



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our wonderful families! It is lovely to see everyone return safe and sound, refreshed from the break. We hope you all had the opportunity to bask in the glorious sunshine and create lasting memories. As we embark on this new term, it is wonderful to witness our pupils' enthusiasm for learning. Their positive attitudes and eagerness to engage are a testament to their resilience and love for education. This energy sets a fantastic tone for the weeks ahead. We look forward to another exciting term filled with growth, discovery, and achievement. Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so vibrant and inspiring.

Welcome to Reception Class 2025-2026

We are so excited to welcome our new starters for Reception 2025–2026! Over the holidays, many families received the wonderful news that their child has been offered a place at our school, and we couldn't be more thrilled. This marks the beginning of a very special journey, and we are already looking forward to meeting our new children and their families. There's so much to look forward to—new friends, fun learning experiences, and becoming part of our warm and caring school community.

Reception Blue Planet Trip



This week, our Reception children had an exciting adventure on their very first school trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium. Full of curiosity and wonder, they explored the fascinating underwater world, discovering colourful sea life, graceful rays, and even a spotted dog fish! The highlight of the trip was walking through the amazing shark tunnel, where the children gazed up in awe as huge sharks swam above their heads. Whilst it was a magical experience that will enable us to bring our new Under the Sea topic to life, it was also a fantastic opportunity for our youngest children to showcase their ever-growing maturity as they ventured out of our EYFS classroom.

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Class Photograph Reminder

We would like to remind you that Tempest photographers will be visiting our school on Monday 28th April for school photographs. On this day, children with PE scheduled should wear their school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into later. Your support and cooperation in this matter are greatly appreciated

Y1 Family Worship

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to parents for our upcoming Year 1 Family Worship. This special event will take place on **7th May at 9am**, where our wonderful Year 1 children will be leading a worship centred around this term's Christian Value Trust. These family worships provide a fantastic opportunity for us to come together as a school community and celebrate the hard work and spiritual growth of our pupils. We are excited to see how our Year 1s interpret and express this important value. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in this meaningful experience with our school family.

Uniform

As we anticipate the arrival of warmer weather, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our summer uniform policy. We understand that many shops and supermarkets are stocking various uniform options, but it is important to adhere to our approved dress code. For our summer uniform, pupils may wear black shorts instead of trousers. Please note that grey shorts are not part of our uniform. Girls have the option of wearing a purple gingham dress, but we kindly ask that you choose plain dresses rather than customised versions. In Key Stage 1, pupils should wear a white polo shirt, while Key Stage 2 pupils are required to wear a white short-sleeved shirt with a tie. PE kits consist of plain black shorts and a plain white top. Thank you for helping maintain our high standards.

Earrings should be removed before coming to school, and makeup is not permitted. If a pupil arrives wearing makeup, they will be asked to remove it. Long hair should be tied back, and any hair accessories should be small and in purple, black, or white. Large bows are not allowed and will need to be removed. Additionally, for safety reasons, sandals are not permitted. Your support in maintaining our high uniform standards is invaluable and greatly appreciated. By working together, we can ensure that our children present themselves smartly and are ready for learning each day. These standards not only foster a sense of belonging and pride in our school community but also help to create an environment where pupils can focus on their education. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in upholding our uniform policy.

Year 6 parents please be aware that **Year 6 pupils will need to wear their full school uniform** (including shirts, ties, jumpers, or cardigans and not summer dresses) **for their Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral**, so we respectfully request that an autumn uniform is kept for this special occasion.

Well Done Carter!



A little something about Carter's new belt 🥋

Carter in Year 5 has recently been awarded his Black and White Belt in Kickboxing by his Senseis, this now means he is one step away from His Full black belt. To get this far Carter has had to show his skill and determination through training, competition and teaching of the younger students at the academy. Carter has been training with Senshi Academy since the age of 3 and has shown commitment and determination to get this far. This is a fantastic achievement, by a talented and gifted sportsman and we are incredibly proud of him!


Looking Ahead:

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

- 28th April – Class Photographs
- 29th April – Emotional Coaching Session 2:30pm (for Parents)
- 6th May – No Choir or KS2 Board Games
- 7th May – Y1 Family Worship 9am in school (Parents Invited)
- 12th May – Y6 SATs Week
- 19th May – Walk to School Week
- 23rd May – Sports Day
- 23rd May – End of Term 3:15pm

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:

