



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6th December 2024

Christmas Switch on!

There is no more avoiding it – we are in December, and the festive period is well and truly upon us! This week, we kicked off the celebrations by switching on Christmas in the school, decorating the tree, and enjoying the KS1 Nativity. We are already looking forward to all our usual favourite events, from the Panto, to Christmas dinner and Jumper Day, Breakfast with Santa, and Enterprise Week. With so much going on, make sure you keep an eye on the "Looking Ahead" dates in these busy few weeks, so you don't miss a thing!

Nativity

A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their incredible effort and dedication in this year's nativity! Getting on stage to perform is no small feat, and we are so proud of how they all shone with confidence and joy. Although Miss Slingsby was deeply disappointed to be called into a meeting and missed the performance, not to worry – Year 1 and Year 2 will be treating her to a special performance of their fantastic Christmas songs, helping to bring the festive cheer. Well done, children – your hard work truly paid off!

Panto Payment Deadline

This is a friendly reminder that the final deadline for Panto payments is **Monday, 9th December 2024**. The cost of the Panto trip is £16.00, which includes the Brindley Theatre tickets, coach travel, and a party lunch, making it a fun and exciting event for the children. To secure your ticket, please provide your consent and make your payment via Arbor before the deadline. If your child is not attending the Panto, they are expected to be in school as usual on that day.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help support the children during our upcoming Christmas pantomime. Your involvement would make a big difference in ensuring that all the children have a fun and safe experience. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the office for more details. We would greatly appreciate your help and support!

Enterprise Fair

Plans are underway for our annual Enterprise fair and the pupils (and staff!) are very excited. During next week, each class is given £30 to create a product or business idea for the Enterprise Fair. The class that makes the most profit gets to keep it to buy things for their classroom. As you can imagine, the competition is fierce. If any parents have homemade items and would like a stall at the fair, please contact the office, please note there will be a charge of £10 per stall. We cannot wait to see you all supporting your children on 13th December.

KS1 children, including Year 3, will need an adult to walk around the Enterprise Fair with them and can be collected from their classrooms at 1:30pm. Any children who do not have a parent or carer with them will be accompanied by a member of staff. KS2 children will be allowed to walk around the fair without a parent, and KS2 parents can enter through the office and meet their child inside. Children will be allowed to leave with their parents or guardians after the fair; however, Year 6 children will not be released to walk home unaccompanied before 3:15pm. **Please also note there will be no Sports Club on this day, but the wraparound afterschool club will be running as usual.**

We will also be holding a Tombola, as this is always a favourite, and asking for Tombola prize donations from families. These may be bottles, toiletries, sweets, or other small prizes – a great chance for a clear out pre-Christmas! We will be holding a **non-uniform day on Monday, 9th December**, to collect tombola prize donations. If your child is in Year 5 and has Bikeability, or if your child has PE, please ensure their outfits are suitable for these activities and allow them to participate safely and comfortably. Thank you for your support!

Y6 Christingle Service

The whole school enjoyed a wonderful visit to church on Thursday for our special Christingle service, led by Year 6. Together, we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas with fantastic singing and inspiring readings. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for this meaningful and joyful service.

Pupil Progress Meetings

A huge thank you to all the parents who have attended the pupil progress meetings and completed the parent survey. Your input is invaluable and helps us to continue improving our school for the benefit of all our children. We will be holding further parent progress meetings next week and encourage all parents who have not yet booked an appointment to do so via Arbor. We look forward to seeing you next week and working together to support your child's development!

Thank you from Widnes Foodbank



THANK YOU

*Spinney Pre-School
Oakfield School*

St Michael with St Thomas School and Church

**for your Harvest donation of
227.6 kg of food**



Looking Ahead:

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

- 9th December – Non-Uniform Day – tombola prizes
- 9th December – Y5 Bikeability
- 10th December – Y5 Bikeability
- 10th December – Y5/Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11th December – Y2/Y3/Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 12th December – Christmas jumper and dinner day
- 13th December – Enterprise Fair – Sports Club Not on
- 16th December – Breakfast with Santa (EYFS and Y1)
- 17th December – Breakfast with Santa (Y2 and Y3)
- 17th December – KS1 Panto and Party
- 18th December – KS2 Panto and Party
- 20th December – End of Term school finishes at 3:15pm no afterschool wraparound care or sports club
- 6th January – **School Opens**
- 13th January – Reception Insight Session
- 14th January – Y6 Parent Insight Session
- 15th January – Y3 Family Worship – Wide Awake to the World
- 15th January – Y4 Parent Insight Session
- 16th January – Y1 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 20th January – Y2 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 21st January – Y3 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 23rd January – Whole School Eucharist
- 27th January – Y5 Parent Insight – Maths
- 28th January – Staff training, Choir and Afterschool Wraparound Care cancelled
- 29th January – Y2 Family Worship - Friendship

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

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

"We appreciate everything we have; family, friends our home and school"



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 12: *Every child has the right to have their opinions heard and taken seriously*

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!

Ready



**We are ready to learn,
ready to listen and ready
to embrace
opportunities.**

**We respect our friends,
our teachers, our visitors
and all members of our
community.**

Respectful



**We know how we can
keep ourselves safe and
make sure we do all we
can to keep our school
family safe.**

Safe



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

- Lola Y1 for beautiful singing in assembly – Miss Fisher
- Breakfast club for decorating the Christmas tree beautifully – Miss Ashton
- Fern & Amelia Y5 for looking out for the younger children and being so kind and caring at breaktime during wet play – Mrs Worrall
- Charlotte Y1 for beautiful manners at lunchtime – Mrs Hughes
- Reception for beautiful manners during the register – Mrs Bonnett
- Nathaniel for helping me learn how to play chess. Really taking his time to explain the rules – Mrs Hughes
- Paul Y1 for holding Miss Suttons hand beautifully while walking to church
- Harrison and Sonny for helping Miss Sutton during afterschool club

Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Nell for fantastic creative and independent writing
Y1 – Thea for working really hard with her maths this week

Y2 – Evie for excellent explanations in DT

Y3 – Kirstie for persevering in maths lessons

Y4 – Riva-Rose for a great attitude towards learning this week!

Y5 – Isabelle for excellent progress in reading

Y6 – Sophie-Mae for a wonderfully positive "can-do" attitude in all she does

Lunchtime

Superstars

Rec – Ted

Y1 – Rocco

Y2 – Evie

Y3 – Oliver

Y4 – Bobby

Y5 – Lottie

Y6 – Archie

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

94.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

96.4%

Class attendance winner:

99.6% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 90.8%

Y1 – 96.1%

Y2 – 98.3%

Y3 – 97.1%

Y4 – 99.6%

Y5 – 94.3%

Y6 – 97.9%

