



Welcome

New to Reception
2026

Meet the Team

Mrs Wass – Head Teacher

Miss Whitney – Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs Farrell- Early Years Phase Leader & Teacher

Mrs Del Greco - Teacher

Mrs Wright – Teacher

Mrs Moore – School Office and Attendance

Mrs Lewis – Finance Manager

Mary – School Cook

Gail – Wrap around club leader

Our School Motto

Through God, we love, laugh and learn.

‘This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it.’ Psalm 118:24

Our Vision and Values

Our Church of England School community where all children flourish into confident, happy individuals with a love of learning.

Where curiosity, independence and a feeling of self-belief are nurtured and valued by all.



Welcome to EYFS Reception



First few days in Reception...

- ❖ Settling in time
- ❖ Time to explore the classrooms and outdoors, learning how to engage in each area of learning
- ❖ Building friendships
- ❖ Learning new routines



Standards
& Testing
Agency

Confidential

Reception Baseline Assessment

Carried out in the first 6
weeks of your child
starting school

Practical activities with
your child

Focuses on
Communication, Literacy
and Maths

The EYFS Curriculum

**Communication
and Language**



**Physical
Development**



**Personal, Social
and Emotional
Development**



**Prime Areas - developing from Nursery
into Reception**

Communication and Language



Communication runs through all areas of the curriculum.

Children achieve many of the EYFS goals through **talk, describe, discuss and explain.**

Talking to children is of great importance and developing their vocabulary.

Sight and hearing checks.

The EYFS Curriculum

Literacy



Mathematics



Expressive Arts
and Design



Understanding
the World



Specific Areas - setting the foundations for learning before starting the National Curriculum

Phonics



Little Wandle Phonics Scheme

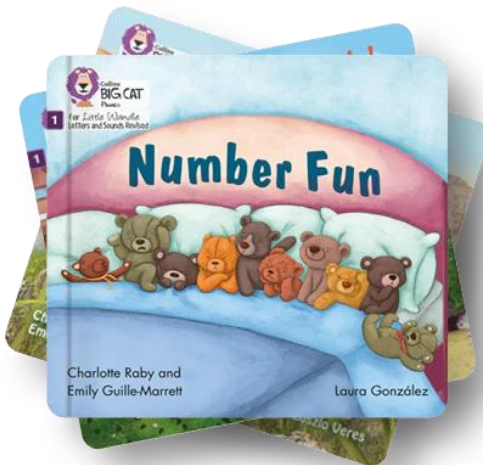
Daily lessons beginning in the second or third week

Teaches children to read with fluency and expression

Develops sentence writing and imagination

3 reading sessions per week using the same book then a continue this at home – From October half term

Autumn term – Parent workshop to share further information and how to support at home. Date TBC





Engage your child in
a love of reading to
enhance their
vocabulary



Act out stories

Share stories together

Visit the library

Make props

R.E



Harvest Café

Christmas Nativity

Weekly lessons

Visits from Rev. Rob and
links with our local
church

Daily worships learning
songs and new stories

Come rain or shine...



The children will take part in weekly forest and outdoor learning lessons.

We love exploring in the outdoors and place a great emphasis on this.

Weather does not stop us so please provide **named wellington boots**, a coat **or all in one suit** with your child on their first day and they will remain in school until the end of the year.

Forest School



First hand experiences



Chicks hatching

Trip to the farm or zoo

People who help us visitors – police, doctor, paramedic,
dentist

Tapestry



- Days out
- Baking
- Riding their bike
- Reading/Writing
- Swimming etc

Information leaflet in your packs and consent form.
Please do not share photo's from Tapestry on social media.



Family Café



- Learn with your child
- Network with other parents
- See all their amazing learning
- Talk to the teachers
- All family members welcome
- Refreshments provided
- Build a community

Our School Day

Gates open: 8.50-9am

Phonics, literacy and maths. Continuous provision

Daily worship & snack/milk 10.20am

Lunch: 12 midday

Topic based learning. Continuous provision

Home time: 3.30pm

First week of school

On your child's first day of school all they need to bring is themselves looking smart in their uniform and ready to enjoy learning.

- Book bag – We will provide your child with a library book bag when they start school. Please do not send your child in with a rucksack as we struggle for space.
- Reading diary and Reading book will be given midway through the first half term.
- PE Kit – Please bring a small drawstring bag with your child's indoor PE kit in, named, for their peg to keep in school. Outdoor PE days, come to school in your PE kit. Days TBC in September. Indoor kit: black shorts and white t-shirt
- Wellington boots/Forest School onesie – Please bring on the first day to keep in school.

Transition

June – Nursery visits

Play & Stays

- Wednesday 24th June. Parent and child activity hour 1.45 – 3pm.
- Monday 29th June. Child story activity session 1.15 – 3pm

Your child can go straight home with you after the sessions

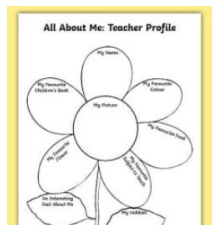
Class Information Packs



Hopes and wishes leaf – Please write on here your hopes and wishes for your child for their year in reception. We like to make a display of them for you to see.



Tapestry form – Please read, complete and sign for your class teacher so you can access your child's online journal which will go live in September.



Activity packs – All about me flower, Name read and write

Office packs – Please return filled forms to Mrs Moore in the school office when you attend the play and stays or as soon as possible.

Lunch time

- Lunches – Free hot meal daily. Healthy packed lunches from home are also welcome.
- Allergies or dietary requirements – If your child has an allergy please let the office or their teacher know and the kitchen staff can adapt meals for this. We require a letter from the doctor stating the allergy and a form will come home for you to fill in for our medical file. This is all kept confidential.

Uniform

- Blue jumper or cardigan with the St Michaels logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey winter dress/pinafore or skirt
- Blue and white summer dress or playsuit
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes, Velcro or buckles. No laces or trainers.

Indoor PE:

- White t - shirt
- Black shorts (no pumps needed)

Outdoor PE:

- Black or blue tracksuit
- White t-shirt
- Black/white trainers

PTA



- Regular school events
 - Fundraising
- Contribute to school trips



Key Information

- * Changes to home time pickup – please inform the office via a call, in person or email.
- * Medicines/ medical needs/allergies – to be filled out on the induction forms.
- * Absences and illnesses – please call the school in the morning so we can authorise an absence.
- * No parking down Weavers Lane for the safety of the children walking to and from school.
- * Wrap around club – please see the information in your packs

Email, texts, fortnightly newsletter

Website

www.stmichaelsstone.org.uk

Facebook

[stmichaelsfirst](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsfirst)



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Thank you

We look forward to welcoming you
and your child to
St Michael's