



Our School Vision

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion. Three separate schools, we journey together to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that everyone can fulfil their potential. We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

We are well and truly in the swing of a new school year! Our Reception children are now in the flow of daily phonics and have participated in their first church service. We have been reflecting on our successes from the previous year and have started working on our next set of priorities as a Federation. Believe it or not, the teachers have already begun selecting scripts for our Christmas nativities! As we head into the half-term holiday, I hope all our families can enjoy some quality time together, whether it's well walking through the autumn leaves, visiting the cinema, or relaxing in the living room!

School Success

We have already had our first Local Authority Improvement Partnership Meeting at Saint Michael's and All Angels, in Lyndhurst. Improvements in academic outcomes in all year groups, at the end of the last year were celebrated. The school's phonics outcomes were a particular success and were the best phonic outcomes the school had ever seen. Last year's Year Two saw more children leaving our school working at age related expectations and above, compared to the previous year, and this positive trend looks set to continue at Saint Michaels in the coming year. Mr Cooper, our Math lead (currently based at Copythorne), was also praised for his ongoing work leading on the further development of Maths across the Federation. Our next Local Authority Improvement Partnership Meeting will be held at Copythorne in November, and we look forward to sharing some of the highlights from that meeting.

Inter-federation Football

Well done to all our Year One pupils who took part in this term's inter-federation sports.

We are thrilled to announce that Copythorne won this term's competition for Year One (closely followed by Netley Marsh).

We will update you on our rescheduled date for Year Two as soon as possible.

Parent consultations

Now that the children have been in school for half a term, it is a great time to find out a bit more about what your child has been learning! Parent consultations are planned for Tuesday November 12th and Thursday November 14th. We will be offering face-to-face meetings again this year, however - should an online meeting be better, please let us know. You should have already received a ParentMail, asking you to sign up for a timeslot – if you have not, please **do** phone the admin team as soon as possible. As we have done previously, unless there is a court order in place, we ask that parents do not book separate slots, to ensure consistency of message is delivered.

As always, I would like to remind all parents and carers, that if you have a concern about your child, please do not wait until parent consultation meetings. It is always better to speak about your concerns earlier, so that the school can help address them.

School tours

We are currently running lots of school tours for families looking for schools for September starters. As many of you will know, we continue to take children from outside of catchment areas, and we would ask if you know anyone who is looking for a school place for September, you let them know and help spread the word that tours are currently happening in all our schools!

The Countdown to Christmas!

It may seem very early to mention Christmas, but rehearsals for Christmas plays will be starting very soon! This year, our performances are planned for:

Copythorne, 2.00pm on 16th December

Netley Marsh, 2.00pm on 17th December

Saint Michael and All Angels, 2.00pm on 18th December

When is my child too poorly for school?

All children get poorly throughout their development. If we feel that your child is too poorly for school, we will phone and let you know. The NHS has produced excellent information to support parents in knowing when to send and when not to send your child into school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Another fantastic resource, which provides information to help parents with a range of concerns (from dealing with colds to supporting children who find it hard to sleep), can be found here: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>. This resource is also available as a useful app.

New staff members

After half term, we will be welcoming Miss Whitcher to Copythorne Infant School. Miss Whitcher will be supporting learning in Foxes class, alongside Mr Cooper, Mrs Abbott and Mrs Ellis.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Holloway at Netley Marsh. We are currently in the process of recruitment and will inform parents of the newest member of the Netley Marsh team once this recruitment process is completed.

Additionally, a quick reminder that we have Miss Matthews and Mrs Defriend working together at Copythorne Infant School at different points in the week. When emailing the school, it is really important to use the shared admin email address, adminoffice@copythorne.hants.sch.uk, to ensure that messages are picked up in a timely manner.

Parent Forums

We are keen to hear your thoughts and feedback about your child's experience at school. Our upcoming parent forums are a great opportunity to discuss what's going well and areas we can focus on. If you have specific concerns about your child, please speak with their class teacher first.

All parents are welcome to attend any of the following forums:

- *Wednesday 6th November at 8:45am – Saint Michael and All Angels*
 - *Thursday 7th November at 8:45am – Copythorne*
 - *Friday 8th November at 2:30pm – Netley Marsh*

Important Dates

Click [here](#) for Copythorne Infant School Dates

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Click [here](#) for Saint Michael and All Angel Infant School Dates

