



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 11th July 2025

Fun Day – Wednesday 16th July

I am delighted to share that our much-anticipated Fun Day is almost here! We will be welcoming you all on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 1:30pm for what promises to be a wonderful, fun-packed afternoon.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, please note the following arrangements.

- KS1 pupils will need to be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. If you are unable to attend, please don't worry – your child will be looked after by their class teacher who will take them around the activities.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils will have the freedom to explore the playground activities independently. However, Year 6 pupils will not be released to walk home alone until 3:15pm
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should collect from their normal exit – staff will call your child and you will enter through the fire door.
- Year 3 parents should wait by the front door as usual, and both you and your child will enter through the main entrance.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils will be released onto the playground to meet parents who should enter around the back of school. If this gate is locked, please use the front entrance.

Finally, please remember to bring lots of change for all the exciting activities we have planned!

If you or your family members have businesses that can help with raffle prizes, please contact the office. We thank you in advance for all your support in making our events a success!

Fun Day Volunteers

We are reaching out for volunteers who can help us with our fun day, setting up stalls and games in the morning and to run stalls in the afternoon – lots of tea and coffee provided!

Congratulations Lola-Rae



A huge well done to Lola-Rae in Year 5 who competed this weekend at Butlins In Skegness and walked away with first place solo, second place duet and lots of 1st, 2nd and third for groups. Her dance school also won the overall best school!!! Lola-Rae is an incredibly talented dancer, and we are immensely proud of her outstanding achievements

Awards Night

This week we held our annual awards evening, a truly memorable night filled with pride, joy, and even a few emotional tears as families, friends, and our staff came together to honour the incredible accomplishments of our children. It was a night that captured the spirit of *Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe*, a wonderful reflection of everything we value as a school. We are already looking forward to next years!

Water Safety - Stay safe this summer

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble

Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Have a very happy, and safe, summer! - From Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Imagine That!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had a wonderful time at Imagine That! in Liverpool this week. The day was packed with exciting hands-on activities that truly captured their imagination. From fridge magnet painting to magical snow workshops, slime making, and bath bomb creation, the children were fully engaged throughout. The highlight was the dry ice show where children watched as dry ice was mixed with soap to make a cloud of bubbles that dispersed when popped, the children were delighted when it ended with the children being covered in bubbles (and some the staff inhaling them). Please take a moment to look at our social media pages to see the highlights from this fantastic experience.

Y5 Ancient Greek Day

On Thursday, Year 5 had the most incredible of days immersing themselves in all things Greek. The day began by examining the alphabet of that time and using it to write their own name. We then explored what the Ancient Greeks did to pass their time and played Archimedes game, Stomachian (the X-Box of its day).

We all found it incredibly tricky – even when the answers were given out. Much simpler was the game petteia which was played with counters on a board. Everyone became highly competitive and when we asked which was better, iPad or the board game, everyone voted for the game. The rest of the day was spent learning about the ancient Olympic games, Greek gods and ancient myths and of course what the people of the time ate. It was such an enjoyable day with lots of practical learning taking place. The attitude of the children was fantastic throughout. Well done Year 5!

Reception 2025-2026

This week marked the beginning of transition for our new Reception intake as Mrs Fisher and Mrs Hughes began the week with home visits. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet the children in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes, starting to build strong relationships for the year ahead! Later in the week, we then hosted our first 'Reception Drop-In' session, giving children and families a chance to explore their new classroom, meet staff, and begin to settle into their new environment. It's been a warm and positive start to what promises to be an exciting journey ahead.


Looking Ahead:

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

- 16th July – Fun Day
- 17th July – Ready for Reception Drop In
- 21st July – Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited)
- 22nd July – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited)
- 22nd July – School closes 3:15pm
- 1st Sept – Inset Day
- 2nd Sept – Inset Day
- 3rd Sept – School Opens

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:

- Frankie (Rec) for being a lovely friend to Theo – Miss Barnett
- Savannah (Y4) for having a peaceful lunchtime reading in the quiet area – Miss Barnett
- Lola and Emmie (Y1) for showing me their fantastic gymnastic skills safely – Miss Barnett
- Amelia W (Y6) for being such a lovely friend to Daniel – Miss Middleton
- Year 1 and Year 2 for representing our school fantastically and getting stuck into every activity at Imagine That – Miss Ashton, Mrs Bonnett, Miss Fisher, Miss Manders and Miss Case 

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 21: When a child is adopted or living in foster care, their best interests should come first*

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 – Alfie for creating a fantastic mosque during R.E. 💜

