



September Newsletter



CARING, LEARNING, EXCELLING

Welcome back to St. Michael's School for the 2026–2027 school year! We hope everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing break and is feeling ready for another exciting year together. We are really looking forward to a new school year filled with learning, friendship, fun, and new experiences. This year will be another opportunity for us to work hard, support one another, try new things, and discover new interests and talents. We will learn and grow together, face challenges with confidence, celebrate our achievements, and make lots of happy memories along the way.

Useful Dates

Wednesday 16th Sep - Yr5/6

Girls football at Louth Academy

Thursday 17th Sep - Yr3/4 girls netball at KEVIGS

Thursday 17th Sep - De Aston Open Evening 6-8pm

Thursday 24th Sep - Wrates individual school photos

Thursday 24th Sep - Louth Academy Open Evening 6-8.30pm

Monday 28th Sep - Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2pm

Monday 12th Oct - Flu vaccinations. NHS directly contact parents for consent

Wednesday 21st Oct - Last day of Term 1

Monday 2nd Nov - First day of Term 2

Wednesday 18th Nov - Flu vaccination mop-ups

Term Dates

**Term 1 - Thurs 3rd
September 2026 - Wed 21st
October 2026**

**Term 2 - Mon 2nd
November 2026 - Fri 18th
December 2026**

**Term 3 - Mon 4th January
2027 - Fri 12th February
2027**

**Term 4 Mon 22nd February
2027 - Thur 25th March
2027**

**Term 5 - Tues 13th April
2027 - Fri 28th May 2027**

**Term 6 - Mon 7th June 2027
- Wed 21st July 2027**



Guitar lessons will start back on Wednesday 16th September

Farewell...

Mrs Russell has been a much-loved and valued member of our school office since 2011. Over the years, she has become a familiar and friendly face to everyone in our school community. Her hard work, dedication and kindness have made such a difference, and she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families. While we are very sorry to see her leave. We wish Mrs Russell every happiness and success in her exciting new chapter.



MRS RUSSELL

We would like to say another farewell to **Mrs Jenkins** who joined our school in 2006 and has been a wonderful and dedicated Teaching Assistant ever since.

She has always been incredibly supportive, caring and committed to helping our children thrive. Her kindness will be greatly missed by everyone at school. Although we are sad to see her leave, we are delighted that she will now have more time to enjoy making special memories with her grandchildren. We wish Mrs Jenkins the very best for this exciting new chapter.



A Warm Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Colley** to our school as our new Year 3/4 Teacher, who joins Lime. Please make sure you give Mr Colley a warm hello if you see him in the playground!



The poster for Louth Academy Open Evening features a dark blue and green background. At the top right is the Louth Academy crest. The title 'Louth Academy Open Evening' is prominently displayed in white. Below the title is a circular inset image of the school building. To the right of the building image, a calendar icon indicates the date 'Thursday 24th September 2026' and the time '6:00pm-8:30pm'. Below this, a location pin icon points to 'Louth Academy Lower Campus, North Holme Road'. At the bottom left, the Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust logo is visible.

Louth Academy
Open Evening

Thursday 24th
September 2026
6:00pm-8:30pm

Louth Academy
Lower Campus,
North Holme Road

Lincolnshire Gateway
Academies Trust



SAVE THE DATE

De Aston School
Year 5/6 Open Evening
Thursday 17th September 2026

Families looking at secondary school options for 2027 and 2028 admissions are invited to attend our open event.

Visitors will be able to attend a presentation, followed by the opportunity to talk to our staff, visit subject departments and see our facilities.

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Wrates Individual School Photographs

Our individual school photographs with Wrates will take place on Thursday 24th September. Please ensure children come to school smartly dressed and ready with their very best smiles!

Proof photos will be sent home with the children as quickly as possible.

Wrates

LET US EAT CAKE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN-
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on **Monday 28th September at 2pm**, and we would love for our parents and families to come along and join us! We will also be holding a fun Bake-Off Challenge, so get baking at home and bring along your best cake creation. The winners will be announced at 2:00pm, after which we can enjoy some delicious cake, have a cup of coffee and chat together.

All homemade cakes and cake donations should be dropped off at the school office on Monday morning. **We are a nut-free** school so please make sure that all homemade cakes are completely nut-free and have a full list of ingredients clearly provided with them. For shop-bought cakes, please bring the original packaging so that we can check the ingredients and allergen information.

