



## ***St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School***

*Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025*

### **Y6 Lunchtime Clubs**

I am delighted to share some wonderful news about our Year 6 pupils and the positive impact they are making on our school. Recently, our oldest pupils have taken on a remarkable initiative that truly embodies the spirit of leadership and community we strive to foster at St Michael with St Thomas. Children from Y6 have been running lunchtime clubs for our younger children, demonstrating an impressive level of responsibility and maturity. They have creatively developed a variety of engaging activities, including Lego club, games club, and history club to name a few, ensuring that lunchtimes are enjoyable and enriching for all. It is fantastic to see our Year 6 pupils stepping into the role of mentors and role models. Their efforts have not only made lunchtimes more exciting but have also strengthened the bonds within our school community. From Reception through to Year 5, children are thoroughly enjoying these clubs, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere during lunch times. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 children for their initiative, creativity, and commitment to making our school a better place for everyone. Their actions exemplify the values we prioritise and contribute significantly to the warm, supportive environment we cherish in our school.

### **Sun Safety**

As the sun makes an appearance, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety. Please ensure your children are protected by applying sun cream **before they arrive at school**. Additionally, we kindly ask that you provide sun hats for break and lunchtimes to shield them from the rays. For safety reasons, pupils are not allowed to bring sun cream into school due to the number of allergies different children have. Let us work together to keep our children safe and comfortable as they enjoy the warmer weather.

### **Parking**

We have recently received communication from a resident of Sandiway Avenue regarding parking practises during school drop-off and pick-up times. While we understand the challenges of busy school runs, it is crucial that we maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and set a good example for our pupils. The resident has expressed concern about cars being parked on grass verges. Many of our neighbours take great pride in maintaining these areas, keeping them neat and tidy. Unfortunately, parking on these verges can cause unsightly wheel ruts and damage the grass. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of where they park. Please avoid parking on grass verges or across driveways. This small act of consideration goes a long way in demonstrating respect for our local community and the environment we share. It is disheartening to hear that some parents have responded aggressively when approached about this issue. As a school community, we value politeness and mutual respect. Let us work together to address this concern amicably and avoid the need for intervention from the council or local PCSOs. By being considerate of our neighbours, pedestrians, and other road users during these busy times, we not only maintain good relationships but also ensure the safety of our pupils and the wider community. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a positive and respectful environment both within and beyond our school gates. Thank you for your understanding and support in addressing this important issue.

### Y1 Family Worship

We are delighted to invite parents to our upcoming Year 1 Family Worship. This special event will take place on **7th May at 9am**, where our wonderful Year 1 children will be leading a worship centred around this term's Christian Value Trust. We are excited to see how our Year 1s interpret and express this important value. We look forward to seeing you then!

### Sports Day

We are excited to invite parents to this year's Sports Day which will take place on **Friday 23rd May 2025**, weather permitting. **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 sports day will take place in the morning and start at 9:15am**, while our younger athletes from **Reception, Y1 and Y2 will showcase their skills starting at 1:30pm**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this. This event is not just about competition, it is a celebration of teamwork, effort, and school spirit. We are looking forward to a day filled with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and community spirit!

### House colours

- Nightingale – Red
- Attenborough – Green
- Parks – Blue
- Mandela -Yellow

### Congratulations Miss Ashton!



I am delighted to share an inspiring achievement from our own Miss Ashton. Following her impressive completion of the Liverpool half-marathon just a few weeks ago, she has now conquered the Manchester Marathon. This remarkable feat exemplifies the power of dedication and perseverance.

Miss Ashton's accomplishment serves as a shining example to us all, demonstrating what can be achieved through hard work and commitment. Her journey from half-marathon to full marathon in such a short time is truly commendable.

Her determination and success are an inspiration to our entire school community, reminding us of the potential within each of us. Well done Miss Ashton!

### VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May, our school will be celebrating VE Day with a range of fun and meaningful activities to help children learn about this important moment in history. To mark the occasion, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue—the colours of the Union Jack. As part of the celebrations, the kitchen will be offering a picnic lunch for those children on school dinners (usual price for those who pay). Children are also welcome to bring their own packed lunch as usual. The picnic will hopefully be enjoyed outside, weather permitting. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to come together, reflect on the significance of VE Day, and celebrate with their friends in a joyful and respectful way.

## Toast

We kindly request that all toast payments be made via Arbour by 9:00 am each Monday. This deadline allows our kitchen staff to plan effectively for the week ahead. It is important to note that the toast list is printed only once at the start of the week. Late payments, unfortunately, will not appear, which can lead to disappointment for our pupils who are expecting toast and then have to wait for extra to be made or are offered a piece of fruit. To avoid any distress, please ensure timely payments. If you do make a payment after the deadline, please contact the school office directly. This will allow us to inform both the kitchen staff and class teacher of the addition. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and helps ensure smooth-running breaktimes for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support.


### **Looking Ahead:**

**Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – No Choir, KS2 Board games or Y6 Booster
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Family Worship 9am in school (Parents Invited)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sports Day (Parents invited)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – End of Term 3:15pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Inset Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> June – School Opens

***Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.***

### **Quotes from Miss Slingsby's #Positivegossip Book this week:**

- Alfie B (Y6) and Finlay (Y5) for being super helpers with newsletters – Mrs Hogan
- Lula (Y2) for being a fabulous partner in Y2's PSHE lesson – Miss B
- Alayna (Y1) for greeting me with a lovely smile and beautiful manners – Mrs Hogan
- The whole of Y4 for beautiful singing during our Thursday worship – Miss T
- Harrison-Jake (Y5) for helping a younger child at lunchtime – Mrs Hughes
- Paul H (Y1) for trying really hard in science – Mrs Fisher
- Mason, Alice, Oliver (Y4) for impressing me with their super writing this week – Mrs Fisher
- Evelyn (Y3) for always being polite
- Eva (Y2) for always smiling and having a friendly conversation – Miss Bates
- Paul (Y1) for being so sensible around school – Miss Bates
- Esmay (Y2) for working so hard in PSHE, you didn't stop! Well done you! – Miss T
- Paul (Y1) for being a wonderful friend, making sure everyone is included and making his friends laugh and laugh. Seeing so much fun was lovely to see – Miss T
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# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Trust

*"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"*



## St Michael with St Thomas Church

Come and join the Sunday services at our beautiful church! See times below.

Don't forget Children's Church on the first Sunday of every month.



## Holy Communion Service

🕒 Every Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

## Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: *Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities*

What does this mean?

- How do children access this right?
- How can duty bearers help to ensure children have this right?

## Article of the WEEK





# Ready, Respectful, Safe!



## Headteacher Award winners

Rec – Alife for trying hard with his handwriting and presentation of work

Y1 – Frank for fantastic participation in class all week

Y2 – Skylar for always showing maturity and being a great role model in KS1

Y3 – Aiden for writing a fantastic letter in English

Y4 – Ameilia for approaching new learning with a great attitude this week!

Y5 – Amelia for pushing herself to edit and improve her writing

Y6 – Sonny for improved enthusiasm, perseverance, and resilience, particularly in maths

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Eleanor

Y1 – Issac

Y2 – Alfie

Y3 – Mary-Rose

Y4 – Freddie

Y5 – Hailey

Y6 – Toby

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.3%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y6

Class Attendance:

Rec – 95.2%

Y1 – 98.5%

Y2 – 98.3%

Y3 – 93.3%

Y4 – 98.9%

Y5 – 96.1%

Y6 – 100%



## Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

**Please note 'Feeling unwell', 'poorly' or 'under the weather' is not sufficient, more detail is required such as 'has been sick' or 'has a temperature' is required.**

There are lots of ways to notify school of absence. You can call the school number and leave a message on the absence line, you can send a message via Arbor or you can email the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

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In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

**Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

**What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

**Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
7TH MAY  
2025  
4PM – 4.45PM**



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