



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6th June 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our final half term! It is wonderful to see everyone returning safe, refreshed and ready to learn. We have so much to look forward to in these coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our 'looking ahead' dates, where you will find details of all our exciting activities. From trips to transition days and our much-anticipated yearly fun day, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

And the Winner is...

What a fantastic Sports Day we had this year! In a tightly contested competition, we are happy to announce that Nightingale (Red) emerged as our champions. Well done to all the children and parents who participated with such wonderful sportsmanship and team spirit and a special thank you to Mr Wortley and Miss Ashton whose hard work and dedication made the event such a brilliant success!

Uniform Swap Shop

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our Uniform Swap Shop. This is a great way to reduce, recycle and reuse. We have many new and nearly new items available and are happy to accept any uniform in good, clean condition including shoes, coats, and PE kits. If you are interested and would like to receive or donate any uniform, please contact the office, or complete the contact form on our school website. Thank you for supporting both our school community and the environment.

Fun Day – Wednesday 16th July

Plans are already underway for our annual Fun Day, and we are hoping this will be the best one yet! As usual we will be holding non-uniform days for prizes, please see below, and we appreciate your support as always with this. We will also be having a cake stall and will be accepting home-baked goods on the day if any of our families would like to donate cakes or biscuits to sell (full recipes will need to be provided for allergy information) - please let us know in advance of the Fun Day if you are planning to send in cakes and bakes so we can plan for adequate space for the stall.

If you or your family members have businesses that can help with raffle prizes, please contact the office. We are also reaching out for volunteers who can help on the day setting up stalls and games in the morning and to run stalls in the afternoon – lots of tea and coffee provided! We thank you in advance for all your support in making our events a success!

Friday 20th June – Non-Uniform for Tombola Prizes (toiletries, small toys and gifts, candles etc)

Friday 4th July – Non-Uniform day for sweet donations

Friday 11th July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

Admittance to Holy Communion

We are delighted to share an important upcoming event with you. Our Year 4 Admittance to Holy Communion will take place on 13th June 2025 at 1:30pm in the Church, led by the Archdeacon. This special occasion is not limited to Year 4 pupils; any Year 5 or Year 6 pupils who have not yet had communion are also welcome to participate. If you wish for your child to take part, please ensure you give consent on Arbour. This promises to be a meaningful experience for our pupils.

Y6 Leavers Service

We are looking forward to the Y6 Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral on 12th June 2025. Please be reminded due to the number of schools participating the event is for children only and children will need to wear their winter uniform with a school jumper or cardigan, **not their leavers hoodies**.


Looking Ahead:

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

- 11th & 12th June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 12th June – Y6 Leavers Services Liverpool Cathedral (children only)
- 13th June – Admittance to Holy Communion 1:30pm at church
- 17th-19th June – Y6 London Trip
- 19th June – Whole School Eucharist (Trust and Parents Invited)
- 20th June – Non-Uniform day for tombola prizes
- 3rd July – Y3/Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 4th July – Non-Uniform day, sweet donations
- 7th July – Transition Week
- 8th July – Imagine That! Y1 and Y2
- 11th July – Non-Uniform Day Bottles for Tombola

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:

- Oakah (Rec) for beautiful table manners at lunch
- Leighton (Y3) for stepping in last minute to read another child's lines during the Pentecost Worship – Miss Bates
- Year 3 for speaking clearly and confidently during the Pentecost worship despite having technical difficulties – Miss Bates
- Ashton (Y3) Thank you for teaching me how to play Uno – Miss B
- Phoebe and Amelia (Y4) for making me smile during their visit to Reception on a job – Mrs Fisher
- Olivia Ward (Y4) for lovely manners – Miss Middleton
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Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Hope

"We believe anything is possible"



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 13: Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions*

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 – Frankie for being wonderfully creative in the workshop

Y1 – Bonnie for being fantastic in maths this week

Y2 – Toby for an excellent improvement in his handwriting!

Y3 – Mary-Rose for super participation in her learning

Y4 – Lottie for having a positive attitude towards times tables this week!

Y5 – Arthur for a fantastic attitude all week

Y6 – Amelia O' for a wonderful prequel narrative in English 😊

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Daniel

Y1 – Bonnie Rae

Y2 – Joseph

Y3 – Penelope

Y4 – Ryan

Y5 – Ella

Y6 – Cody

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.3%

Whole school attendance – this week:

93.4%

Class attendance winner:

97.6% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 90.4%

Y1 – 95.5%

Y2 – 97.6%

Y3 – 86%

Y4 – 91.3%

Y5 – 95.5%

Y6 – 95.8%



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

Halton Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge: the 2025 challenge, called Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors – kicks off in Halton Libraries on Saturday 12th July.

