



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 18th July 2025

Fun Day

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our Fun Day! A huge thank you to all our parents for supporting us with donations and for joining us on the day. We hope you and your children had a fantastic time sharing in the excitement. I would also like to thank all our staff for their hard work, but an especially big thank you to Paula Jones who is the brains and organiser behind the day! Altogether we made an incredible £1339.27 profit which is amazing for an afternoon!! We are looking forward to seeing what exciting things we can spend it on!

Rec Celebration and Y6 Leavers Assembly

We have two special events that will be happening next week. These events mark significant milestones in our children's educational journey at St Michael with St Thomas. We will be celebrating the wonderful start our Reception children have made to their school adventure, alongside honouring our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to take their next steps. The Reception Celebration assembly will take place on Monday 21st July 2025 at 9:00am, followed by our Year 6 Leavers assembly on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 9:00am. These occasions represent precious moments in our school calendar, and we very much look forward to welcoming parents from those classes to share in these celebrations with us.

Class Spotlights

Please look out for our class spotlights that will be emailed out to parents sharing the amazing things our children have been up to and the fantastic learning they have enjoyed during our Summer Term.

Goodbye Year 6

As we reach the end of another fantastic year, it's time for one of our favourite traditions - saying a proper goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they head off to secondary school! To make sure all our staff can join in with these special final goodbyes, our Year 6s will be leaving a bit later on Tuesday. This means staff can dismiss their classes first, then give our Year 6 pupils the send-off they deserve. They will walk proudly across the playground and out through the big gates at the top on the car park - what a way to finish their time with us! Parents, please do come along and cheer them on during this final walk. It is always such a special moment that really shows what our school community is all about. These little traditions mean the world to us and create memories that last forever.

Water Safety - Stay safe this summer

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble

Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Have a very happy, and safe, summer! - From Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

End of Term Reminders

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to share some important reminders with you. All medications currently held in school will be sent home with parents on the last day of term. New medication forms will be provided for completion and return in September, ensuring we maintain accurate records for the new academic year.

Please remember to send your child into school with a carrier bag during these final days. This will allow them to bring home their books and work to share with you over the summer holidays. School will close at 3:15pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

Looking Ahead:

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

- 21st July – Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited 9:00am)
- 22nd July – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited 9:00am)
- 22nd July – School closes 3:15pm
- 1st Sept – Inset Day
- 2nd Sept – Inset Day
- 3rd Sept – School Opens
- 4th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y1 & Y2
- 8th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y5 & Y6
- 9th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y3 & Y4

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

- Year 6 girls for running a fantastic Lego Club! 💜
- Jack, Niall, Sonny and Archie for being fantastic help on the tuck shop at Funday – Miss Manders
- Jacob (Y2) for being a fantastic friend during P.E. – Miss Manders
- Toby (Y6), John (Y5), Nathaniel (Y4), Zac (Y5), Harry (Y6), Evie (Y6) and Amelia (Y4) for being a massive help on "Beat the Goalie" on Fun day – Mr Wortley
- Mason (Y5) for being so positive during the Beat the Goalie game! – Miss Sutton
- Bobby (Y4) for being a super kind friend during fun day – Miss Sutton
- Hazel (Y1) for making yummy marmalade to sell at fun day – which I bought and enjoyed for my breakfast this morning 😊 Mrs Fisher
- Nathaniel (Y4) for being an amazing role model in ASC – Mrs Hughes
- Amelia B (Y4) for fantastic conversations at lunch time – Mrs Hughes

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 42: The important of everyone knowing about children's rights*

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!



Star of the Term Award Winners

Rec – Millie for truly amazing perseverance throughout our final term 💜

Y1 – Albie for growing in confidence and trying so hard this term

Y2 – Stanley for always bringing joy and laughter into our classroom

Y3 – Ronnie for persevering in every subject and showing lots of determination

Y4 – Freddie for facing each day with a smile and a bundle of enthusiasm

Y5 – Lola-Rae for courage and determination in all she does

Y6 – Laura for incredible enthusiasm and perseverance all the way to final days in Y6! 😊 An inspiration to us all!

