



JOIN US FOR TOMORROW'S WINTER FAYRE!

We are all very excited for tomorrow's big event, The Winter Fayre! This much-loved occasion brings our whole community together, and we are sure it will be a fantastic day for the whole family, with plenty to see, do, eat, and buy.

When planning events like this, we work hard to ensure everything is good value for money and that prices remain fair. Our main aim is to create an enjoyable, welcoming event for everyone. Any funds raised are a wonderful bonus that directly support our schools.

Please do come along, and don't worry too much about the weather, we have contingencies in place to keep the fun going. And don't forget that our school choir will be performing a selection of Christmas songs at 1:00pm, guaranteed to get everyone into the festive spirit.

Huge thanks for all of your generous donations today and throughout the week. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

A MAGICAL FESTIVE WEEK AHEAD

Next week, Christmas officially arrives at school! We'll begin the week by decorating the whole school together, every classroom will be transformed as the children create and add their own festive decorations.

Later in the week, the PTA has arranged a very special visit from Santa, who will be welcoming the children in a beautifully decorated log cabin on the playground. Every child will have the chance to meet him and receive their own special gift.

The children will also enjoy their very own Christmas market, our annual Christmas Bazaar, once again, organised by the PTA. The children will be encouraged to begin their Christmas shopping by choosing thoughtful gifts for loved ones (and perhaps a little treat for themselves too!).

This is always such a magical and memorable time of year in school, and we can't wait to celebrate it with the children.



YEAR 1 VISIT TO THE CHURCH

This week, our Year 1 children visited our local church, St Michael and All Angels, to learn more about places of worship. They were warmly welcomed by Vicar Tom, Marcus and Larrisa, who spoke to them about the special features of the church and why it plays such an important role in the lives of Christians. The children listened beautifully and showed great respect throughout the visit.

As always, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied us, we truly couldn't do this without your support.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT LEIGH LIGHTS

It's a busy couple of days for our school choir! They will begin with a performance at Leigh Lights this evening. We would love for you to come and support them, the choir will be singing outside The Ironworks at Leigh Community Centre on Elm Road at 4:00pm. Inside the community centre, there will also be a range of fun, Christmas-themed activities for children, so do feel free to pop in afterwards. The choir will also be performing at our Winter Fayre tomorrow at 1:00pm, and we would be delighted to see you there too. Your support means so much to the children.



DODGEBALL STARS IN ACTION

Our Dodgeball team competed brilliantly this morning, winning 4 out of the 8 games played. The children showed fantastic determination and team spirit, all while having loads of fun. Thank you to Mr Farquharson, Mrs Bygrave and Mrs Taylor for taking the children and giving them such a positive experience.





**Platinum
Award**
2024 - 2026

WARMING UP WITH ACTIVE PLAY

This week, we've been keeping warm by staying active in our exercise zone! The children have loved following the instructions in our exercise sessions and have had great fun creating their own exercise games too.

WISH LIST

**SANDPIT TOYS
CHALK
POTS AND PANS
COOKING UTENSILS
TOY VEHICLES**



Thank You



WHAT'S ON THIS CHRISTMAS

ST·MICHAEL'S
WESTCLIFF

14. 12. 25
NATIVITY TOY SERVICE
10:45AM

17. 12. 25
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL—
DRAMATIC RECITATION**
(BOOKING REQUIRED) 7:30PM



21. 12. 25
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
6:00PM

24. 12. 25
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
4:00PM

24. 12. 25
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
11:15PM

25. 12. 25
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
10:00AM

JANUARY 2026

Alpha Course begins! A chance to ask life's big questions and unpack the christian faith together in a relaxed non-judgemental environment.

January 15th 7PM St Michael's Church Hall sign up at www.smw.church

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM AT SOUTHEND CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES ALL FAMILIES TO SIGN UP FOR THEIR HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU.

HERE IS THE LINK.



OUR BLACK FRIDAY OFFER IS LIVE THIS WEEK FOR PARENTS TO SAVE 15% SITEWIDE*.

USE CODE SAVE15 AT CHECKOUT.



NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

This page of our Newsletter summarises some the learning your child will access next week. For more detailed information on our curriculum please visit our [website](#).