Most importantly, we are raising money for a very good cause, so please come along, enjoy a lovely afternoon and help us support Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope to see lots of you there!

Clubs for Autumn Term

Mondays:

8 - 8:45am - Dodgeball F/S to Yr6
(externally chargeable club)

3.30 - 4.30pm - Multi sports Yr3 to 6
- Yr 5/6 Art Club (chargeable)

Tuesdays:

3.30 - 4.30pm - Yr 3/4 Art Club (Chargeable)

Wednesdays:

8-8:45am - Gymnastics F/S to Yr6 (externally chargeable)

3.30-4.30pm - Multi sports Yr1 to Yr6
- Sewing club Yr3 to Yr6

Thursdays:

3.30 - 4.30pm - Football Fun Factory F/S to Yr6
(externally chargeable club)
- Yr3/4 Art Club (Chargeable)



SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION – DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES!

We hope our budding gardeners have been enjoying watching their sunflowers grow over the summer! As the competition draws to a close, this is a reminder to send in your evidence for the final judging.

To enter, please submit:

-  A clear photograph of your sunflower.
-  A photograph showing your sunflower being measured with a tape measure or ruler.
- The measurement must be taken from the base of the stem at ground level to the highest point of the flower.

Remember, only one sunflower entry per child, and it must have been grown by the participant.

 Prize: The child who has grown the tallest sunflower will be crowned our winner, and all participants will receive a certificate.

Closing Date: Please send your photographs and measurements to Mrs Banham by Friday 3rd October.

We can't wait to see how tall your sunflowers have grown. Good luck to everyone, and thank you for taking part! 



PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers, and children for the fantastic support with our plastic bottle top collection this year. Thanks to your amazing efforts, we have collected six bin liners full of plastic bottle tops. See the photo below to celebrate everyone's hard work!

This initiative is part of our school's Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan and helps support our commitment to reducing waste and caring for the environment. When we have collected enough bottle tops, they will be melted down and transformed into recycled plastic furniture, including a Buddy Bench for our school playground. Please keep collecting clean plastic bottle top lids over the next school year. Every lid makes a difference, and with your continued support we can work together towards creating this exciting new addition to our playground. Congratulations to our winning classes from last school year!

EYFS/KS1 Winners: Juniper Class

KS2 Joint Winners: Oak Class and Lime Class

As a reward for their fantastic efforts, every child in the winning classes received an ice lolly and a selection of treats.

Thank you once again for supporting this important school initiative. We look forward to another successful year of collecting together!





READING FOR PLEASURE – HOW PARENTS CAN HELP



Encouraging your child to read for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to support their learning and wellbeing. When reading becomes a joyful habit, children build vocabulary, imagination, empathy, and confidence.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss

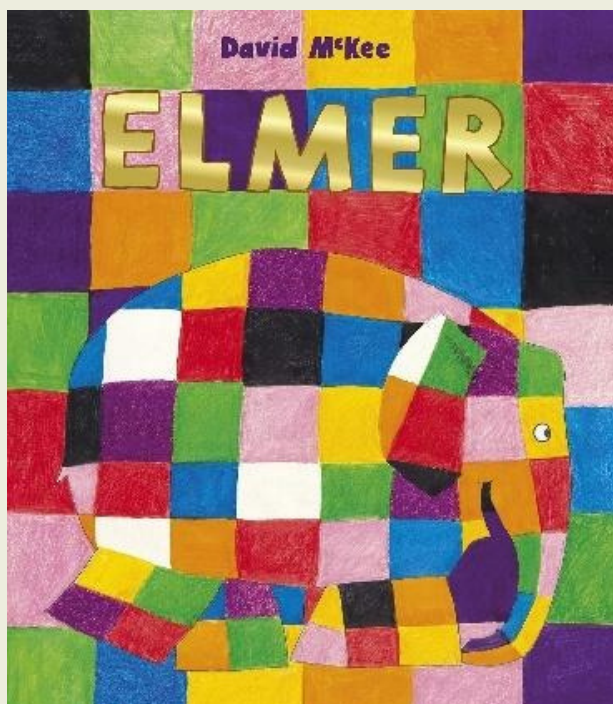
How parents can support this at home:

