



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 13th June 2025

Year 4 Admittance to Holy Communion

What a wonderful day we had today as our Year 4 pupils participated in a very special service for Admittance to Holy Communion. The Arch Deacon and Reverend Linda led this meaningful ceremony, and it was fantastic to see so many of our Year 4 children actively taking part in this significant milestone in their faith journey. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for this special occasion as our children took this important step forward in their spiritual development.

Pettypool

Our Y5 children had a fantastic time at their residential trip this week. Throughout their time away, our pupils truly embraced every challenge that came their way. They conquered their fears with remarkable courage, tackled teamwork tasks with determination, and got very, very muddy in the process! It was lovely to see them push themselves beyond their comfort zones and discover just what they are capable of achieving. As always, our Year 5 children didn't disappoint. Their fantastic manners and positive attitudes shone throughout the entire experience, making them amazing ambassadors for St Michael with St Thomas CE Primary School. The way they conducted themselves was a true reflection of our school values and the wonderful young people they are becoming. Please visit our social media pages where you can see photos capturing all the fun, laughter, and memorable moments from their adventure.

Well done Y1 and Y4

A huge well done to our Year 1 and Year 4 children who absolutely smashed their Phonics and Times Tables checks this week! It was fantastic to witness their hard work and dedication pay off so brilliantly. What wonderful achievements to celebrate!

Saints Peter and Pauls Open Evening

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School is hosting an Open Evening on Thursday 3rd July 2025 for pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 and their families between 4 and 7 pm. The Open Evening provides the perfect opportunity to look around the school, meet members of the team and student body, and take part in a range of KS3 based and extracurricular activities, to help you make decisions about your child's next steps into secondary school. Please note, Saints Peter and Paul also offer 'fast track' guided tours for students with SEND who would benefit from a less crowded and quieter environment. To register for a one-to-one SEND tour, please [click here](mailto:frencha@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk) or contact frencha@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk

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

Clothes Collection

We have signed up to Sammy's Project, a fantastic scheme that helps schools raise valuable funds by collecting preloved clothing. In the coming weeks, you will receive clothing bags sent home with your child. Please don't worry if you need more space – additional bin bags are also accepted for your donations. With summer approaching, this presents a perfect opportunity for a seasonal clear out whilst supporting our school community. This initiative offers so much more than fundraising. By participating, we are making a positive impact on our environment through recycling efforts and supporting environmental sustainability. It is wonderful to see how small actions can create meaningful change. The children are particularly excited about this project, as each pupil who donates will receive a special Sammy sticker as recognition for their contribution. Why not take part in our recycling initiative and help us make a difference together? **Please do not send donations into school before Tuesday 1st July**

Transition Week

Monday 7th July marks the start of the Transition week which gives all pupils an opportunity to get to know their new teacher and to help them feel settled in their new environment. It also gives the staff important time to work with the children and find out exactly where they are up to in different subjects ready for September. Please look out for the dates for September Meet the Teacher sessions for parents where you can come and meet the new class teacher and find out key information about the year ahead.

Year 6 Leavers Service

What a wonderful week we have had at St Michael with St Thomas! Our Year 6 pupils experienced a truly memorable day when they attended the Year 6 Leavers Service and Workshop at Liverpool Cathedral. It was such a privilege to watch them represent our school with such pride and distinction. I was particularly impressed by how smart they looked in their school uniforms and how beautifully they conducted themselves throughout the day. They were genuine ambassadors for our school community, demonstrating the values and character we work so hard to nurture here. These moments remind us why we do what we do - watching our pupils grow into confident, respectful young people ready for their next chapter.


