



Changes to Home Learning Expectations September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Michael's, we are continually reviewing our approach to learning both in and beyond the classroom, and we're writing to share some important updates to our **home learning expectations**.

This year, we are placing a renewed emphasis on **reading**, which we believe is the cornerstone of every child's educational journey. As with every year, every pupil will be provided with a **school reading book** and a **reading diary**. Our expectation is that children read **at least five times per week**, and that this is recorded in their diary.

Reading can include:

- Their school reading book
- Shared reading with a parent or sibling (e.g. library books, magazines)
- Any material they enjoy reading for pleasure

Teachers will monitor diaries weekly, and we encourage you to make reading an enjoyable priority which is part of your family routine.

We're also excited to re-launch **Times Tables Rock Stars** across the school. Each child will receive an **individual login**, and we expect them to engage with the platform **at least three times per week**. This fun and interactive tool helps build fluency in multiplication - a key skill that underpins many areas of maths.

While reading and times tables are our whole-school priorities, some year groups will have additional tailored learning:

- **EYFS and Year 1:** Children will receive **phonics-related activities** to support early reading and writing development.
- **Year 6:** Pupils may be given **SATs-related tasks** to help prepare them for the end-of-year assessments.

We understand that home life can be busy, and our aim is to make home learning purposeful, manageable, and impactful. Your support in helping children build these habits is invaluable, and we're here to help if you have any questions or need guidance.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey.

Yours sincerely

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