# St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Spring Disco – Last Shout Out!

Last shout out – don't forget to book your place on Arbor for our Spring Disco, happening on Thursday 13th February 2025! Payment of £5.00, which includes the disco, a hot dog, and a drink, can be made on Arbor. A tuck shop will also be available for children who would like to bring a small amount of money for additional treats. To give your consent for children to attend and to help us place an accurate food order, *please sign up on Arbor before 3.00pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb*. We cannot wait to see everyone there for a fantastic time!

**Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 disco is from 3:15pm to 4.15pm** (children can bring their party clothes to school in a named bag and get changed in their classroom). Please collect children at 4:15pm from their usual classroom collection points – **Y3 can be collected from Y2 classroom** 

**Y4, Y5 and Y6 disco will be from 4:20pm – 5:20pm** and children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the disco and will not be released to walk home on their own. *Please collect Y6 from the main entrance, Y4 from Reception class and Y5 from Y1.* 

### All afterschool clubs, except for wraparound care, will not be running due to the disco

### Year 4 Multiplication Competition

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 4 have taken part in an online multiplication competition organised by Emile Education and competed against other schools. In the first round, Year 4 competed against 6 schools and came second place with Mason Jones achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> rank out of all competing pupils! We were so excited when we found out we had qualified for the National Finals which took place last week. Out of 900 schools, we made it to the final 30 and as a class we gave 19,229 correct answers during the finals. We are really proud of this fantastic achievement and Year 4 are now super confident when tackling multiplication calculations!

#### **Dress to Express**

It was truly wonderful to see the uniqueness and personalities of our children shine on Dress to Express day. Each outfit was a vibrant reflection of their individual styles, creativity, and self-expression. It was a celebration of their differences, where every child was encouraged to embrace what makes them special. From bold patterns to quirky accessories, the day highlighted how beautiful and diverse our community is, fostering a sense of pride and confidence in each child. It was a reminder that our differences are what make us strong and unique.

#### **Reception Home Corner**

Reception would like to enhance their Home Corner play area and are asking for donations of any old items you might have around the house. They are looking for things like old laptops, mobile phones, TV remotes, tape measures, and any other household items that could spark creativity and imaginative play. These items will help the children engage in role-playing scenarios, fostering their social, problem-solving, and communication skills. If you have any unused or unwanted items that could be of use, please consider donating them to help create a fun and interactive learning space for the children. Thank you for your support.

#### Where's Wally?



World Book Day is fast approaching, and this year, the staff theme is *Where's Wally?* While children are more than welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite characters, we are also inviting them to join in on our theme and come dressed as Wally! It will be so much fun to see how many Wally's we can find throughout the school. From his iconic redand-white striped shirt to his round glasses, we cannot wait to see how creative the children will get with their Wally-inspired outfits. It is sure to be a day filled with lots of fun and book-themed excitement!

#### **Art Exhibition**

We are excited to invite all parents to our Art Exhibition, which will be taking place on 14th February 2025 from 8:30am - 9:30am and again from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. The children have worked incredibly hard to produce some amazing artwork, which will be on display in the hall for everyone to enjoy. Framed artwork will also be available for purchase after the event, and it will be sent home with the children after the half term. Payment of £5.00 can be made via Arbor from 14th February 2025. We are sure you will be just as impressed as we are with the talent and creativity on display!

#### **Bake Sale**

Alongside the Art Exhibition, our Pupil Leadership team, the Fantastic Fundraisers are asking for donations of any cakes or baked goods to sell during the exhibition. All proceeds will go back into our school community and we welcome both homemade and store-bought items. Please bring all donations in on Friday 14th February.

If you are preparing homemade food, please can an ingredient list be provided, and any store-bought items have the ingredients clearly on the packaging. We are a nut-free school with children who have severe allergies so please ensure all items do not contain nuts.

#### Careers Week 2025

We have been participating in The Primary Careers Programme and as part of this, we will be holding a Careers Week **beginning** the **10th March 2025**.

We are hoping to have visitors from lots of industries and fields to deliver short sessions to our pupils explaining what their careers involve, pathways into the industry and skills that our children might be learning in school which would be useful for this career choice.

If you have a role, or know anyone who may be suitable, and are able to spare the time to come in and support us by delivering a session to a class, please contact Miss Sutton or the school office and we can provide more details and outline the session intentions further.

