



## ***St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School***

*Newsletter – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

### **Thank you**

Thank you so much for all your support during our first week back! We truly battled the elements, and your patience and understanding made a world of difference. It's been wonderful to have everyone back this week, and the energy and positivity that everyone brings have been amazing!

### **Whole School Eucharist**

Please be reminded that the Whole School Eucharist, led by Reverend Linda and the worship team, will be taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 9:15am. We warmly invite all parents to join us for this special time of worship as we come together as a school community to reflect, pray, and celebrate.

### **Wide Awake to the World**

During Wide Awake to the World Week, each class has focused on a different topic aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The initiative aimed to deepen children's understanding of the human impact on the world and inspire meaningful action. Through a variety of engaging activities, the children have explored issues such as climate change, clean water and sanitation and good health and wellbeing, among others. The children produced thoughtful written work and expressive artwork, showcasing their learning and reflections on these exciting topics. They also developed skills in research, critical thinking, and creativity, as they delved into real-world problems and their solutions. However, the heart of the week was fostering courageous advocacy. Students built impactful campaigns to raise awareness and be a voice for those who lack the power to speak up—whether people, endangered animals, or fragile ecosystems. They demonstrated passion and determination in presenting their ideas, whether through posters, speeches, or digital media. By the end of the week, the children had not only expanded their knowledge but also embraced the role of active global citizens. Wide Awake to the World Week empowered them to believe they can make a difference, inspiring hope for a more sustainable future.

### **PE Kits and Book Bags**

We have had quite a few children without book bags in the first few days and wearing incorrect PE kits. We understand that the change in PE days and the chilly weather may make carrying bags less appealing, but we really don't want our standards to slip. It's important that we continue to ensure children have the necessary equipment and are fully prepared for the school day. Let's work together to make sure that book bags are brought in regularly and PE kits are in line with the school policy, as this helps maintain the routines and expectations that support our learning environment.

### **Car Park**

During school drop-off and collection times, we ask that all parents prioritize the safety of both you and your children, by using the designated pedestrian path alongside the Reception fence. Please refrain from standing with your children in the car park, as vehicles are still entering and leaving the area, posing potential safety risks. Your cooperation in following this guideline is greatly appreciated, as it helps us ensure a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

### **PE Days**

You should have received a message from your child's class teacher regarding a change in PE days. For further details, including updated timetables and PE days, please refer to the school website, where this information is available.



## Class Pages

Please can we remind parents of a valuable resource on our school website where you will discover helpful parent support for home learning.

Under the **Class Overview** section, you will find detailed information about what your child will be learning each term, helping you stay informed and support your child's progress at home. In the example below, you can see an overview of the topics and skills children will be covering in each subject throughout the term. We encourage you to visit the pages regularly to stay up-to-date with classroom activities and important learning milestones

**Spring in Year 2**

**English**

- A description of George's grandma
- Recipe for a marvellous medicine to defeat an enemy
- In role as George, writing to advise Matilda on how she can defeat Miss Trunchbull

*We are reading...*

**ROALD DAHL**  
**GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE**

**ROALD DAHL**  
**MATILDA**

**Maths**

Time  
Fractions  
Faces, Shapes and Patterns; lines and turns

- Tell the time on an analogue clock: quarter past, quarter to and five-minute intervals
- Calculate durations of time in minutes and seconds
- Sequence daily events
- Minutes in an hour and hours in a day
- Part-whole relationships
- Fractions as part of a whole or whole set

**Science**

Plants

During this topic we will learn about what plants need to survive and grow. We will look at the life cycle of plants. We will observe plants in different conditions to investigate what plants need to grow.

**LUNAR**

Liverpool and Kampala

In this topic, pupils will compare two cities (one close to home and one in a different continent). Children will look at the similarities and differences of the climate of the countries and what this means for its vegetation, they will look at family lifestyles and traditions and begin to think about why some people choose (or are forced to) to move countries.

