum are horrified. Is there anything they can do to save the young badger's home?

A heart-warming story about family and nature from best-selling author Holly Webb.

UKS2-
Omnibird: An Avian Investigator's Handbook by Giselle Clarkson

Have you seen a bird today? Probably, unless you're reading this in bed. Did you truly look at the bird? To open your ornithological eyes and ears, meet the Omnibird. An Omnibird contains the essential birdiness of every bird – it was born from an egg, has feathers, two legs, a beak and gizzard, perhaps some premium features like spurs or a curuncle. Once you recognise the Omnibird, you'll see the remarkable in any bird. You'll be expert at finding extraordinary things around you, just by looking.
The Omnibird describes 12 common birds from habitats around the world, eagles, owls and seabirds, starlings, ducks and swans. You will explore the incredible internal structure of bird bones, learn what a gizzard stone is for, meet the tiny creatures that live on birds, and find the fascinating in eggs, bird poop, feathers, and flight patterns.
Now you're an Omnibird expert, you'll look at every bird in new ways every day.



Things we are doing...

Road to RIAT

Road to RIAT is a fun, three-part programme with aviation and sustainability at its heart.

It kicks off with a half day STEM day, in November, where the children build a rocket. Then it's into the competition stage. The challenge is to design a sustainable plane, so we're looking for our creative children who love design and can work in teams. By competing, the children learn about aerospace, sustainability and literally see their creativity take flight.

Then later in the year, the children then meet with STEM superstars across a range of careers and industries, including the RAF, to find out more about their work and careers.