



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 16th May 2025

Y6 SATs

A huge congratulations to our Y6 children who all gave 100% effort and really shone during their SATs this week, we are so proud of your resilience, perseverance, and positive attitude this week! This achievement was not just about Year 6 though, it was a whole school effort, with pupils across all years showing consideration and support. By moving quietly and respectfully around the school, they created an environment that allowed our Y6s to focus and perform their best. This is a whole school family event, helping children moving through school to have a positive attitude towards SATs. Well done to everyone involved, we are incredibly proud of you all!

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 sweets

Friday 11th July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

Change 4 Life Week

The 19th-23rd May is Change 4 Life Week. There are a range of different activities and workshops happening throughout the week to get us moving, be active and make positive food changes. Everybody will have an opportunity to take part in sports they may not have before, try new food and challenge parents and teachers. Mostly importantly we will have fun! Please remember to wear your PE kit for the following days

Tuesday – Martial Arts

Wednesday -Taekwondo

Friday – Sports Day

Walk to School Week

From 19th–23rd May, our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week! We're encouraging all children to walk to school each day during the week, and those who manage to walk five times or more will receive a special reward. Each child will be given a fun activity pack with games and challenges to enjoy on their walk. Let's get moving, stay healthy, and enjoy the journey together!

Admittance to Holy Communion

We are delighted to share an important upcoming event with you. Our Year 4 Admittance to Holy Communion will take place on 13th June 2025 at 1:30pm in the Church, led by the Archdeacon. This special occasion is not limited to Year 4 pupils; any Year 5 or Year 6 pupils who have not yet had communion are also welcome to participate. If you wish for your child to take part, please ensure you give consent on Arbor. This promises to be a meaningful experience for our pupils.

Trips

Please be reminded about our upcoming school trips for the summer term. Our Year 3 and 4 children will be embarking on an adventure to Rock and River, where they will enjoy outdoor activities like rafted canoeing, air bag jumping, and tackling a climbing tower. Meanwhile, our Year 1 and 2 classes will be visiting Imagine That! where they will unleash their creativity making fridge magnets and bath bombs and experience an amazing dry ice science show. **To ensure your child's participation, please remember to provide consent and make payment on Arbor.** These outings promise to be memorable experiences for our pupils, combining learning with fun and adventure.

Sports Day

We are excited to invite parents to this year's Sports Day which will take place on **Friday 23rd May 2025**, weather permitting. **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 sports day will take place in the morning and start at 9:15am**, while our younger athletes from **Reception, Y1 and Y2 will showcase their skills starting at 1:30pm**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this. This event is not just about competition, it is a celebration of teamwork, effort, and school spirit. We are looking forward to a day filled with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and community spirit!

House colours

- Nightingale – Red
- Attenborough – Green
- Parks – Blue
- Mandela -Yellow

Relationship and Sex Education

Years 1-6 will have received a letter regarding our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum. We value your involvement in this important aspect of your child's education. Miss Fisher will be holding a parent session on 20th May at 2:30pm, this session will offer an opportunity to discuss the curriculum and address any questions you may have.

Nuts

Please can we remind all parents to check what is being put in children's lunchboxes, as we have a child with a severe nut allergy. If children have items containing nuts in their lunchboxes, they will be kept safe by staff and can be collected by parents from the office at the end of the day. In these instances, children will be offered a school lunch. Thank you for supporting us with this important matter.

Class Photos

Have you ordered your school **Class** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 22nd May 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Year 4's Visit to Reception



Year 4's DT topic this term has been to make animal puppets using links and levers. An important part of DT is conducting research and asking those who may want to use a product what they would like to see included. Year 4 visited Reception to ask them questions about their favourite animals from stories they have read, what colours they like and what patterns they enjoy. This will help us when designing our animal puppets as the Reception children gave us lots of great ideas! We are looking forward to sharing our creations with Reception soon!

RNLI Visit

Year 3 and 4 were visited on Thursday by lifeguards from the RNLI. Both classes enjoyed hearing about the role lifeguards have in keeping us safe around the coast and we learnt about the different flag meanings and how to stay safe at the beach. An important message to take away is that we need to remember sun safety and water safety when visiting the beach and that if we need help, the RNLI are there to keep us safe!


Looking Ahead:

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

- 19th May – Change 4 Life Week
- 19th May – Walk to School Week
- 20th May – Parent RSE Session 2:30pm
- 23rd May – Sports Day (Parents invited)
- 23rd May – End of Term 3:15pm
- 2nd June – Inset Day
- 3rd June – Inset Day
- 4th June – School Opens
- 5th June – Y3 Pentecost Worship (9am Parents Invited)
- 11th & 12th June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 12th June – Y6 Leavers Services Liverpool Cathedral (children only)
- 13th June – Admittance to Holy Communion 1:30pm at church
- 17th-19th June – Y6 London Trip
- 19th June – Whole School Holy Communion (Trust and Parents Invited)
- 20th June – Non-Uniform day for tombola prizes

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:

- Holly (Y6) for being so polite and holding the door open for Miss Ashton
- Steve (Y3) for being kind and caring on the playground to the environment. Miss Ashton had a lovely conversation with him.
- Phoebe (Y4) for being so helpful and caring when a year 1 fell over – Miss Ashton
- Harrison (Y2) for super listening during the PE lesson – Mr Wortley
- Emmie (Y1) for working hard in phonics
- Phoebe (Y4) for taking time and effort to make Y6 a lovely good luck charm! Mrs Worrall
- Sophie R and Megan (Y6) for helping take the reception water bottles in – Mrs Hughes
- Mason (Y5) for showing and helping a reception child during a game – Mrs Hughes
- Charlotte (Y5) for reminding Miss Middleton how to make a loomband bracelet
- Y4 for being mature and kind to the Reception children during their visit for DT this week – Mrs Fisher
- Year 5 – You've been so sensible in the hall – Mrs H and Miss Lavery
- Cody (Y) – Genius! A positive attitude all week – Mrs Hogan
- Evie, Ebony and Molly I loved watching you work so hard during tests you're ★'s -Mrs Hogan
- Penelope (Y3) for being so helpful in art club – Miss Bates
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Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Trust

"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"



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 24: Every child has the right to clean water, healthy food, a clean environment, and good healthcare*

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 – Joseph for fantastic maths exploring '5 and a bit'

Y1 – Hazel for working really hard in all areas all week

Y2 – Reuben for trying really hard in maths!

Y3 – Dylan for writing a fantastic narrative independently

Y4 – Lyla for approaching learning with a smile this week!

Y5 – Oliver for team spirit all week

Y6 – All of Y6 for incredible perseverance, and resilience during SATs week

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Joseph

Y1 – Albie

Y2 – Reuben

Y3 – Leighton

Y4 – Spencer

Y5 – Ellis

Y6 – Sophie-Mae

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.7%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 94.2%

Y1 – 97%

Y2 – 93.1%

Y3 – 90.6%

Y4 – 100%

Y5 – 94.6%

Y6 – 99.1%



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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Spring Fayre

& CHURCH GIFT DAY

***Saturday 17th May,
1.00pm - 3.00pm***

***Raffle
Tombola
Cakes
& fun stalls
Refreshments available***