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

- All of Y3 for looking very smart (shirts tucked in) when walking into assembly Miss Fisher
- Y2 for fantastic learning behaviours during our PSHE lessons. They are all engaged during these lessons Mrs Bonnett
- Bobby Y4 for always having a smile and a kind "Hello" for me Mrs Worrall
- Phoebe Y4 for always being so enthusiastic about her homework and taking great pride in her work Mrs Worrall
- Ella Y5 for always sharing her lovely beaming smile with me and cheering me up Mrs Worrall
- Paul Y1 for having a fantastic attitude towards learning Mrs Bonnett
- Eleanor Rec for being a good friend to Alfie
- Hallie Rec, for making me feel welcome during my visit Mr Naylor
- Charlotte and Evelyn for helping me with the big job of sharpening Receptions pencils
- Toby Y2 for continuing to be an amazing friend Miss Fisher
- All of Y2 for an amazing PE lesson Mr Wortley

## Looking Ahead:

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

- 13<sup>th</sup> February Spring Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> February Art Exhibition 3:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> February End of Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February School Reopens
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Y4 Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> March Ashes to Go 8:30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday Worship (Parents Welcome 9am in school hall)
- 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day (Thursday)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Y4 Clonter Opera Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Red Nose Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Y4 Crosby Beach Trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> March Non-uniform day (Easter treat donations)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Egg competition entries
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Service Y4 (Parents Welcome at the Church at 9:30am)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Bingo (children only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> April End of Term

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:

# Friendship

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



# <u>St Michael with St Thomas</u> <u>Church</u>

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: the right for children to share their views and be heard

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's Award Winners

Rec – Torvi for amazing progress in phonics

Y1 - Paul for fantastic work this week

Y2 – Eva for being confident when using key vocabulary in maths

Y3 – Roman for a fantastic character description on William the Conqueror

Y4 - Harry for showing super behaviour for learning this week!

Y5 - Hazel for fabulous maths and beautiful presentation

Y6 – Amelia O for consistently beautiful presentation and handwriting in all of her work!

# Lunchtime

Superstars

- Rec Oakley
- Y1 Billy
- Y2 Lula
- Y3 Evelyn
- Y4 Aria
- Y5 IVY-Rae
- YG Amelia

# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

95.5%

Whole school attendance - this week:

