



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

Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, we will be celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week** with a range of fun activities that reinforce our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all students. As part of our efforts to continue achieving the **Gold Standard Anti-Bullying Award**, we are inviting children to come to school wearing **odd socks** on **Monday** to raise awareness that it's okay to be different and to celebrate individuality. While students are encouraged to wear their most colourful and mismatched socks, please note that they should still wear their regular school uniform. We look forward to an exciting week of learning, kindness, and celebrating what makes each of us unique! In addition to our activities, this week's **Talk Homework** will be linked to the theme of anti-bullying, encouraging meaningful conversations at home about kindness, empathy, and how we can all help prevent bullying. We look forward to a week filled with learning, kindness, and fun!

### Children in Need

On **Friday, 15th November**, we will be celebrating **Children in Need**, and children are invited to wear something **spotty** or come to school in their **own clothes** to show their support for this wonderful cause. We will also be holding a **Coin Circle** to raise funds, and we kindly invite donations from all students. Every little bit helps, so please feel free to contribute what you can. For those who would like to donate directly online, we've included a link below for your convenience.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

### History Week

This week has been **History Week**, and students have been exploring fascinating historical topics. Some classes have been diving into **local history**, learning about the rich heritage of our area, while others have been studying the significant events of **World War II**. It's been a week filled with engaging discussions, research, and discoveries and trips. Next week, we look forward to sharing some examples of the amazing work the children have created during their lessons, showcasing their creativity and understanding of these important historical topics. Stay tuned for highlights of their efforts!

### Trip Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November

**Year 5** will be having a guided tour of the Liverpool Slavery Museum on 14<sup>th</sup> November and **Year 6** will be "Meeting the Mummy" on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

All the trips we have booked for the year are available on Arbor to allow you to give consent and make payment prior to the trip.

### Bikeability

A quick reminder about our upcoming **Bikeability** sessions. **Year 5** will be taking part in their **Bikeability training** from **Monday 18th November to Thursday 21st November**, while **Year 4** will have their session on **Wednesday 20th November**. Children in both year groups will need to bring their own bikes to school on these days. If you haven't already, please make sure to complete the consent forms and let the school office know if your child requires a bike or helmet. Additionally, **Reception** children will enjoy a **Balance Bike session** on **Tuesday 19th November**, and the balance bikes and helmets will be provided for them. Thank you for your cooperation in helping ensure a smooth and safe experience for all!

### Lantern Walk

On **Friday 15th November**, we will be celebrating our annual **Lantern Walk**—one of our favourite events of the year! The children will be making beautiful lanterns in school, which they will take home and then bring back for the walk. Each child will be given a **tea light** to place in their lantern on the evening. We will meet at **6:30 PM** in the school car park, and we hope to see lots of you there for this magical event. The evening will include **readings** and **songs** from our fantastic choir, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. It promises to be a wonderful evening for the whole school community—don't miss it!

# LANTERN WALK

Let's bless our Community  
with Light & Peace!

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**FRIDAY  
15TH NOVEMBER,  
6.30PM**

Walk will begin at St Michael with St Thomas School, Spinney Avenue, Broadway, Hall Avenue, Ditchfield Rd and ending with a short service in Church which local children will lead.

**FREE hotdogs & Refreshments available!**



### Flu Vaccinations

A quick reminder that the **School-Aged Immunisation Team** will be using **e-consent** again this year for the **Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme**. The letter and link were emailed to you earlier this week, and we kindly ask that you complete them as soon as possible. The flu vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday, 12th November** for all year groups. Thank you for helping us ensure the health and well-being of our students!



## Class Pages

Please can we remind parents of a valuable resource on our school website. Please find a link below to our **class pages**, where you'll discover helpful **parent support for home learning**.

<https://www.smwst.co.uk/class-pages/>

Under the **Class Overview** section, you'll find detailed information about what your child will be learning each term, helping you stay informed and support your child's progress at home. In the example below, you can see an overview of the topics and skills children will be covering in each subject throughout the term. We encourage you to visit the pages regularly to stay up-to-date with classroom activities and important learning milestones.