Y1 – Charlotte for being a fantastic role model in class

Y2 – Noah F for always being a kind and caring member of class

Y3 – Freya for always giving amazing answers

Y4 – Libbie for doing super writing this week

Y5 – Ellis for wonderful drama during Greek day

Y6 – Megan for fantastic participation in all her learning 😊

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Bella

Y1 – Hazel

Y2 – Skylar

Y3 – Dylan

Y4 – Lottie

Y5 – John

Y6 – Jack

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.1%

Whole school attendance – this week:

96.5%

Class attendance winner:

99.3% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 97.6%

Y1 – 93.9%

Y2 – 95.7%

Y3 – 95.3%

Y4 – 99.3%

Y5 – 96.1%

Y6 – 96.3%



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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"Faith can move mountains," Matthew 17:20

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09-06-25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

As you are aware, the school day now begins with registration at **8:45am**. This means that any child not in class by 8.45am is marked as late. Since the introduction of this new start time, we have seen a noticeable increase in late arrivals, despite opening the doors at 8.35am to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to be in school on time. We understand that adjusting to new routines can take time, which is why we have allowed a period of flexibility over the summer term for families to make the necessary changes. However, as punctuality is crucial to a successful start to the school day and to minimise disruption to learning, we need to ensure that from the start of next term this routine is in place.

From September, all children arriving after 8:45am will need to be signed in by a parent or carer at the main entrance.

Late arrivals can be very disruptive—not only for the child who is arriving late, but also for the rest of the class. All of our lessons start at 8.45am, meaning that key learning is taking place from that time. Children who arrive after lessons have begun often miss important instructions and can feel unsettled or embarrassed walking into an already-started classroom. Additionally, the interruption can disturb the focus and flow of the class, affecting the learning of others.

We encourage all parents to regularly monitor their child's attendance and punctuality through the Arbor system, where you can view the number of late marks and absences recorded. If you need any support with improving attendance, punctuality, or accessing Arbor, please don't hesitate to contact the school—we are here to help.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,

Miss M Slingsby
Headteacher



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Class Structure 2025 - 26

	Teachers	Support Staff
Reception	Mrs Fisher	Mrs Hughes/Miss Tunsted
Year 1	Miss Fisher	Miss Lavery
Year 2	Miss Bates	Miss Wilson
Year 3	Miss Ashton	Miss Manders
Year 4	Miss McMullen	Mrs Bonnett
Year 5	Mrs Worrall	Miss Lucas
Year 6	Mr Albrecht	Miss Case
Family Support Worker	Miss Brimble	
Breakfast/After School Club	Miss Hurst, Mrs Jones, Mrs Hughes	

Meet the Teacher Sessions – 3.20pm

- Mon 8th Sept- Y5&Y6 Meet the Teacher
- Tues 9th Sept - Y3&Y4 Meet the Teacher
- Thurs 4th Sept - Y1&Y2 Meet the Teacher

Reception meetings will be communicated to parents with the transition packs.

Summer HAF

For Children
Aged 4 – 7 years



FREE –
for children who are eligible for
benefit related free school meals



09.30am –
1.30pm

*Healthy meal provided – all dietary requirements catered for

What's on?...

- Role Play Village fun
- Arts & Crafts
- Healthy Lunch Provided
- Sensory Play Activities
- Fun Group Activities
- Mindfulness Workshop



East Lane,
Runcorn,
WA7 2AA



16 dates available...

Week 1: 22nd, 23rd & 24th July

Week 2: 29th, 30th & 31st July

Week 3: 5th, 6th & 7th August

Week 4: 12th, 13th & 14th August

Week 5: 19th & 20th August

Week 6: 26th & 27th August

To Book Now – Please visit:

<https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/haf>

Pure Gymnastics

We are thrilled to announce the soft opening of Pure Gymnastics, a new community gymnastics club dedicated to fostering a love for gymnastics in a fun, safe, and supportive environment.

Please consider including our summer camp mailer (attached) in your school newsletter or posting it on your community board or social media platforms to advertise our soft opening of the club on July 28th.

Visit Our Website: Pure.gymnastics.co.uk to learn more about our club.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at **07939886975** if you need any more information.



SUMMER CAMP

WEEK 1, 28th July till 1st of August
WEEK 2, 4th till 8th of August
WEEK 3, 11th till 15th of August
WEEK 4, 18th till 22nd of August

Age Groups	Duration	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5-6yrs	4	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00
7-8yrs		9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00
9-10yrs		9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00
LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE		1 x Per Week	2 x Per Week	3 x Per Week	4 x Per Week	5 x Per Week
Online Registration Open.		£30	£57	£82	£106	£129

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

SPECIAL OFFER

Register before the 20th of July to avail of an additional 20% off entire Fees. Enter Early Bird in the coupon code.

[Register Here](#)