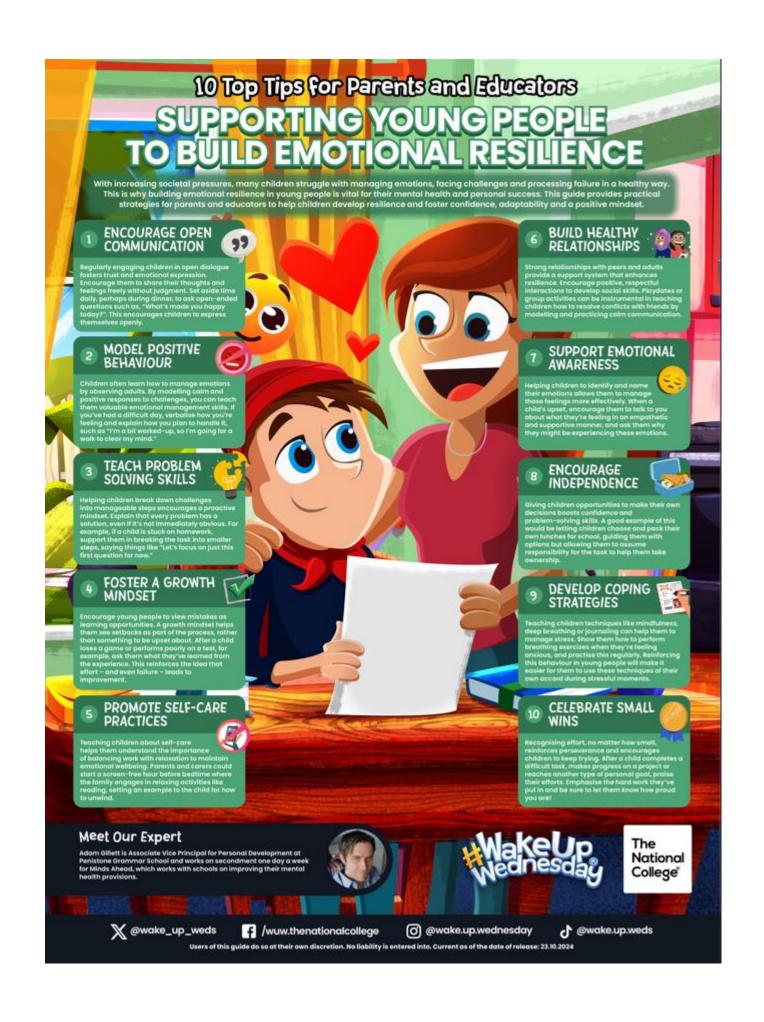
96.670

<u>Class attendance winner:</u>

98.5% - YA

<u>Class Attendance:</u> Rec - 97.690 Y1 - 96.390 Y2 - 97.390 Y3 - 96.090 Y4 - 98.590 Y5 - 96.890 Y6 - 93.690





# TIPS FOR FAMILIES

## Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

### 2 Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.

Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

### 3) Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.



#### Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.



#### Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. C: <u>Here4You.co.uk</u>



# St Michael with St Thomas Art Exhibition

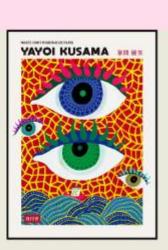
# SMWST ART EXHIBITION

Come and walk through a gallery of our children's artwork based on the styles of famous artists.



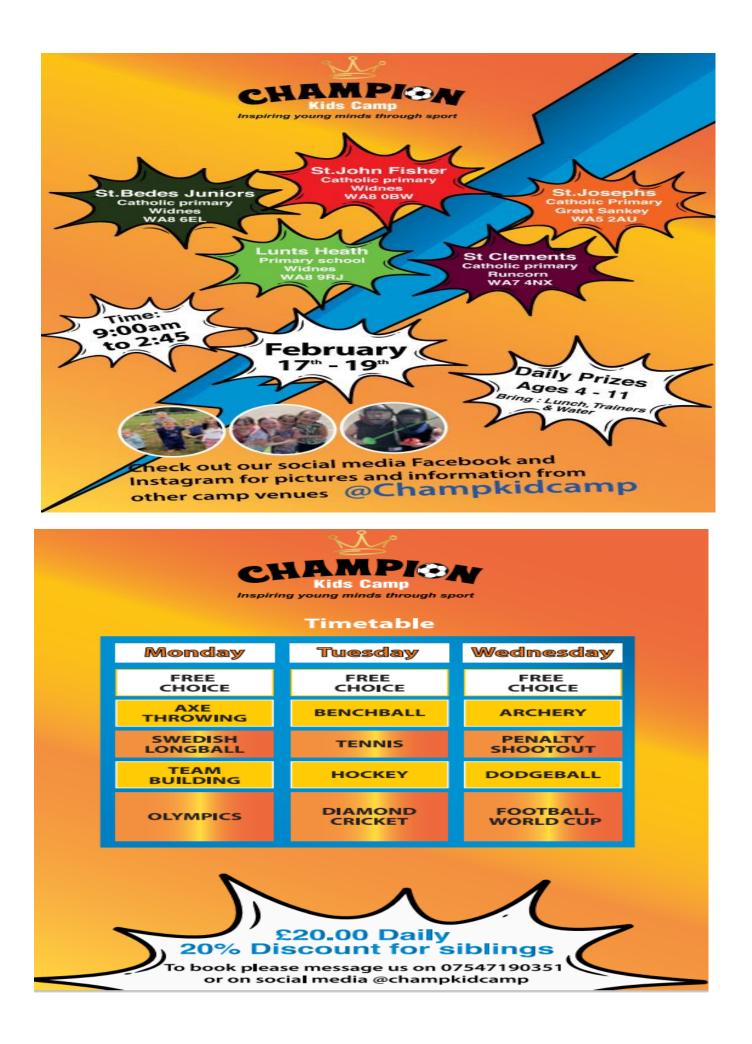






8:30-9:30 and 2:30-3:30

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# **Norton Priory**

We'd love for you to share the flyer below with families - we have a fantastic line up of amazing activities inspired by our **Mars installation** waiting for them at Norton Priory Museum and Gardens!

Children go FREE with one paying adult for our Half-Term Space Crafts and Blast Off Family Fun Day.

All other activities can be booked via the website - don't miss out on this galactic experience! 🔇 🏟

