



# St. Michael's VA Junior School

Week commencing 22nd April 2024

<https://www.stmichaelsjuniorschool.co.uk>



**HOPE ~ RESPECT ~ PERSERVERANCE ~ TRUST ~ SUCCESS**

## Monday

PE Year 3

## Tuesday

PE Year 4  
5W Swimming

## Wednesday

## Thursday

PE Year 5  
5S Swimming

## Friday

PE Year 6

**CLUBS FINISH AT 4.15PM WITH EXCEPTION OF ALL ANGELS ACTIVE WHICH FINISHES AT 5PM**

- Tennis
- Gardening

- Nature Club  
**Year 4 ONLY**

All Angels Youth Club  
**finishes at 5pm**

- Summer Sports
- Cricket

- Mixed  
Football



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 13 to Thur 16 May** - Year 6 SATs

**Fri 17 May** - Year 3 Ancient Greek Day

**Saturday 22 June** - St. Michael's & Clover Hill  
Community Summer Fayre at Clover Hill



## SCHOOL LUNCH!

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## WEEK 2

See website  
for full menu,



[School menu click here](#)

## Our Easter Egg Raffle raised

# £734.00



Thank you for your kind  
donations towards this  
Easter Egg Raffle  
this money will go  
towards much needed  
school funds.

## YEAR 3 ANCIENT GREEK DAY Friday 17th May

Dress up if  
you would  
like to



Please make sure your child  
is wearing the correct  
school uniform,  
black footwear and PE kit.



## CHARGING & REFUND POLICIES

Please click the link below to  
update yourself on the  
school REFUND policies with  
regards to school trips etc.

[Charging and refund policies](#)



## DSL Designated Safeguarding Leads for St. Michael's VA Junior School

Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs. McCarney, Alternate Safeguarding Lead Mrs Claflin & Mr Bennison

SENCO Mr Laband, Mrs Brabbin Pastoral Mrs Francis, Mr Stapleton, Ms Howard, Miss Armstrong

Year 3 Lead Mrs Reeve Year 4 Lead Mr Shailes Year 5 Lead Mr Watkins Year 6 Lead Mr Anstiss



Well done to 4SW who took part in the  
**Norwich School Sport Partnership Superstars Dance Show**  
on **Wednesday 17th April.**

They worked extremely hard to perfect their dance to perform on stage along with 7 other schools. They all danced brilliantly and we are so proud of them!



**Some of the 50p Friday funds have gone towards the Steel Pan Workshops.**

**Here are some of the children practising this week.**



# SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

## THINK TOGETHER

### Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness in giving than receiving"

The words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20.35 - The Good News Bible



## READ TOGETHER...

### Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

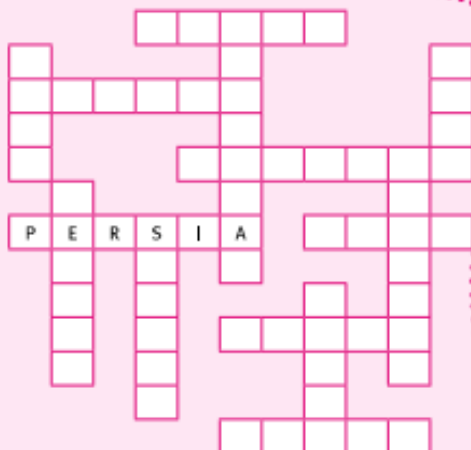
Bible story based on Book of Esther



## QUIZ

### Word Fit

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|----------|---------|
| ESTHER   | FEAST   |
| XERXES   | GATES   |
| HAMAN    | KING    |
| MORDECAI | QUEEN   |
| JEWS     | SERVICE |
| PERSIA   | SORROW  |
| CUNNING  | WISE    |





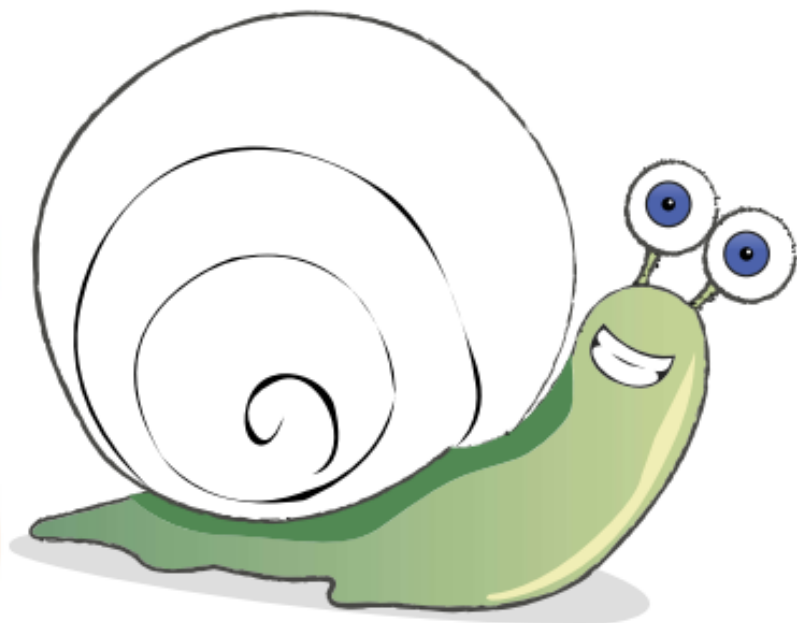
## FAMILY FOCUS

### Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



## HALL OF FAME

### JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".



JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



## FASCINATING FACTS



### OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
  - o helping disabled children and their families
  - o working on nature conservation projects
  - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
  - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
  - o providing animal welfare





# FAMILIES AGAINST RACISM AND EXTREMISM

NORFOLK COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP &  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

## Sessions for parents, carers and youth workers:

If you are worried about a young person, these sessions will support you, provide information about online radicalisation and extremism and where you can get help.