Looking Ahead:

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

- 17th-19th June – Y6 London Trip
- 19th June – Whole School Eucharist (Trust and Parents Invited) 9am in school
- 20th June – Non-Uniform day for tombola prizes
- 2nd July – Sammys Project Clothes Collection Day (9am)
- 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
- 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)

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:

- Year 4 for doing an absolutely amazing job on their multiplication check this week. Well done for your hard work and super attitudes! – Miss Sutton
- Kirstie (Y3) for being polite to the bus driver when we went swimming – Miss Bates
- Bella and Harper (Rec) for playing beautifully at lunchtime – Miss Manders
- All of Y5 for team spirit and pushing themselves to new limits – Mrs Hogan
- Year 5 for getting out of their comfort zones at Pettypool and trying lots of new things! – Miss Sutton
- Hallie (Rec) for helping Max this week when he was a little bit upset.
- Year 1 for being fantastic in their phonics
- Purple Phonic Group – for fantastic phonics – Mrs Bonnett
- Louie and Oliver Y5 for amazing help in Y1 and reading beautifully with the children
- All community crusaders for being excellent ambassadors for our school when visiting Trewan House – Miss Fisher
- Oliver and Louie Y5 for being excellent helpers – Miss Fisher
- Frankie (Rec) for coming in with a super smile – Miss Fisher 😊
- Hallie (Rec) for always saying good morning! Miss Fisher
- Grace (Y2) for sharing great ideas in our lessons – Mrs Bonnett
- Year 6 for being wonderful ambassadors for our school at the cathedral – Mrs Worrall
- Lizzie (Y6) for always going out of her way to help others – Mrs Worrall
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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 17: Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources*

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 – Norah for excellent participation in R.E.

Y1 – All of Y1 for all being super fantastic in their phonics

Y2 – Harrison for trying hard to improve behaviour for learning

Y3 – Aren for a fantastic piece of writing in Geography

Y4 – Lyla for facing timestables with a brilliant attitude!

Y5 – Charlotte for a fabulous team spirit 😊

Y6 – Iyana for a huge improvement in the quality and quantity of her writing.

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Millie

Y1 – Billy

Y2 – Lottie-Rose

Y3 – Carter

Y4 – Max

Y5 – Charlotte

Y6 – Niall

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.3%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.1%

Class attendance winner:

99.6% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 91.3%

Y1 – 99.1%

Y2 – 99.6%

Y3 – 87%

Y4 – 95.7%

Y5 – 96.1%

Y6 – 95%



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

St Peters and Paul Summer School

To further support your child's transition to Saints Peter & Paul Catholic High School in September, we are inviting them to attend our Summer School for Year 6 students with a place at our high school. Our Summer School will provide your child with first hand experiences of our school and lessons as well as a further chance to meet staff and make friends with their new classmates for Year 7.

DATE | Wednesday 23rd July and Friday 25th July 2025 - **TIME** | 10am – 2pm

If you would like your child to attend, please register a place on their preferred dates by visiting the 'Welcome Year 6' section on our school website.

[Click here for more information about starting Year 7 and to book your summer school place](#)



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 6
Summer
SCHOOL

FOR CURRENT YEAR 6 PUPILS JOINING
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday
23rd July -
Friday 25th
July

Highfield Road,
Widnes,
Cheshire, WA8 7DW

Meet your new
class mates
Have fun with
classroom &
outdoor
activities
Explore your
new school

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



BEFORE 4TH JULY 2025

OR VISIT www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk | Telephone 0151 424 2139

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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!

Help for Households in Halton



Halton Borough Council now have a number of schemes that are available to help you, this is due to funding from the Household Support Fund which has come to use via Central Government.

These schemes will run from **April 2025 until March 2026**. Please check below to see if you qualify.



FREE Prescription Pre-payment Certificate

Do you pay for your prescriptions?

If so, and you:

- Live in Halton
- Have a take home pay of less than £26,500 per year
- Receive regular prescriptions

Do you regularly use essential electrical medical equipment at home?

We may be able to offer you some financial support. Requirements will vary depending on your circumstances, please contact us below.



FREE Financial Foundations Workshops

A free workshop, provided by NatWest, designed to support financial wellbeing and empower individuals to take control of their finances and future.

- Learn how to make the most of your money with practical guidance and support.
- All participants will receive an £80 supermarket voucher of their choice.

Spaces are limited – register early to secure your place

How to apply

Contact the Public Health Team, Halton Borough Council
Call us on 0151 511 5200. You may be asked to leave your name and number and we will contact you back as soon as possible.
Email us at public.health@halton.gov.uk - please include your name, address and a contact phone number.