- Model the habit: Children are more likely to read if they see adults enjoying books, newspapers, or magazines.
- Encourage choice: Let your child select materials that interest them — whether stories, comics, or non-fiction.
- Create a routine: A regular time for reading, such as before bed, helps make it a natural part of the day.
- Talk about books: Discuss characters, themes, or surprising facts to deepen engagement and critical thinking.
- Provide access: Visit libraries, swap books with friends, use the book swap in the school foyer, or keep a small selection at home to spark curiosity.
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By nurturing a love of reading, we can give children a gift that supports both learning and lifelong enjoyment.

Reading Recommendations-

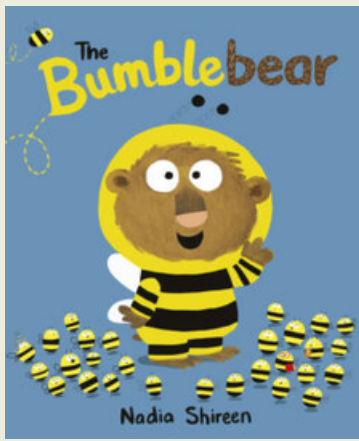
Each month Miss Tuplin will recommend a book for each Key Stage. If you like the sound of these books and would like to share them with your child, you can visit our local library to borrow a copy.



ELMER BY DAVID MCKEE EYFS

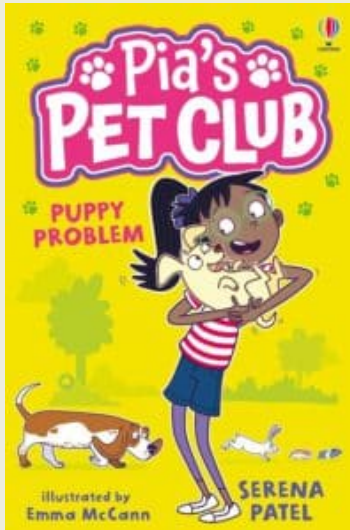
Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork. The elephants all love him, but Elmer soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be grey, just like them... With the help of his friends, he soon discovers that the thing that makes him different is exactly what makes him so special!

Elmer's subtle message, that it is OK to be different, resonates with children across the world.



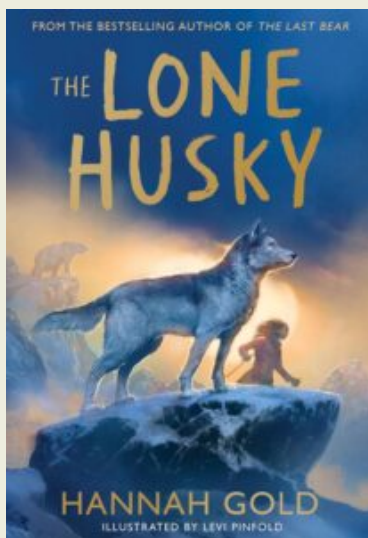
THE BUMBLEBEAR BY NADIA SHIREEN - KS1

The story is about a bear called Norman, who concocts a plot to get more honey by dressing up as a bee and attending bee school. Children will love Norman's hilarious attempts to convince his teacher and classmates that he's a real bee. This is a really funny book with hilarious twists and turns, and ultimately a happy resolution about acceptance and being true to oneself.



PIA'S PET CLUB: PUPPY PROBLEM BY SERENA PATEL - LKS2

Pia meets a boy called Hari in the communal garden. He is with his two dogs, an older basset hound called Raja and a boisterous puppy, Luna. Hari is upset because he has to train Luna to behave before his Nani comes to visit, or she will be given away. What ensues is plenty of chaos, giggles and new friendships. This is a heartwarming read with such lovable, diverse characters.



THE LONE HUSKY BY HANNAH GOLD - UKS2

The story follows April Wood as she volunteers for a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra, facing both a treacherous landscape and a (somewhat ruthless) rival. The spotlight is on April's growing connection with a solitary husky named Blaze.

The evocative setting descriptions beautifully capture the wonder and peril of the icy wilderness. A gripping adventure that weaves themes of environmental conservation and personal integrity into a high-stakes, icy race, with a compelling choice of lead animal character that readers will quickly fall in love with.