



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and eventful year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. It has been a true privilege to work alongside the wonderful community that is our school family, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together this year.

This year has been a whirlwind, filled with countless achievements that truly showcase the dedication and talent of our pupils. I am thrilled that we have been awarded the prestigious Gold Rights Respecting School status, as well as the Gold School Games award for our outstanding sports and PE provision. Additionally, our work in promoting mental health and tackling bullying has been recognised with further Gold awards and we have been recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Financial Education. These accolades are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our entire school community.

None of this would be possible without your steadfast support. Your involvement, whether it's through volunteering, attending school events, donations for different prizes or simply encouraging your child's learning at home, has been invaluable. Together, we have created an environment where all of our pupils can thrive and reach their full potential.

As we bid farewell to 2024 and look ahead to the new year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation. I can't wait to see what 2025 has in store for us, and I know that with your continued support, we will continue to soar to new heights.

I hope you and your loved ones have a truly wonderful, peaceful, and happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, safe and well, on January 6th, 2025.

With Love to you all

Miss Slingsby and the Staff Team at St Michael with St Thomas

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Looking Ahead:

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

- 6th January – **School Opens**
- 13th January – Reception Insight Session (Parents)
- 14th January – Y6 Parent Insight Session (Parents)
- 15th January – Y3 Family Worship – Wide Awake to the World (In school led by Y3, parents invited) 9am
- 15th January – Y4 Parent Insight Session (Parents)
- 16th January – Y1 Parent Insight Session – Maths (Parents)
- 20th January – Y2 Parent Insight Session – Maths (Parents)
- 21st January – Y3 Parent Insight Session – Maths (Parents)
- 23rd January – Whole School Eucharist (Trust Invited in school) 9am
- 27th January – Y5 Parent Insight – Maths (Parents)
- 28th January – Staff training, Choir and Afterschool Wraparound Care cancelled
- 29th January – Y2 Family Worship – Friendship (in school led by Y2, Parents invited) 9am
- 7th February – Dress to Express Day
- 13th February – Spring Disco
- 14th February – End of Term
- 24th February – School Reopens
- 18th March – Y4 Clonter Opera Trip
- 21st March – Red Nose Day
- 27th March – Crosby Beach Y4
- 3rd April – Easter Service in church led by Y4, all parents invited 9:30am
- 3rd April – Easter Bingo (Children only)
- 4th April – End of Term
- 22nd April – School Reopens

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:

Thankfulness

"We appreciate everything we have; family, friends our home and school"



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 14: *Every child has the right to freedom of thought and religion*

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!



**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.**

Headteacher's End of Term Award

Winners:

- Rec – Niamh for a fantastic first half-term
- Y1 – Sophia for always being so positive in school and her learning
- Y2 – Patsy for trying her hardest to improve behaviour for learning
- Y3 – Penelope for always being enthusiastic about learning
- Y4 – Tilly for having a great attitude learning!
- Y5 – Charlotte for consistently demonstrating effort and a wonderful attitude to learning
- Y6 – Lizzie for being the most incredible, inspiring role model to us all!

Lunchtime

Superstars

- Rec – Ellie-Mae
- Y1 – Ashvik
- Y2 – Noah
- Y3 – Stevie
- Y4 – Alice
- Y5 – Ella
- Y6 – Eleanor-Rose

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.6%

Whole school attendance – this week:

94.2%

Class attendance winner:

97.4% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 92.3%

Y1 – 89.9%

Y2 – 96.1%

Y3 – 90.3%

Y4 – 97.4%

Y5 – 96.8%

Y6 – 94.0%

Christmas Services

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am - Holy communion Service

6.00pm - 5 Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve – 24th December

3.00pm - Family Crib Service

11.00pm – First Christmas Mass

Christmas Day – 25th December

10.00am - Short Holy Communion

Sunday 29th December

Holy Communion Service

*St Michael with St Thomas Church,
Ditchfield Road, Widnes. WA8 8XR*

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Our fun-filled & child friendly

Crib Service

Christmas Eve 3.00pm



There'll be singing, story-time, dancing & laughter...
a great way to begin your Christmas Eve!