# Autumn in Year 2

## English

Children will write:

- Character description of their own character
- Write a narrative, innovating the story using their own character and setting.
- Character description setting description

*We are reading...*

*The Bog Baby*

*Finding Christmas*

## Maths

Addition and subtraction word problems, length, multiplication and division, graphs

Children will:

- Calculate the times tables of 2, 5, and 10 by skip counting
- Relate the 2 times table to doubling
- Explore representations of multiplication and division
- Commutativity
- Draw and measure lengths in centimetres
- Use <, > and = to compare and order lengths in metres and centimetres
- Represent and interpret: pictograms, block diagram, tables and tally charts

## Science

### Animals including humans

This focuses on the concept of human offspring and the journey of growing into adults. We will look at our basic needs and what we need not just to survive, but thrive. Additionally, we will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

## LUNAR

### Liverpool & Kampala Comparative Study

In this topic, pupils will compare two cities (one close to home and one in a different continent). Children will look at the similarities and differences of the climate of the countries and what this means for its vegetation, they will look at family lifestyles and traditions and begin to think about why some people choose (or are forced to) to move countries.

In Grammar, we will focus on recapping our Y1 learning of capital letters, full stops finger spaces. We will be using conjunctions (and, but, because and so) and selecting appropriate adjectives.

In addition to the class overviews, you will also find a range of helpful resources on our class pages, including **Maths Mastery Booklets**, **spelling lists**, and much more. These materials are designed to support your child's learning at home and provide you with useful tools to reinforce what they're learning in class. We encourage you to take the time to explore these resources, as they can make a big difference in supporting your child's progress. Be sure to check the class pages regularly for updates and new content!

## Looking Ahead:

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

- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Slavery Museum Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November – Y5 Bikeability
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Balance Bikes
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Ancient Egypt Museum visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Family Worship – Thankfulness 9:00am
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Bikeability Level 1
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Inset Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Family Worship – Advent 9:15am
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Opening Evening 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nativity (Y1 and Y2 Parents)
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Rec/Y1 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Christingle
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y2/Y3/Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper and dinner day
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Enterprise Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa (EYFS and Y1)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa (Y2 and Y3)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Panto and Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Panto and Party
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term
- 6<sup>th</sup> January – School Opens

*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 5 Every child has the right to be given guidance by parents and family

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:

- Ruby and Zac Y5 for offering to help with any jobs at lunchtime
- Jack & Sonny Y6 for fab singing and dance actions for our new worship songs – Miss Manders
- Archie & Harry for impressing Miss Sutton with their historical knowledge and enthusiasm!
- Oliver Y3 for always coming out for lunch with a big smile and keeping us all cheery – The Midday Team
- Ben Y5 for enthusiasm and tackling challenges all week – Mrs Hogan
- Freddie and Lottie in Y4 for being so friendly to a year 1 child sat at their dinner table – Mrs Worrall
- Oliver C Y3 blew me away when I overheard him reading – amazing Miss Fisher

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Millie for fantastic participation in this week's book club!

Y1 – Bobby for having an excellent week and setting a great example.

Y2 – Joshua for excellent participation in our History topic and during history week

Y3 – Carter for showing lots of enthusiasm during our History week topic

Y4 – Lottie for super explanations during our maths lessons this week

Y5 – Amelia H for enthusiasm all week – always positive!

Y6 – Archie M for amazing enthusiasm and participation during our WW2 week

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

Rec – Daniel Banbury

Y1 – Hazel Salisbury

Y2 – Stanley Doyle

Y3 – Kirstie Engel

Y4 – Amelia Bell

Y5 – Oliver Lake

Y6 – Niall Fahey

# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

96.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

93.5%

Class attendance winner:

98.9% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec – 90.8%

Y1 – 98.9%

Y2 – 92.2%

Y3 – 93.2%

Y4 – 94.4%

Y5 – 91.4%

Y6 – 94.4%



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## *Open Evenings 2024*



**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3:30pm & 5:30pm**

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm & 5:30pm**

We are open to all parents & carers  
of children whose **birthday falls between**  
**1/09/2020 and 31/08/2021** and are  
therefore eligible for a Reception class  
place in September 2025





