



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the joy, learning, and achievements that have taken place across our school community. It has been a wonderful few months, filled with exciting opportunities, creative experiences, and moments of real growth for every child.

Throughout the term, we have continued to live out our school vision: Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe. It has been inspiring to see our pupils embracing their learning with curiosity and confidence, striving to achieve their best, showing kindness and compassion to one another, and believing in themselves and their potential. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or out on trips and activities, their enthusiasm and positivity have shone through. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your ongoing support and encouragement. It is through our strong partnership that we are able to provide such a rich and nurturing environment for our children to thrive in.

We are very much looking forward to the final term of the year and all the excitement that the summer months bring, including some amazing end of year trips and of course, our annual Fun Day! In the meantime, I wish all of our school family a happy, sun-filled, and joyful Easter holiday. May it be a time of rest, fun, and togetherness.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back safely on Tuesday 22nd April.

With Love,

Miss Slingsby and all of the staff

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Emotion Coaching Session

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Uniform

As the weather hopefully warms up, children are invited to come into school after the Easter break wearing their summer uniform. We are aware however that some of the uniform shops and supermarkets have in stock variations of our uniform which have not been approved and therefore cannot be worn. Please be reminded that our summer uniform is black shorts instead of trousers with white polo/shirt & tie, and full gingham dress instead of the grey/black pinafore or skirts and no open toed sandals.

Year 6 parents please be aware that **Year 6 pupils will need to wear their full school uniform** (including shirts, ties, jumpers, or cardigans) **for their Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral**, so we respectfully request that an autumn uniform is kept for this special occasion. Additionally, we kindly remind parents that earrings should be removed before school, and makeup is not permitted. Any children who arrive at school wearing makeup will be asked to remove it. We greatly appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain high uniform standards.

Y4 Easter Service

A huge well done to Y4 who led our Easter Service in church. It was a lovely reminder that Easter is about more than chocolate eggs reminding us of the Easter story and why this celebration is so important to us. Thank you to all the parents who joined us in church and on our walk, helping to keep our children safe on the roads. We are sure you will have been as impressed as us with their hard work and fantastic singing that shone through during this special service. 💜

Easter Egg Competition

The entries this year for our Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition were truly outstanding, showcasing the remarkable effort and creativity of our pupils. From Shakespeare-inspired designs to tributes to popular TV shows and sports, the range of ideas was impressive. We were genuinely blown away by the quality and imagination on display. Congratulations to all our winners, and a heartfelt well done to every child (and parent!) who participated. Your enthusiasm and talent continue to inspire us all.

Easter Bingo

We all had a fantastic time at our Easter Bingo on Thursday, an event filled with lots of chocolate, fun and excitement. We would like to thank you for all the donations sent into school without your support events like this would not be possible and we would also like to thank the dedicated staff whose hard work made the event such a success.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to our Term 100% attendance winners, Isabelle in Year 5 and Bonnie-Rae in Year 1! These outstanding pupils have each received a Smyths toy voucher for their commitment. We are also delighted to announce that Year 4 is our overall class winner for the term. They will be enjoying a special in-class treat to celebrate their achievement. Well done to all our dedicated children!


Looking Ahead:

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

- 22nd April – School Reopens – **No Choir or Y6 Booster Club**
- 22nd April – Year 3 Swimming
- 23rd April – Reception Blue Planet Aquarium Trip
- 28th April – Class Photographs
- 29th April – Emotional Coaching Session 2:30pm (for Parents)
- 7th May – Y3 Family Worship 9am in school (Parents Invited)
- 12th May – Y6 SATs Week

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:

- Ashton and Ronnie for beautiful singing during the church service – Miss T
- Aren for being a wonderful role model on the way to church – Miss T
- Frankie (Rec) for always being so polite – Mrs Bonnett
- Toby Y2 for always working hard and joining in our PSHE lesson – Mrs Bonnett
- Y2 and Y3 for being excellent role models in church – Miss Fisher
- Carter (Y3) – for helping another child tie their laces – Miss Bates
- Joshua (Y2) and Noah K (Y2) for lovely singing in church – Miss Barnett
- Kirsty (Y3) and Evie (Y3) – fantastic helpers at lunch when we were playing our games – Mrs Hughes
- All of Year 6 for helping with reception children on the walk to church (some beautiful conversations too!) – Mrs Hughes 

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

"We look after each other and always try to be kind"



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 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life*

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!



