



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th September 2024

Interfaith Week

This week all children have been taking part in our annual Interfaith week, where each class looks at different religions and compares the similarities and differences between them. They looked at places of worship, key figures, symbols of importance and sacred texts. Why don't you chat with your child about the different religions that have explored this week?

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be taking place on 3rd October at the church led by Y5 and starting at 9:30am. As always, we be collecting donations for the Widnes Food Bank, please see the foodbank shopping list below. We would like to thank you for your support in sending all donations in by the morning of the 3rd October.

Our shopping list	
✔ Tinned fish	✔ Tinned ham
✔ Tea	✔ Coffee
✔ Biscuits	✔ Pasta 'n' Sauce
✔ Microwave rice	✔ Tinned fruit
✔ Toilet roll	

Ready for Reception Club

Parents/Carers of pre-school children, please see your invitation below to our new afterschool club Ready for Reception. Please register your interest/attendance by contacting the office.

Please share the information about these sessions with your friends, families, and local networks. You can share our social media posts too!

Parking

We would like to remind all our families about the importance of keeping the road outside our school safe for everyone to use. This includes keeping the speed down, not driving on the pavement and parking considerately. If you see anyone endangering the safety of our school family, the police have asked that you take the number plate and car details and immediately inform them. Let us all work together in keeping everyone safe.

Whole School Eucharist

We would like to invite you to a Whole School Eucharist Service led by Rev. Linda to be held in school on Thursday 26th September for all children and would also like to welcome any members of our school family who would like to share in communion.

Pupil Leadership

The Eco Educators would like to share with you the poster below which they have discussed and created as part of their Pupil Leadership.



Key Experiences 2024/25

Please find attached to the newsletter a Key Experiences document which highlights some of the planned events and trips for 2024/25. Trip prices are approximate and will be opened to make payments from next week.

Looking Ahead:

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

- 26th September – Whole School Eucharist Service in School at 9:15am
- 1st October – Reception Open Evening 3:30 and 5:30pm
- 3rd October – Y5 Harvest Service in Church 9:30am
- 7th October – Reception Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 8th October – Y1 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 10th October – Y6 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 14th October – Y3 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 15th October – Y4 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 17th October – Y5 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 21st October – Y2 Parent Insight Session 2:15pm
- 22nd October – School Individual Photographs
- 24th October – Reception Welcome Worship in School @ 9am
- 24th October – Autumn Disco
- 25th October – 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:

Perseverance

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"

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FOR YOU HAVE NEED OF ENDURANCE, SO THAT WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD YOU MAY RECEIVE WHAT IS PROMISED.

Hebrews 10:36

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 3: Adults must do what is best for me

- 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:

- Ashton Y3 Holding the door open for Miss Ashton, helping with another child taking his hand, and making Mrs Worrall smile with his brilliant sense of humour!
- Fern, Annie and Arthur Y5 for being kind and friendly helping to look after younger children at lunchtimes.
- Skylar, Libbie, Amelia B and Willow for magnificent singing in worship Mrs Hogan
- Joseph (rec) has been helping his friends come into school with a smile on his face – Miss Chip
- Finlay for having a lovely conversation with Miss Sutton
- Rocco for being a wonderful role model

Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Oakley for trying really hard to come in with a smile and a positive attitude

Y1 – Charlotte for always being ready for learning

Y2 – Toby for super participation in lessons

Y3 – Mary-Rose for trying so hard in all areas of learning

Y4 – Oliver for fantastic participation and ideas in learning

Y5 – Carter for determination throughout the week

Y6 – Evie for fantastic perseverance and resilience in maths this week!

Lunchtime

Superstars

Rec – Norah

Y1 – Albie

Y2 – Toby

Y3 – Aren

Y4 – Scarlett

Y5 – Lottie

Y6 – Lydia

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

96.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97%

Class attendance winner:

Y4 99.6%

Class Attendance:

Rec – 98.5%

Y1 – 99.4%

Y2 – 90.6%

Y3 – 98.6%

Y4 – 99.6%

Y5 – 96.6%

Y6 – 96%

Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens

Nurturing emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years

Halton Borough Council, in partnership with the Solihull Approach, offer free access to online courses expertly designed for parents, carers, grandparents and teens living in the region.

Sign up to understand your child's feelings, as well as your own, as you go through life as a family. Learn to understand the changes in your child's development and how to support them, whilst also strengthening your relationship.

How to sign up:

Residents can access these courses for free by entering the Halton Access Code:

TOGETHER

at inourplace.co.uk.

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“ Because we are committed to supporting our children to thrive and we all need a bit of headspace and thinking time occasionally.



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Open Evenings 2024



Tues 1st October at 3:30pm & 5:30pm

Weds 27th November at 3:30pm & 5:30pm

We are open to all parents & carers
of children whose **birthday falls between**
1/09/2020 and 31/08/2021 and are
therefore eligible for a Reception class
place in September 2025



Calling all parents/guardians of **pre-school** children
You are warmly invited to our new afterschool club...

'Ready for Reception club'
Thursday afternoons
15:30 – 16:30

This club is open to all preschool aged children whether you are joining our school family this September, or have a place elsewhere.

During the sessions, your child will have the opportunity to play, explore our wonderful school environment and also meet our amazing team who will be planning different activities each week to give children a taste of school life, before they start their new schools in September.



Sessions will start Thursday 19th September 2024

*Please register your interest/attendance by calling our office
0151 424 4234*

We will be happy to answer any further questions you may have and look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Kind regards,
St. Michael with St. Thomas CE Primary School Staff

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
2ND OCTOBER
2024**

4PM – 4.45PM



Knowsley
City Learning Centres



FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Quiz

Great
PRIZES

Night



HOUGH GREEN SOCIAL CLUB
ADULTS £2.50 & CHILDREN FREE