Feel free to share this video with families: [Summer Reading Challenge 2025 video](#)

as well as the attached flyer and poster for families. As mentioned before, we are keen for as many KS2 students to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, but we know that, now they have moved onto bigger, longer books, a lot of children feel that they can't read 6 books in a summer. In order to help them feel more confident in reading and achieving a goal, we have reduced the number of books they need to read to 3 - we'd just rather they read *something* than *nothing*.

 **Summer Reading Challenge**

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
 **summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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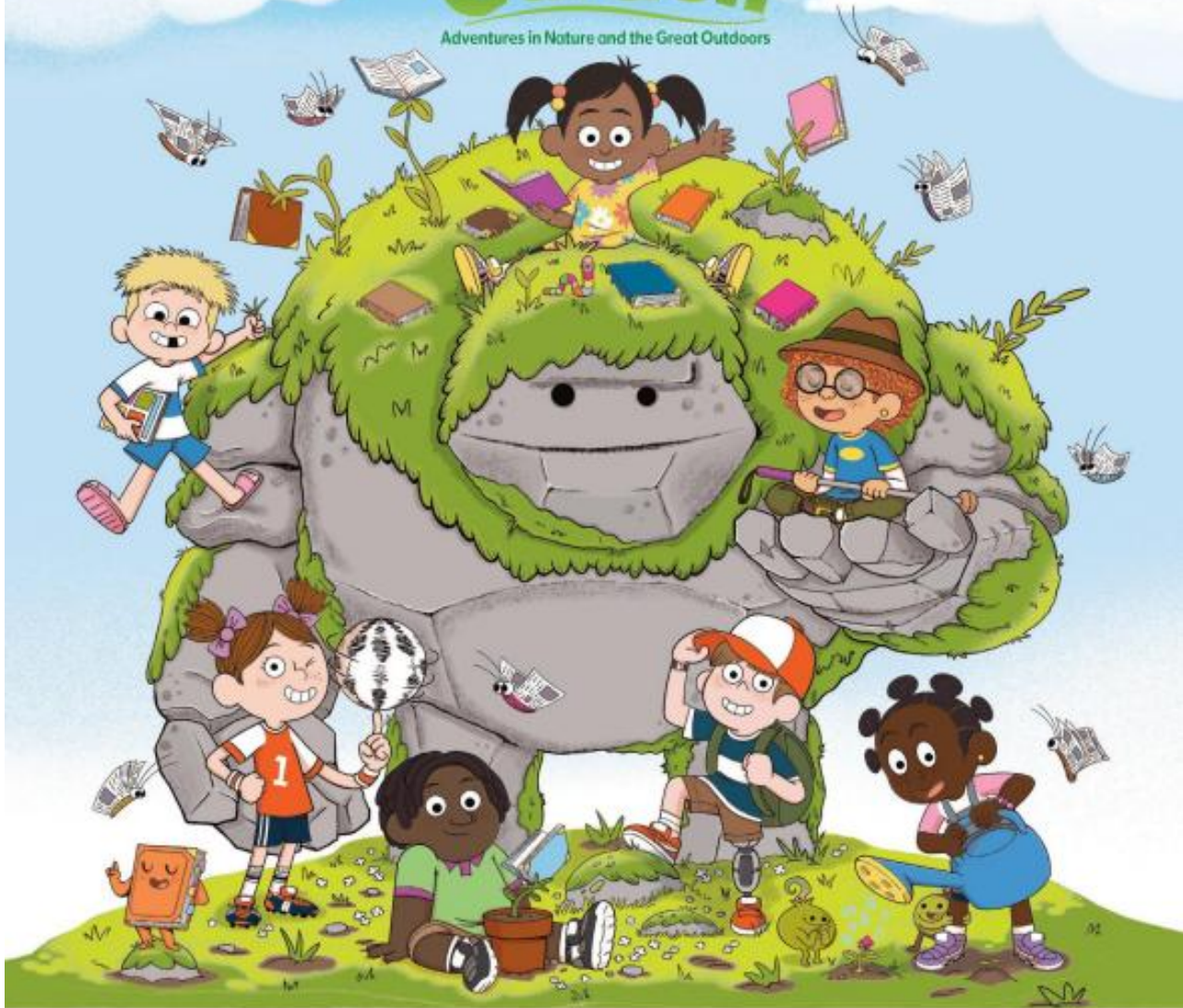
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**Sign up for FREE at the library
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