End of Term Award Winners

Rec – Harper-Rose for a transformation in her attitude to learning

Y1 – Rocco for a big improvement in all areas of school life and persevering always in everything he does

Y2 – Heidi for living our school values

Y3 – Jesse for instilling all of our Christian Values in all that he does

Y4 – Libbie for consistently being a superstar in both behaviour and effort!

Y5 – Sonny for a positive attitude and wonderful progress, always with a smile 😊

Y6 – Archie for a wonderfully positive & enthusiastic attitude for learning, brilliant progress, and maturity in all he does! 😊

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Bella

Y1 – Max

Y2 – Izzy

Y3 – Lottie

Y4 – Skylar

Y5 – Amelia

Y6 – Sonny

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.3%

Whole school attendance – this week:

98.6%

Class attendance winner:

99.3% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 89.3%

Y1 – 87.8%

Y2 – 96.8%

Y3 – 82.5%

Y4 – 99.3%

Y5 – 89.6%

Y6 – 98.6%



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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HALTON HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Fit 4 Life Bite Size Sessions



START WELL

Emotion Coaching session

Support Your Child's Emotional Development

Join us for a 45-minute session designed to help you:

- Explore your child's emotional development and how it impacts their behaviour.
- Learn the key steps of an Emotion Coaching approach.
- Enhance your ability to respond empathetically to challenging behaviours and situations.

This session will empower you to:

- Help your child understand their emotions.
- Teach effective strategies for managing feelings and behaviours.

These sessions are for parents/carers.

For more information call the team on:

0300 029 0029

or visit www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk



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Halton Libraries

Below is a poster of all the egg-citing (ha ha!) things happening at Halton Libraries over the Easter holidays. All the events are FREE and families can drop in to all the events – no need to book.

Step into Spring at Halton Libraries

Drop-in sessions all based on some of
our favourite spring time books!

No need to book | Recommended age 5+

Monday 7th April
The 13 Storey Treehouse collage session
11-12:30pm at Widnes
Brenda is a Sheep craft event 1:30 – 3pm at
Halton Lea

Tuesday 8th April
LET'S LEGO
all day 10-5 at Widnes and Halton Lea – let's
get creative with Lego!

Wednesday 9th April
The Day I fell into a Fairytale collage session
11-12 at Halton Lea
FREE packed lunches 12-1 at Widnes and
Halton Lea

Thursday 10th April
The Bee who Loves Words craft session
11-12:30 at Widnes

Friday 11th April
Mia makes a Meadow spring flower art work
11-12:30 at Ditton
Guess How Much I Love You bunny spoon
puppets 11-12:30 at Halton Lea

Monday 14th April
The Day I fell into a Fairytale collage session
11-12:30 at Widnes
Brenda is a Sheep craft event
11-12:30 at Ditton
Catch that Egg easter egg themed paper
crafts
1:30 – 3pm at Halton Lea

Tuesday 15th April
LET'S LEGO
all day 10-5 at Widnes and Halton Lea – let's
get creative with Lego!

Wednesday 16th April
The 13 Storey Treehouse collage session
11-12:00pm at Halton Lea
FREE Packed lunches 12-1 at Widnes and
Halton Lea

Thursday 17th April
Catch that Egg easter egg paper crafts
11-12:30 at Widnes

Plus all your usual rhymetimes and
Saturday story sessions!

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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Free Easter Activities

Free Easter Crafts and Lunch which will take place on Tuesday 15th April 11.00-1.00pm at St Michael with St Thomas Church. We would also like to mention if any families are struggling for food over the holiday then the Church Pantry is available which has lots of staple food items for free.





FREE Light Lunch &

Easter Crafts
for kids

Tuesday 15th April
11.00am - 1.00pm

St Michael with
St Thomas Church,
Ditchfield Road, WA8 8XR

The Easter Bunny will be there too!!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Support over Easter

Please find below a list of places where children eat free (or for £1). The church is also holding some events that include a free breakfast or light lunch and we would also like to remind parents if any families are struggling for food over the Easter holidays the Church Pantry is also available with lots of staple food items for free.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.	PREZZO Kids receive a free, 5 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025
BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.	COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025
FARMHOUSE INNS 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required	PIZZA HUT Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, after 3pm daily with a £10 spend
TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
Zizzi Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main, (excludes Saturdays)	SAINSBURY'S CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.
CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays
YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!
TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	THE REAL CREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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