**This term, we will be focussing on the Christian Value **THANKFULNESS**. We hope you have fun learning and exploring together.**

## TALK ABOUT

**'Count your blessings' is an old saying but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted.**

**As a family, think about:**

**Ways that you can show gratitude.**

**What it feels like when someone says thank you.**

**How many ways can you say thank you?**

## WORDS OF WISDOM

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?'  
William Arthur Ward

## READ TOGETHER ...

### The Miracle of the Ten Lepers Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'



**Fascinating Facts:** Just think how many times you need to say thank you for every day things that we take for granted. Think about something like a glass of milk.



#### Across

4. We sing these in church to show gratitude
5. A special ceremony where Christians give thanks and remember Jesus's sacrifice
6. The day most Christians gather to thank and worship God
8. Jesus healed ten of these people, but only one came back to say thank you

#### Down

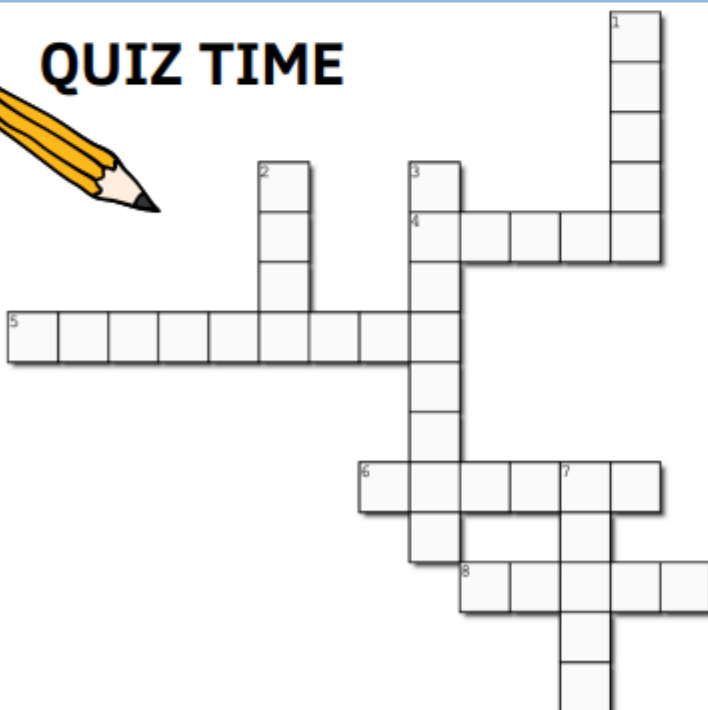
1. Something we can give or share.
2. We say this when we are grateful in prayer
3. What we feel when someone does something kind
7. This fruit reminds us of harvest time and being thankful

Thank you to:

the person who bought the milk,  
the shop for selling the milk,  
the driver for delivering the milk,  
the farmer for keeping the cows,  
the cows for making the milk.



## QUIZ TIME



Work together to make a paper chain and on each link write one thing that you are thankful for. See how long your family chain gets.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13



## Join Us for Coffee



Are you a Special Guardian, Family Carer or Adopter to a previously looked after young person? Perhaps you are a kinship carer?

Would you like to meet other people in a similar care role for an informal coffee and a chat?

Then come for a catch up to meet other carers and give your views on what educational support you would appreciate and which professionals you would like to be invited to future coffee mornings.

Join us on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11am-12pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 11am-12pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11am-12pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 11am-12pm

Halton Lodge Children's Centre, Runcorn, WA7 5LU

Please drop an email to [david.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk](mailto:david.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk) or text **07917 133429** - to confirm your attendance.

David Bradshaw from Halton Virtual School will be present to explain his role and how to access support, advice and guidance where necessary. Although predominantly a session based on education, these one-hour meetings are informal, free and intended to allow people to air various questions and views on the SGO, adoption and child arrangement order process as well as discussing issues that pertain to kinship care.

Attendees are free to access one or every session should they wish.

**Please note: This session is not intended for foster carers.**