UNICEF CRC:  
Right to a home

In grammar we will be focusing on:

- Using present tense correct in non-chronological reports..
- Using commas in a list.
- Using apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)
- Correctly using exclamation marks

In addition to class overviews, you will find helpful resources on our class pages. These materials are designed to support your child's learning at home and provide you with useful tools to reinforce what they are learning in class. We encourage you to take time to explore these resources, as they can make a big difference in supporting your child's progress. Be sure to check the class pages regularly for updates and new content!



## Looking Ahead:

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

- 20<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Parent Insight Session – Maths (Parents)
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y3 Parent Insight Session – Maths (Parents)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Y3 Family Worship – 9am (Parents invited)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Whole School Eucharist
- 27<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Parent Insight – Maths (Parents)
- 28<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training, Choir and Afterschool Wraparound Care cancelled
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Family Worship – Friendship (Y2 Parents)
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – Dress to Express Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – School Reopens
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Clonter Opera Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Crosby Beach Y4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Service Y4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Bingo (Children only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School Reopens
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Blue Planet Aquarium Trip – Reception
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photographs
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Family Worship 9am (Parents invited)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs all week
- 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Eucharist
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 London Trip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y3 and Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 and Y2 Imagine That Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents invited)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 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:

## Friendship

*"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 24: Every child has the right to Health, Water, Food and Environment*

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:

- Iyana Y6 - blew me away her kindness and helpful attitude during lunchtime (Miss Barnett)
- Alfie Y6 - for training up a team of helpers in breakfast club (Mrs Hogan)
- Faith Y2 - for being a lovely friend, helping younger children in breakfast club (Mrs Hogan)
- Evie Y2 - for super reading in homework club (Miss Ashton)
- Reception for lovely singing in worship on Tuesday (Mrs Hogan)
- Jacob Y2 - for trying hard to practise his spellings (Miss Ashton)
- John Y5 - for being a kind and caring friend (Miss Fisher)

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec - Evie for a fantastic story map for "Whatever Next"

Y1 - Rocco for fantastic work in every lesson

Y2 - Harrison for trying hard to move onto purple books!

Y3 - Oliver for always showing so much enthusiasm for learning

Y4 - Issac for showing amazing multiplication knowledge this week!

Y5 - Harrison-Jake for making good choices all week

Y6 - Lydia for an incredible enthusiastic attitude to learning!

## Lunchtime

## Superstars

Rec - Joseph

Y1 - Bobby

Y2 - Patsy

Y3 - Ronnie

Y4 - Sophia

Y5 - Harrison-Jake

Y6 - Holly



# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.5%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.2%

Class attendance winner:

96.8% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec – 94.7%

Y1 – 96.8%

Y2 – 95%

Y3 – 94.4%

Y4 – 95.6%

Y5 – 95.3%

Y6 – 94.4%





# BACK TO SCHOOL

COMMUNITY VOUCHER

STUDENTS CAN REDEEM **TWO WEEKS OF FREE**  
**MF MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES** WITH THIS BACK  
TO SCHOOL VOUCHER!

**RESPECT | DISCIPLINE | CONFIDENCE | SELF DEFENCE**  
**IMPROVE SCHOOL GRADES | SOCIAL AWARENESS**

BRAND NEW CLASSES  
STARTING THIS **SEPTEMBER**  
IN WIDNES:

**FARNWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL,**  
**WIDNES**



TO REDEEM THIS OFFER, SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE, OR VISIT  
[WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM](http://WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM). AND BOOK ONTO A CLASS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.  
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING THIS VOUCHER TO YOUR FIRST CLASS.

(THIS OFFER IS ONLY VALID FOR NON-MATT FIDDES MARTIAL ARTS STUDENTS).

SCAN ME





"I've learned to listen to myself and not expect to be a superhero... Thank you very much for a very helpful class and giving me plenty to go away and think about"



# NEW DAD WORKSHOP

Join Dad Matters for a **FREE** online Workshop  
For Expecting and New Dads with Babies  
under 12 weeks old



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During these online video workshops, we will talk about three key topics; Attachment and Bonding, Mum and Dads Mental Health and Wellbeing, and Access to Appropriate Services. We will also cover Labour, Birth and Beyond from a Dad's Perspective.



Book your **FREE** tickets at:  
**[Dadmatters.org.uk/workshop](https://Dadmatters.org.uk/workshop)**



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