



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 1st May 2026

Sports Day

We are excited to invite parents to this year's Sports Day which will take place on **Thursday 21st May 2025**, weather permitting. **Y4, Y5 and Y6 sports day will take place in the morning and start at 9:15am**, while our younger athletes from **Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 will showcase their skills starting at 1:30pm**.

We are asking that children come to school dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this. This event is not just about competition, it is a celebration of teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship. We hope to see you there.

House colours

Nightingale – Red

Attenborough – Green

Parks – Blue

Mandela -Yellow

Sun cream

With the hope of some lovely weather on the way, now is a great time to start preparing for sunnier days. We kindly ask that as the weather improves, children come to school with a sun hat for lunchtimes and that sun cream is applied before they arrive. Please note that sun cream should not be brought into school. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable in the warmer weather.

Walk to School Week

From 18th May, our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week! We are encouraging all children to walk to school each day during this special week as a fun way to stay active and healthy. Each child will receive a tracking sheet to complete daily in class, and they will earn stickers as a reward for their efforts. Let's get moving, enjoy some fresh air, and make the journey to school a positive and energetic start to the day!

Y1 Family Worship

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us for our Year 1 Family Worship on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many of you supporting your children and our school. We are sure you were just as impressed as we were with their confident speaking and wonderful singing. It was clear to see the dedication and hard work our younger members have put in, and their enthusiasm and confidence truly shone through. Well done to everyone involved!

RSE

You will have noticed in the Looking Ahead dates that there are upcoming RSE meetings for Years 4–6. These meetings are intended to provide information and discuss the forthcoming Relationships and Sex Education lessons. Updated overviews and letters with further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Trips

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term. Please check Arbor to see which trips are available for your child and ensure that you have given consent and made full payment so that your child can attend. These trips provide wonderful opportunities for children to enjoy new experiences, explore beyond the classroom, and create lasting memories with their friends.

We are always looking for parent volunteers for our trips, if you are available and would like to join us please let the office know, your support is always greatly appreciated.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6
Tue, 16 June 2026	Eureka	Year 1 and Year 2
Wed, 10 Jun - Thu, 11 Jun 2026	Pettypool Y5	Year Y5
Tue, 30 Jun 2026	Y3 and Y4 Go Ape	Year Y3 and Year Y4

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

- Ted (Y1) for knowing how important it is to say sorry – Miss Ellis 😊
- Harper (Y1) for demonstrating beautiful manners around school – Miss Ellis 😊
- Harrison (Y3) for being so mature and resilient after hurting his collarbone – Mrs Worrall 😊
- Dylan (Y4) for being so sensible and mature and being a great role model to others – Mrs Worrall ❤️
- Harper and Oakah (Y1) for using beautiful manners and brightening up my day – 😊 Mrs Worrall
- Y4 for starting our week with such positivity. Fantastic behaviour and attitude to learning – Mrs Hughe
- Year 1 for an amazing worship all about trust – Mrs Hughes
- Harrison (Y3) for being so well behaved when working in our class – Miss McMullen
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for being so confident reading out prayers in our class – Miss McMullen
- All of Y4 for showing all our Christian values this week – Miss McMullen
- ❤️

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 11th May – Pettypool Parent Meeting (3:15pm)
- 18th May – Walk to School Week
- 18th May – RSE Meeting Y4 (2:30pm)
- 19th May – RSE Meeting Y5 (2:30pm)
- 20th May – RSE Meeting Y6 (2:30pm)
- 21ST May – Sports Day
- 21st May – Finish for Half Term
- 22nd May – Inset day

Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.

Next Week's Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Pizza or Southern Fried Chicken	Veggie Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Meatballs or Quorn Meatballs	Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Diced Potato *** Salad Bar	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans *** Salad Bar	Mash Potato, Veg of the day & Yorkshire Pudding *** Salad Bar	Roast Potato & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Chips & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar
Desserts	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling	Jacket Potato & Todays choice of filling

Please note – The catering staff will make every effort to follow the menu as set out above, however there may be occasions when food served may differ from the menu and if this is to happen, we will make you aware of the change at the earliest convenience.

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 30: Children who belong a minority group have the right to share their culture, language and religion with other people in that group*

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 - Lucian for insightful contributions during carpet time

Y1 - Eleanor for trying really hard to follow our school rules

Y2 - Bobby for following instructions and being beautifully behaved 💜

Y3 - Alfie for improving his focus and concentration in his writing mark 😊

Y4 - Carter for being so kind, knowledgeable and a great member of our class

Y5 - Oliver for wonderful effort and enthusiasm in all he does! 😊

Y6 - Emmy Lou for the determination you have shown in maths lessons

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Frankie

Y1 - Millie

Y2 - Miyah

Y3 - Jacob

Y4 - Aren

Y5 - Alexa

Y6 - Harrison-Jake

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.1%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.4%

Class attendance winner:

97.9% - Y6

Class Attendance:

Rec – 96.3%

Y1 – 94.7%

Y2 – 95.5%

Y3 – 93.3%

Y4 – 93.6%

Y5 – 97.9%

Y6 – 95.2%



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

Leave the Car at Home and Walk to School!

1

Walking is good for your body - daily exercise helps us feel fit and healthy.

2

Walking is good for the environment - walking is the most environmentally friendly way to travel.

3

Walking can make you feel happy - walking makes you feel more positive and ready to start the day.

4

Walking is good for your relationships - having a walk is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Halton Short Breaks LEGO Stop Motion Animation workshop


In this fun two-hour session, young people will plan, build, shoot, and edit their own LEGO stop-motion films using iPads.

This workshop is for young people aged 8–17 in Halton with a current EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) or 15+ hours of assessed support needs, and a diagnosis of a hearing or visual impairment, learning or physical disability, chronic or life-threatening condition, communication need (including autism), consciousness disorder, or mental health need.

Workshop Details:

 Date: Saturday 9th May

 Time: 11 am - 1 pm

 Location: Halton Lea Library, Runcorn

 Booking link: <https://eequ.org/book/creative-workshops-or-short-breaks-or-runcorn-with-digital-arts-box-27769>

FREE
creative workshops
for young people aged 8-17 from halton with
special education needs or disabilities (see eligibility below)

For young people aged 8–17 in Halton with a current EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) or 15+ hours of assessed support needs, and a diagnosis of a hearing or visual impairment, learning or physical disability, chronic or life-threatening condition, communication need (including autism), consciousness disorder, or mental health need.

Upcoming Workshops:

- May - LEGO Stop Motion Animation (Runcorn)
- May - Minecraft Build Challenge (Widnes)
- June - 3D Pens (Runcorn)
- July - Digital Animation (Widnes)
- September - LEGO Comic Book Design (Runcorn)
- October - Halloween Paper Lantern Making (Widnes)
- November - Fidget Toy Making with 3D Pens (Runcorn)
- December - Light Up Christmas Card Making (Widnes)
- January - Filmmaking (Runcorn)
- February - Digital Music Making (Widnes)
- March - Digital Art (Runcorn)

+ more sessions to be announced!

sign up now:
info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223

SCAN QR CODE





**Free breakfast is at 10.30am and then crafts/bug hunt & story time at 11.00am.
Everyone is welcome.**

KIDS OUTDOOR CHURCH

Let's have some fun!

Sunday 3rd May, 11.00am



**ST MICHAEL WITH ST
THOMAS CHURCH
FREE BREAKFAST - FROM
10.30AM.
FREE CRAFTS, STORY,
SONGS & GAMES.**

**WE'RE
GOING ON
A BUG
HUNT!**

Online Safety Invite Reminder

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.

Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM - 4.45PM**



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