St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th June 2025

Year 6 London Trip

What a wonderful week it has been for our Year 6 pupils on their London residential! They experienced the magic of our capital city, taking in the magnificent sights of Buckingham Palace and enjoying breath-taking views from the London Eye. The highlight was undoubtedly their West End show experience. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils conducted themselves throughout the trip. They were exemplary ambassadors for our school; their enthusiasm and behaviour were outstanding. Please visit our social media pages to see the fantastic photographs capturing all their adventures and fun!

School Safety

As we continue to welcome families to our school each day, we wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of some important safety measures that help protect all members of our school community. We kindly ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden on school grounds. Both children and adults should dismount and walk these on the premises. This simple step helps prevent accidents and ensures everyone can move safely around our school environment.

We would also like to remind families to use the <u>designated pedestrian path</u> rather than crossing through the car park when entering or exiting. This keeps everyone away from moving vehicles and provides a much safer route to and from the school building.

Please remember that pupils from Reception to Year 5 must be accompanied by an adult when arriving at school. Any children arriving after 9.00am (8.45am from September) will need to be signed in by their accompanying adult at the school office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Transition Week

Monday 7th July is transition day, which gives all pupils an opportunity to get to know their new teacher and to help them feel settled in their new environment. It also gives the staff important time to work with the children and find out exactly where they are up to in different subjects ready for September. Please look out for the dates for September Meet the Teacher sessions for parents which will take place in September, where you can come and meet the new class teacher and find out key information about the year ahead.

Saints Peter and Pauls Open Evening

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School is hosting an Open Evening on Thursday 3rd July 2025 for pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 and their families between 4 and 7 pm. The Open Evening provides the perfect opportunity to look around the school, meet members of the team and student body, and take part in a range of KS3 based and extracurricular activities, to help you make decisions about your child's next steps into secondary school. 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 <u>click here</u> or contact <u>frencha@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk</u>

OCA Uniform

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. OCA will be providing free PE kits, blazers and ties for all year groups this year. This generous provision will support all pupils and families. Ormiston Chadwick Academy will contact you directly with further information regarding ordering and sizing arrangements.

Whole School Eucharist

The whole school Eucharist led by Rev Linda will now be held on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 9:30am in school. We would love to welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Parent Forum

Our final Parent Forum for this year took place on Thursday, and I want to thank all the parents who generously volunteered their time. Your insights and thoughtful comments are genuinely invaluable to us as we continue to develop and improve our school community. The feedback you provide helps shape our decisions and ensures we are meeting the needs of our pupils and families effectively. Please keep an eye out for information about next year's Parent Forum opportunities – we would love to welcome new voices to join this important conversation. We are also still looking for volunteers to join our Friends of St Michael's group, to support with organising fundraising events.

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 4th July – Non-Uniform day for sweet donations Friday 11th July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

Clothes Collection Tuesday 2nd July 2025

We have signed up to Sammy's Project, a fantastic scheme that helps schools raise valuable funds by **collecting preloved clothing, paired shoes and footwear, soft toys and unwanted gifts, bath and hand towels, belts and handbags, jewellery and accessories, bedding and household linen.** In the coming weeks, you will receive clothing bags sent home with your child. Please don't worry if you need more space – additional bin bags are also accepted for your donations. With summer approaching, this presents a perfect opportunity for a seasonal clear out whilst supporting our school community. This initiative offers so much more than fundraising. By participating, we are making a positive impact on our environment through recycling efforts and supporting environmental sustainability. It is wonderful to see how small actions can create meaningful change. The children are particularly excited about this project, as each pupil who donates will receive a special Sammy sticker as recognition for their contribution. Why not take part in our recycling initiative and help us make a difference together? **Please bring bags in on 2nd July 2025 only**

Uniform Swap Shop



We invite all parents to join us during Fun Day to browse and collect "like new" and gently used school uniform items that are in great condition. It's a great way to save on costs for the new school year while helping reduce waste by giving these items a second life instead of sending them to landfill. We also gratefully accept donations of school uniforms in like new or used condition—your contributions help other families and support a more sustainable school community. Don't forget, our uniform Swop Shop is open all year round, so you can top up on any items whenever needed!

Looking Ahead:

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

- 26th June Whole School Eucharist 9:30am
- 2nd July Sammys Project Clothes Collection Day (before 9:30am)
- 3rd July Y3/Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 4th July Non-Uniform day, sweet donations
- 7th July Transition Week
- 8th July Imagine That! Y1 and Y2
- 11th July Non-Uniform Day Bottles for Tombola
- 16th July Fun Day
- 17th July Ready for Reception Drop In
- 21st July Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited)
- 22nd July Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited)

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:

- Harry and Holly (YG) for lovely conversation and practising football skills with me Mess Manders
- Harry, Holly and Megan (YG) for helping in year 1 this week Miss Ashton 😂
- Reception for having a lovely conversation about the chicks and sharing them with me – Miss Ashton
- Year 4 for being so kind and sharing their den with Year 1 Miss Ashton and Miss Bonnett
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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 6: Every child has the right to life

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 being so kind and caring with the chicks

Y1 – Ashvik for a positive attitude towards learning

Y2 – Olivia for fantastic effort towards learning this week and lovely artwork in RE

Y3 - Evelyn for fantastic effort in all subjects

YA – Erin for being a super helping hand in class this week!

Y5 - Henry for super maths and presentation

YG – Megan for being a wonderful helper in Reception this week 🞯

Lunchtime Superstars

- Rec Nell
- Y1 Ashvik
- Y2 Noah F
- Y3 Freya
- YA Issac
- Y5 Mason
- YG Holly

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

95.370

Whole school attendance - this week:

94.670

Class attendance winner:

98.970 - Y1

<u>Class Attendance:</u> Rec - 96.690 Y1 - 98.990 Y2 - 96.590 Y3 - 88.390 Y4 - 95.990 Y5 - 93.290 Y6 - 92.190



St Peters and Paul Summer School

To further support your child's transition to Saints Peter & Paul Catholic High School in September, we are inviting them to attend our Summer School for Year 6 students with a place at our high school. Our Summer School will provide your child with first hand experiences of our school and lessons as well as a further chance to meet staff and make friends with their new classmates for Year 7.

DATE | Wednesday 23rd July and Friday 25th July 2025 - TIME | 10am - 2pm

If you would like your child to attend, please register a place on their preferred dates by visiting the 'Welcome Year 6' section on our school website.

Click here for more information about starting Year 7 and to book your summer school place



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2025

Bargain Lovers and Deals C

M&S

20% off all uniforms.Predicted Tuesday 1st July.

Aldi

£5 uniform bundle confirmed. Sunday 29th June.

Tesco

25% off all uniform. Predicted Monday 21st July.

Sainsburys

25% off all uniform. Predicted Wednesday 18th June.

Asda

20% off all uniform. Predicted Thursday 26th June.