



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 14th March 2025

Assessment Week

Well done to all our children this week during Assessment Week! They worked incredibly hard and showed tremendous perseverance. We will be in touch soon to discuss individual learning plans. Don't forget to book your place for the Pupil Progress meetings on Arbor. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the results of the latest assessment week, and any next steps in their learning journey. We look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your child's achievements, review their progress, and work together on supporting their continued success.

Easter Bingo

We are excited to kick off our Easter activities and cannot wait to get started! Our Easter Bingo event is available to book on Arbor for just £5.00, which includes a hotdog, crisps, a drink, and plenty of fun. Additionally, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 28th March, to collect donations of Easter treats for bingo prizes and the raffle hamper. Any support with these donations will be greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for helping make this event a success!

Easter Egg Decorating and Easter Bonnet Competition

We are thrilled to be holding our annual egg decorating and Easter bonnet competition again this year! After seeing the fantastic entries from previous years, we cannot wait to see the incredible creations the children come up with this time. For the decorated eggs, the possibilities are endless – whether it is a character, fun patterns, or anything else that sparks their imagination!

Just a reminder:

- **All eggs must be hard-boiled** to ensure they are ready for display.
- No entries should be in boxes larger than a shoe box, as they will not be displayed,
- Entries **must not** be brought into school before 31st March 2025.

Winners will be announced on 4th April 2025. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative designs!

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back! On 21st March 2025, we will be supporting this fantastic cause by wearing something red. It is a fun and easy way to contribute to a fantastic cause that helps change lives. We encourage everyone to join in the spirit of giving and show your support by wearing red on the day. Donations can be made via the link below. Let us come together and make a difference!

https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd25-bbc&utm_source=website&utm_medium=bbc&utm_campaign=rnd25_register_uk_fundraise_cr0002707

Soccer Aid for UNICEF

As a school, we will be taking part in Soccer Aid for UNICEF. There will be a range of activities happening in school during this time, to enable the children to develop their awareness of the reason why Soccer Aid is held every two years, and why they partner with UNICEF. We will update you with our plans closer to the time. As a little activity for the children to take part in at home, we are taking part in their school challenge. All that we ask, is for the children to design a t-shirt that a child mascot will wear at Soccer Aid. The winner will walk onto the pitch wearing their t-shirt, alongside the players, as well as an all paid for trip to Manchester during this time.

Careers Week

As a part of the Start Small, Dream Big Careers programme, we have held employee encounters with the aim to celebrate Careers Week and raise aspirations to inspire our children to the wide world of work. We have been joined by visitors from a range of industries who have delivered sessions to all our classes. The whole school had a very special worship delivered by the Mayor of Halton and we enjoyed hearing about what the role of Mayor involves. Year 1 and 5 were visited by Tracey who works with Halton's Mental Health team and Reception and Year 3 had a talk from Debbie who works at Andale Vets. Year 4 and 5 enjoyed a STEM talk from a local engineering company and we would like to say a big thank you to our school family volunteers. Jamie Butler delivered talks to classes about his roles working as an armed officer for Merseyside Police and Gill Riley shared her experience working in the Airline industry. A big well done to our children who asked thoughtful questions related to our visitors and our visitors have shared how wonderful our children were during these sessions. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Miss Sutton for her outstanding effort in organising such a successful and worthwhile week. Her hard work, dedication, and attention to detail ensured everything ran smoothly, and the week was a great success for everyone involved.

School Trips

Please be reminded that we have some exciting school trips planned for the summer term! Payments for these trips can be made in instalments on Arbor. If you wish for your child to attend, we must receive consent on Arbor. If you have any issues or would like to discuss payment, please contact the school office or Miss Slingsby as soon as possible, and we will do our best to assist you.

Looking Ahead:

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

- 18th March – Y4 Clonter Opera Trip
- 21st March – Red Nose Day
- 25th March – Y5 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 25th March – Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 25th March – Choir cancelled
- 25th March – Y6 Booster club cancelled
- 26th March – Reception Pupil Progress Meetings
- 26th March – Y1 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 27th March – Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 27th March – Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 28th March – Non-uniform day (Easter treat donations)
- 31st March – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 31st March – Easter Egg competition entries
- 3rd April – Easter Service Y4 (Church 9:30am – Parents welcome)
- 3rd April – Easter Bingo (children only)
- 4th 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:

Forgiveness

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



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 8: Children have the right to preserve an identity, including name, nationality, and family relations*

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



Safe



**We know how we can
keep ourselves safe and
make sure we do all we
can to keep our school
family safe.**

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

- Miss Sutton – for superb effort during Friday's football – Mrs Hogan
- Miss Ashton and Mr Wortley for organising super football games
- All of Year 3 for super persevering during their assessments
- Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6 for being great sport stars! Miss Sutton (Man of the Matches!)
- Sophie Y6 for being super helpful during lunchtimes – Midday Assistants
- Tilly Y4 for always having a lovely smile and saying hello whenever in passing – Miss Manders

Headteacher's Award Winners

Rec – Harper-Rose for showing great resilience in writing and making good progress

Y1 – Hazel for being a superstar in her learning this week

Y2 – Noah for excellent effort and concentration when completing assessments this week

Y3 – Aiden for working extremely hard on his assessments this week

Y4 – Nathaniel for super multiplication skills this week!

Y5 – James for enthusiasm and effort in all we do

Y6 – Cody for wonderful participation & enthusiasm in everything we have done this week

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Niamh

Y1 – Frankie

Y2 – Caitlyn

Y3 – Jesse

Y4 – Max

Y5 – Lola-Rae

Y6 – Alfie

Attendance Counts!

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Whole School Attendance – this year:

95%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.4%

Class attendance winner:

98.7% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 97.1%

Y1 – 95.5%

Y2 – 98.7%

Y3 – 90.4%

Y4 – 97.8%

Y5 – 96.1%

Y6 – 91.2%



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