- Heidi (Y2) for being super helpful during phonics – Mrs Hughes
- Elliott (Rec) for waiting so patiently for his class with a huge smile
- Phoebe, Erin, Willow and Amelia B (Y4) for including a younger child in their game – Miss Bates
- Year 3 for fantastic behaviour and super perseverance during their first swimming lesson – Miss Bates
- Phoebe (Y4) for showing such effort and pride in learning her timetables! – Mrs Worrall
- Zac for helping with extra jobs around school – Miss Fisher
- Alfie (Y2) for showing kind friendship and including everyone during his first week in school – Miss T
- Reuben for showing determination and trying his best during PE – Miss T
- Year 2 for their amazing handwriting, I am very impressed that it is in every lesson – Miss T
- Year 1 for being so kind and welcoming to Issac this week – Miss Ashton
- Billy (Y1) for being a positive role model and a fantastic friend this week – Miss Ashton
- Amelia O for being so polite this week – Miss Ashton
- Sophie-Mae (Y6) for an amazing, all round attitude to school life and always making us proud! – Mrs Worrall
- Joseph (Rec) for excellent manners when I was holding the door – Miss Fisher
- Arthur (Y5) for helping a younger child into school – Miss Brimble
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Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Trust

"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"

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 27: Every child has the right to food, clothing and a safe home*

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 - All of Reception for being fantastic school ambassadors during our visit to Blue Planet

Y1 - Issac for fantastic settling into school life this week!

Y2 - Alfie for participating fully in lessons this week!

Y3 - Ronnie a fantastic effort in his swimming lesson

Y4 - Skylar for having a super start back this term!

Y5 - Emmy-Lou for outstanding perseverance in maths

Y6 - Toby for superb effort, resilience, and determination in all he does 😊

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Oakley

Y1 - Charlotte

Y2 - Joshua

Y3 - Ashton

Y4 - Mason

Y5 - Bailie

Y6 - Eleanor-Rose

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.3%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.4%

Class attendance winner:

99.4% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec – 99.4%

Y1 – 91.8%

Y2 – 90.6%

Y3 – 95.9%

Y4 – 96.2%

Y5 – 96.3%

Y6 – 97.6%



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

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HALTON HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Fit 4 Life Bite Size Sessions



START WELL

Emotion Coaching session

Support Your Child's Emotional Development

Join us for a 45-minute session designed to help you:

- Explore your child's emotional development and how it impacts their behaviour.
- Learn the key steps of an Emotion Coaching approach.
- Enhance your ability to respond empathetically to challenging behaviours and situations.

This session will empower you to:

- Help your child understand their emotions.
- Teach effective strategies for managing feelings and behaviours.

These sessions are for parents/carers.

For more information call the team on:

0300 029 0029

or visit www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



This term, we will be focussing on the Christian Value TRUST. We hope you have fun learning and exploring together.



READ TOGETHER ... DANIEL AND THE LION

Once upon a time, there lived a young man named Daniel. He was a kind and brave man who loved his friends, family, and most importantly, he loved God.

Daniel always prayed to God every day and followed His commandments.

At that time, Daniel lived in a big kingdom ruled by a powerful king called Darius.

King Darius really liked Daniel because he was wise, honest, and very good at his job.

The king decided to make Daniel one of his most trusted advisors, which made some

of his other advisors very jealous. These advisors plotted to get rid of Daniel. They

tricked the king into making a law which said that nobody could pray to any god or

person except the king for 30 days. Anyone who disobeyed this law would be thrown into a den filled with hungry lions. Even though Daniel knew about the new law, he still prayed to God three times a day, just as he always did.

When the wicked advisors found out, they ran to the king and told him that Daniel was breaking the law.

When the king found out, he was extremely upset because he realised he had no choice but to punish Daniel. Although he liked Daniel, he had to follow the law.

King Darius reluctantly ordered Daniel to be thrown into a den filled with hungry lions.

The king hoped that God would save Daniel, because he knew how faithful Daniel

was. King Darius was so worried about Daniel, he was unable to sleep that night. Early

the next morning, he rushed down to the den to see if Daniel was still alive. The king

called out to him and was overjoyed when Daniel replied.

Daniel explained that God had sent an angel during the night to protect him, and that

he was unharmed. King Darius was delighted. The king then declared that from that

day on everyone in his kingdom should worship Daniel's God, the one true God.

Meanwhile, the jealous advisors were all punished for their wicked deeds. The king

had them thrown into the lions' den, and they were pounced upon immediately. Daniel

continued to be faithful to God all his life. He became a wise advisor to King Darius

and helped make the kingdom a better place. People throughout the kingdom admired

him for his bravery and his strong faith in God.



Did you know that elephants have been a symbol of TRUST since ancient times. They demonstrate loyalty and empathy in the most incredible of ways. As humans, we could learn from them!



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Make a promise to your family and do not break that promise. Prove that they can trust you! Promise to have a device free day and play games.

For we live by faith not sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7



QUIZ TIME

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Daniel
lion
God
Darius
plotted
advisors
angel
protect
kingdom
jealous
faith
bravery
elephant
fall
trust

Trust your
instincts,
intuition
doesn't
lie.

Oprah
Winfrey



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MARTIAL ARTS

BACK
TO
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY VOUCHER

STUDENTS CAN REDEEM **TWO WEEKS OF FREE**
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TO SCHOOL VOUCHER!

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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
7TH MAY
2025
4PM – 4.45PM**



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City Learning Centres