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Hallie

Y1 – Ava

Y2 – Freddie

Y3 – Theo

Y4 – Amelia

Y5 – Ivy-Rae

Y6 – Everyone 😊

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.8%

Class attendance winner:

98.2% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec – 92.8%

Y1 – 93.9%

Y2 – 93.9%

Y3 – 96.5%

Y4 – 95.9%

Y5 – 98.2%

Y6 – 98.1%



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

Summer HAF

For Children
Aged 4 – 7 years



FREE –
for children who are eligible for
benefit related free school meals



09.30am –
1.30pm

*Healthy meal provided – all dietary requirements catered for

What's on?...

- Role Play Village fun
- Arts & Crafts
- Healthy Lunch Provided
- Sensory Play Activities
- Fun Group Activities
- Mindfulness Workshop



East Lane,
Runcorn,
WA7 2AA



16 dates available...

- Week 1: 22nd, 23rd & 24th July
- Week 2: 29th, 30th & 31st July
- Week 3: 5th, 6th & 7th August
- Week 4: 12th, 13th & 14th August
- Week 5: 19th & 20th August
- Week 6: 26th & 27th August

To Book Now – Please visit:

<https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/haf>

Halton Mental Health Team

This summer, the Halton Mental Health Support Team is offering free workshops for parents, carers and young people to help families across Halton support young people's wellbeing.

The sessions will focus on topics such as understanding and talking about young people's mental health, managing big emotions and preparing for the move to high school.

There will also be practical tips for relaxation and looking after your own wellbeing so you can better support others.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend alone, but any young people joining must be accompanied by an adult.

Spaces are limited to 15 per session, so early registration is advised.

Please see attached leaflet, which we would be grateful if you could print or share on your school communication platforms. The link provided will take you to the website to book places.

[Summer workshops to support parents, carers and young people around self care.](#)



Halton Mental Health Support Team Summer of self care

Free summer workshops for parents, carers and young people to help Halton families support their young people's wellbeing.

Wellbeing warriors

- Understanding young people's wellbeing and how to talk about it
- Relaxation tips and advice
- Looking after you, so you can support them!

Coping with big emotions

- How big emotions affect our bodies and behaviours
- How Zones of Regulation strategies can help when coping with big emotions.

Transition to high school

- Preparing everyone for the move!
- Tips and tools to navigate week one in your new school and beyond.

To register your interest, scan this QR code.



Please note there is a maximum capacity of 15.

Parent and carers are able to attend alone, however, please make sure any young people are accompanied by an adult.

Date and time	Workshop	Location
Thursday 24 July 10.30am to 11.30am	Wellbeing warriors	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Monday 28 July 1pm to 2pm	Wellbeing warriors	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU
Thursday 7 August 10.30am to 11.30am	Coping with big emotions	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Monday 11 August 1pm to 2pm	Coping with big emotions	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU
Thursday 21 August 10.30am to 11.30am	Transitioning to high school	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Wednesday 27 August 1pm to 2pm	Transitioning to high school	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU

All workshops will involve both a parent led and child led session. Both of these will take place at the same time, ending with a fun craft based wellbeing activity that can be taken home.

Trans Pennine Trail Summer Activity Pack

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's Summer activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for the Summer holidays.

Packed with a variety of engaging and creative activities, there's a fun experiment for children to see how sunscreen protects their skin, ensuring they stay sun-safe while having fun.

The pack also encourages them to explore the great outdoors with a summer leaf hunt, and to get hands-on by building a bug hotel to welcome new insect friends. And for those who love to get creative in the kitchen, there's a simple and delicious blackberry cordial recipe to try.

They can also discover and draw rocks and test their knowledge with our Summer Quiz. The pack also includes a dragonfly colouring-in page and a summer wordsearch to keep their active minds sharp and entertained.

It's a fantastic way to keep them busy over the summer holidays and enjoy the beauty of the long, summer days!

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below:



We hope your children enjoy the activities. As always, we'd love to receive your feedback about the pack and suggestions for activities to include in our next pack that we'll be producing for October half term, just email us at info@transpenninetrail.org.uk.