## Online Training Sessions

**Monday**  
22 April, 10 AM  
**Thursday**  
25 April, 6 PM

**Monday**  
29 April, 12.30 PM  
**Tuesday**  
14 May, 12.30 PM



[Click here to register](#)



# COUNTERING EXTREMIST NARRATIVES SYNOPSIS

NORFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP & SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

## Project Description

These sessions are for parents, carers and youth workers. They will assist in awareness and information about those young people susceptible to online radicalisation and extremism. The sessions will be run by a former reformed Extreme Right-Wing (ERW) activist and mentor who now supports people to leave extremism and helps them build resilience for the future.

## Duration and capacity

2 hours session, for up to 50 people

## Where?

Microsoft Teams

## Who?

Parents, carers and youth workers

## When?

22nd April 10 - 12pm

25th April 6 - 8pm

29th April 12.30 - 2.30pm

14th May 12.30 - 2.30pm

**(please select only one date to attend)**

Have any questions? Get in touch:  
[ask@smallsteps.ltd](mailto:ask@smallsteps.ltd)

## Workshop will include

- Extremist narratives explained including groups, recruitment techniques (highlighting similarities between extreme right-wing and Islamic / faith extremism) and strong counter-narratives.
- Online space, social media platforms, games and chats used by extremist activists.
- Support attendees to have difficult conversations with susceptible people, how to find out their concerns and where to get specialist support.
- Explain the Prevent process and improve parents and carers confidence in making an appropriate referral.
- Signs of radicalisation to look out for.
- How extremists specifically target people with Autism, people who have suffered abuse, have been bullied etc.
- Life time access to a secure online forum with support material.
- Promote partnership working, so local resilience can be developed.

If you are worried about a young person, please contact the Suffolk Customer First team at 0808 800 4005 or Norfolk County Council at 0344 800 8020. If urgent call 999.



**St. Michael's V.A. Junior School**

## FAMILY HUB DROP IN

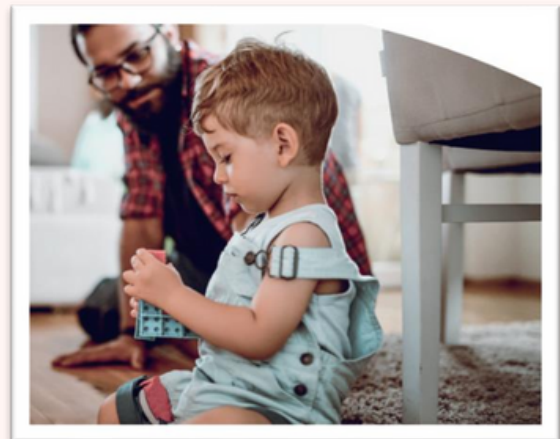
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### FOR WHO?

Parents/ carers of children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

### WHY JOIN US?

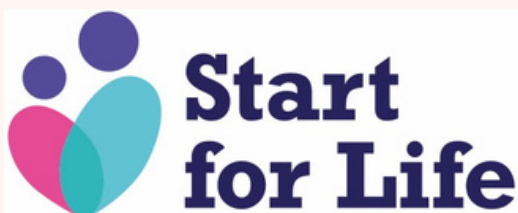
- Safe and confidential space
- Free information, advice and support
- Links to other services and organisations



### WHEN & WHERE?

**From 16th April term time only**  
**Every Tuesday 9:00am – 12:30pm**

**The Family Room, St Michael's V.A. J  
School Astley Rd, Norwich NR5 9LA**



**Free Coffee  
& Biscuits**

# STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY 2024

**SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024**

**OPENS AT 10AM UNTIL 4PM**

**SIR ISAAC NEWTON 6TH FORM (NEAR THE FORUM)**

The event is aimed at young people aged 14 and up. It aims to connect young people from historically marginalised groups with local employers and industries who are looking for talent and to support young people with their next steps in life. However, all are welcome!

## What will be on offer at the event?

- Inspirational keynote speakers .
- Networking in a safe space, meet potential employers and explore opportunities.
- Enterprise challenges including “Speed Mentoring” hosted by UEA Business School International Students.
- Job finding key skills and one-to-one support
- A ‘talking circle’ exploring barriers faced by young people from Black and other ethnically diverse communities in achieving success in their chosen career.

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY



**ORDINARY CAN BE EXTRAORDINARY**

[Click here to learn more about Stephen Lawrence](#)

**FREE EVENT**



For families wanting to bring younger children with them, Mrs Claflin and Mrs Laniado will be in the ‘Enterprise Zone’ hosting a inspirational Black leaders art activity.

Join them and some other children from St. Michael’s at 10.30am.