Nursery

Stories: Polar Bear Polar Bear

Number songs/Stories: 5 little penguins

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be linked to Arctic and Antarctic animals. We will share stories about these animals and will learn a bit more about them. We will have the chance to take part in lots of different creative craft activities as well as using our imagination with some wintery small world play. We will practice showing numbers to 5 using our fingers which is a very important skill for our early mathematics! We will also be practising singing some festive songs in preparation for our Nursery Carols on 19th December.

Don't forget, we have a special visit from Santa next week and will be visiting the Christmas Bazaar too!

Reception

Phonics: h (horse), r (robot), j (Jack in the box), v (vulture)

Maths: Next week we will be focusing on comparing numbers and learning more about the word equal. We will find groups with equal quantities.

Other Areas: It's an extremely busy week in Reception next week! We will begin to learn about Advent and why this time of year is so important to Christians. This learning will include a very exciting visit to St Michael and All Angels Church. Our drawing club story next week is 'The Gingerbread Man'. This story will also inspire some of our other activities including retelling the story and creating some gingerbread men of our own at the craft table!

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Year
1

Phonics: wh (white), revision

Maths: Introducing subtraction by practical strategies, crossing out and representing on a number line. In Rekenrek Time we will be exploring odd and even numbers.

Foundation subjects: In Computing, we will be exploring algorithms by writing our own code and fixing programs that don't work. In Art, we will be painting the clay faces we created, thinking carefully about our colour choices. In Dance, the children will be responding to a new piece of music and pretending to be toys, and in PSHE we will be learning how to stay safe at home and what is and isn't safe to touch. In RE, we will be learning about the first Christmas before decorating our classroom ready for the festivities. We're also very excited about a special visitor (Santa!) and our Christmas shopping at the bazaar.

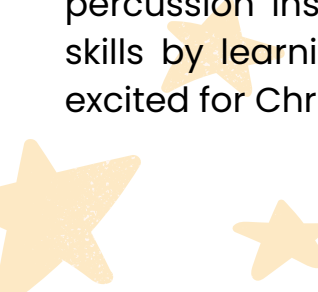


Year
2

Phonics/GPS: Subordinating conjunctions (because, when, if)

Maths: Multiplication; 5 x table/10 x table

Foundation subjects: In Science, we have been exploring the importance of physical exercise and how it keeps both our body and mind healthy. We will be conducting an experiment to investigate how exercise affects our bodies, making predictions, recording our findings, and then writing up our conclusions. In Computing, we will be learning about the importance of asking for permission before sharing information about others online, and why we should always check with a trusted adult before agreeing to anything on the internet. In DT, we will be constructing a fixed axle and wheel mechanism to help us understand more about the mechanics of how axles work. In Music, we will be performing the song we have been learning, 'Hands, Feet, Heart', using the glockenspiel and a range of untuned percussion instruments. Finally, in PE, we will continue to develop our Tag Rugby skills by learning how to score a try and improve our overall gameplay. We are excited for Christmas celebrations to begin next week!!!!



AUTUMN WEEK 1

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

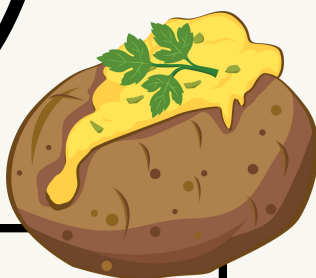
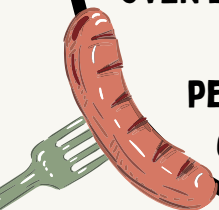
WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

OVEN BAKED PORK SAUSAGE
(S)

OR OVEN BAKED MEAT FREE
SAUSAGE (G) (VG)

WITH

OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND A CHOICE OF
PEAS (VG), BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)



AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS (INCLUDING
ITEMS FROM THE DAILY MENU SUCH AS BOLOGNAISE)
TUNA (F), VEGAN CHEESE (CCN) (V) (VG), HUMMUS (SS)(VG),
CHEESE (MK), BAKED BEANS (VG), HOMEMADE COLESLAW (E)
(V)

A COLD SALAD BAR

SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT (VG), LETTUCE,
MIXED PEPPERS

WATER AND MILK / A FRUIT BOWL (ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE
AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)

TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

HOMEMADE BEEF
BOLOGNAISE (CY)

OR

HOMEMADE MEAT FREE BOLOGNAISE
(BOTH WITH HIDDEN VEG)
(G) (SOYB)(VG)(CY)

