



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 13th September 2024

It's our first full week back and there has been so much amazing learning happening! Don't forget to check out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Reception Open Evening - September 2025

Even though our new Reception class has only just started, we are already looking ahead at next year and would like to invite families of children starting school in September 2025 to our annual Open Evenings. The open evenings are for any children who will be starting school in September 2025. Please support us in promoting our event by sharing our advert on your social media and with family, friends, sports clubs, local group pages etc to help us get the word out to as many families as possible about our amazing school.

Ready for Reception Club

Calling all parents/guardians of pre-school children You are warmly invited to our new afterschool club... This club is open to all preschool aged children whether you have already decided to join our school family next September or are still exploring options for your child's school place. During the sessions, your child will have the opportunity to play, explore our wonderful school environment and also meet our amazing team who will be planning different activities each week to give children a taste of school life, before they start their new schools in September. **Sessions will start Thursday 19th September 2024 - 3:30pm until 4:30pm each week.**

Please share the information about these sessions with your friends, families and local networks. You can share our social media posts too!

High School Open Evenings

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School have asked us to share that they are hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 25th September for pupils from years 5 and 6 and their families between 4 and 7 pm.

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](#) or contact frencha@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk.

Wade Deacon is also holding an open evening for Y5 and Y6 pupils – please see flyer attached to the newsletter for details.

PE Coach

We would like to welcome Mr Wortley, our new PE Coach who joined us this week. We are excited to be working with him this year and he has been so impressed with how respectful and hardworking all of our pupils have been in their first lessons.

School Trips

We are trialling opening up all trips and events for the year on Arbor, with an approximate cost, to allow parents to spread the payments over a longer period of time. These will be open from next week for each class and families can pay into any of the trips throughout the year, when it suits them. Letters and reminders will still be sent near the time with the trip details and actual cost.

Looking Ahead:

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

- 16th September – Interfaith Week
- 16th September – Pupil Leadership Afternoon
- 19th September – Ready for Reception Club
- 26th September – Whole School Eucharist Service in School at 9:15am
- 1st October – Reception Open Evening 3:30 and 5:30pm
- 3rd October – Y5 Harvest Service in Church 9:30am
- 7th October – Reception Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 8th October – Y1 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 10th October – Y6 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 14th October – Y3 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 15th October – Y4 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 17th October – Y5 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 21st October – Y2 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 22nd October – School Individual Photographs
- 24th October – Reception Welcome Worship in School @ 9am
- 24th October – Autumn Disco
- 25th October – 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:

Perseverance

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"

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FOR YOU HAVE NEED OF ENDURANCE, SO THAT WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD YOU MAY RECEIVE WHAT IS PROMISED.

Hebrews 10:36

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 26: Every child has the right to Social and Economic Help

- 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:

- Lydia Y6 for being so caring and helping our reception children to settle in! – Miss Chip
- Zac Y5 for setting a wonderful example in Rev Linda's worship – what a role model! Mrs Worrall
- Phoebe Y4 for being so cheery and asking how I was – Mrs Hogan
- Eleanor Y6 for being a super role model and being super helpful with our new reception children – Mrs Hughes
- John Y5 for smiling every time I see him and being so polite – Miss Bates
- Faith Y2 for holding the hall door for children coming into school – Miss Fisher

Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Frankie for an amazing start to life in Reception and settling in beautifully

Y1 – Max for trying really hard with all areas of his learning

Y2 – Stanley for an excellent improvement in his presentation

Y3 – Ashton for a fantastic first week in Year 3

Y4 – Sophia for demonstrating a super attitude towards her learning in Year 4

Y5 – Jessica for jumping into life in Year 5 with resilience and determination

Y6 – Megan for a wonderfully enthusiastic start to Year 6

Lunchtime

Superstars

Rec – Hunter

Y1 – Charlotte

Y2 – Jacob

Y3 – Ashton

Y4 – Spencer

Y5 – Zac

Y6 – Toby

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Attendance %	Impact on Learning	Impact on Learner
96%-100%	Best chance of success	You/Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
90% 95%	At least two weeks of missed learning	You/Your child will have to spend time at home and in class catching up on missed learning
85% - 90%	At least four weeks of missed learning	You/Your child is at risk of under achieving and will need extra support in class and at home to be able to fill the gaps on learning they have missed. Children below 90% are class as a Persistently absent pupil
80% -85%	5 ½ weeks missed learning – this is nearly a whole half term	Your/ Your child's poor attendance is having a significant impact on learning and wellbeing. Your parent/guardian is at risk of prosecution
Below 80%	7 ½ weeks missed learning – More than a half term	You are/Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education with a significant impact on learning and wellbeing. Your parent/guardian is at risk of prosecution

Class Attendance:

Rec – 96.1%

Y1 – 98.9%

Y2 – 94.4%

Y3 – 98.1%

Y4 – 100%

Y5 – 95%

Y6 – 99.6%

Whole School Attendance – this year:

96.1%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.4%

Class attendance winner:

Y4 100%



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Open Evenings 2024



Tues 1st October at 3:30pm & 5:30pm

Weds 27th 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

Per parent, Per child

Penalty notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example : 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset, training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty notice fines for school
attendance are changing.
Here's what you need to know

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

(Within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and any further offences

(within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to the failure to safeguard a child's education.

WADE DEACON HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19th September from
5:30pm to 7:30pm

We can't wait to welcome you!

For more information please see
www.wadedeacon.co.uk

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE



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IN ALL AREAS**

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Returning to school Routines

Routines help children feel secure.

Plan the routine that you would like to see in place for school time.

Chat with your child about the plan and include their views.

Think about routines for sleep, screen time and meal times.



Sleep routine

- As soon as possible start to move your child's bedtime a little earlier each night and wake them a little earlier each morning
- Create a relaxing age appropriate wind-down routine for the hour before lights off. Wind down activities include taking a bath or shower, reading a book (alone or together), drawing or colouring, listening to music, meditation or going for a walk.
- Start using the wind down routine as soon as possible.

Screen time routine



- Work towards no screen time an hour before sleep to improve sleep quality.
- Where possible have no screens in bedrooms.



Meal time routine

- Start adjusting mealtime to match up with school time routines as soon as possible.
- Talk to your child about the importance of eating well and involve them in the planning, shopping and preparation.

Maintaining routines

It is very easy to let routines drift once your child is back at school. Think about school morning, evening and homework routines.



Morning routine

- Encourage your child to get everything ready the evening before.
- Help your child understand that time management is needed to :-
- Get up and get ready.
- Have breakfast.
- Be on time for their life, bus, drive or walk to school.



Evening routine

- Change out of their uniforms as soon as they get home.
- Have a snack and a chat.
- Have some time outside.
- Get everything ready for the morning.



Homework routine

- Choose a suitable place, free from distractions like TV.
- Sooner started, sooner finished and the more free time to do other things.