WITH

TRICOLOUR PASTA TWIRLS (G)(VG)
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
CARROTS (VG)
AND PEAS (VG)



REACH FOR A ROAST WEDNESDAY

OVEN ROAST TURKEY

OR

OVEN ROAST QUORN (V) (MK) (E)
WITH

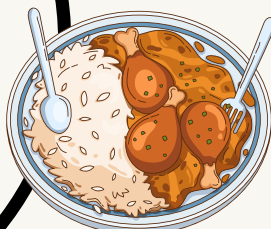
OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G),
BROCCOLI (VG),
CARROTS (VG), YORKSHIRE
PUDDING (MK) (V) (G) (E)
AND GRAVY (VG)



FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

OVEN BAKED BREADED
CHICKEN GOUJON (G) OR
BREADED MEAT FREE GOUJON (G)
WITH

HOMEMADE KATSU CURRY SAUCE
(CCN) (SOYB)(CY)(VG)
AND STEAMED RICE AND
MIXED VEGETABLE MEDLEY:
GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/
CARROT/PEAS (VG)

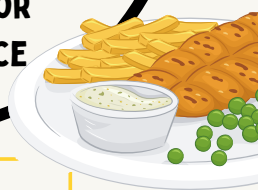


FINTASTIC THURSDAY

BATTERED FISH FILLET (G) (F)
OR

VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)

WITH CHIPS (VG),
PEAS AND SWEETCORN (VG)
AND
KETCHUP (VG) OR
TARTARE SAUCE
(V) (E) (MU)



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Stars of the week

NURSERY

Elena-Grace



**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Ivy Fitzsimmons

WALES

Sonny Taylor

SCOTLAND

Lucille Livermore

SPAIN

Rafa Harbage

MEXICO

Tugce Bektasoglu

SOUTH AFRICA

Ryan

FINLAND

George Hendry

VIETNAM

Holly Skeet

BAHAMAS

Fargo Niven

*Right
on time*



Daphne Kent	Skyler Bondzie	Rose Taylor
Vienna Deeming	Sophia Homan	Scarlett Quantrill
Millie Dolman	Olive Hawthorne	Maya Vallance



ATTENDANCE

This week - 94.80%

EYFS - 96.89%

Year 1 - 94.88%

Year 2 - 94.56%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.46%



REACH Award

Health

Jamie Tree

Attendance Matters

Attendance class of The Month for November.....



CLASS NORTHERN IRELAND WITH A MASSIVE 99.04% - WELL DONE!!

**WOW - CLASS NORTHERN IRELAND
THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE EVER!**

**YOU WIN A STICKER EACH,
AN EXTRA PLAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP AND
CHALKY OUR ATTENDANCE BEAR**

**WILL LIVE WITH YOUR CLASS
DURING DECEMBER**



well
done

WHAT'S GOING ON? *New additions will be in red*

Sat 29 Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Fayre (choir performing)
Mon 1 Dec	Dentist visiting Year 1 and Reception
Wed 3 Dec	PTA Santa visiting
Wed 3 Dec	Reception visiting St Michael's Church
Thu 4 Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Wed 10 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church - 9.45
Thur 11 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church - 9.45
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas/Winter jumpers for Brain Tumour Charity
Fri 12 Dec	Choir singing at Catherine Miller Home for the Elderly
Mon 15 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Northern Ireland parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Scotland parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Junior Christmas Dinner/Infant Party Lunch
Wed 17 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Wales parents - 9.15
Weds 17 Dec	Infant and Nursery Christmas Dinner
Weds 17 Dec	Year 1 park trip
Fri 19 Dec	Nursery Xmas Celebration 2.15 til 2.45 - enter via Rockleigh Ave
Fri 19 Dec	Last day at school - Christmas holidays
Mon 5 Jan	Back to school
Thu 12 Feb	Last day at school - Feb half term
Fri 13 Feb	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Mon 23 Feb	Back to school
Fri 27 Mar	Last day at school - Easter holidays
Mon 13 Apr	Back to school
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Thu 21 May	Last day at school - May half term
Fri 22 May	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Mon 1 Jun	Back to school
Fri 17 Jul	Last day at school - Summer holidays
Mon 20 Jul	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)



CONTACT US

If you have a question, query or concern, please get in touch with someone from the list below. Please do not email class teachers directly, they should be contacted via the communication book or by calling the school office. Teachers may be available to chat to at the end of the school day.



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