



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 3rd October 2025

Parent Forum Invitation

We would love to invite you to join our wonderful Parent Forum! Your thoughts, ideas and experiences are so important to us and really help shape the decisions we make. Our Parent Forum is a friendly, welcoming space where we come together to chat about how we can make our school community even better. We are always excited to hear fresh perspectives and new ideas from our families.

Ideally, we would like a nominee from every class. The Parent Forum will meet with Miss Slingsby each term for an hour, from 3:30-4:30pm (coffee, cakes and free afterschool club provided!)

If you would like to get involved and be part of this lovely group, please email the office. Together, we can continue creating the very best learning environment for all our children.

Harvest Festival

This week, Y5 led our Harvest Festival in church and what a fantastic job they did! They explained the meaning behind the Harvest celebrations using songs, poems and drama. We were all really impressed with their confidence and speaking skills as they shared what they were thankful for. We really appreciate all the families who joined us on our walk to and from the church and we are so thankful to all those who donated to such a worthwhile cause.

Parent Insight

We have our first round of Parent Insight sessions coming up in October. For those of you that haven't experienced these afternoons, before it is an opportunity for parents to come and join in a lesson with their child, learning alongside them. This enables parents to get a flavour of what life is like in the classroom and also to see the different strategies and methods we use to teach, which will help you to support your child at home. If you wish to attend the session, please sign up on Arbor, you will be able to see within the app if you have secured a place.

These are live lessons, and unfortunately younger siblings are unable to attend. Unfortunately, you will not be able to attend unless you have booked onto the session.

Bikeability

A huge well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who took part and completed their bikeability courses. We were immensely proud to see their perseverance and the skills they learned to ride their bikes safely and confidently. Despite the rain they rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and a smile on their faces. These practical learning experiences are crucial in developing not just physical skills, but also resilience and self-belief.

Cycling to School

We would like to address an important matter of pupil safety. As we continue to prioritise the well-being of our children, we kindly request your support in discussing road safety with your children, particularly those who cycle to and from school. We are especially keen for parents of Year 6 pupils who may be cycling independently to have detailed conversations about responsible and safe cycling practises. By working together, we can ensure our children develop good habits and stay protected on their journeys.

Reception Welly Walk

Our Reception pupils were eagerly anticipating their Welly Walk today, but stormy conditions have meant we have had to postpone our outdoor adventure. We understand how much the children were looking forward to this exciting activity. Rest assured, we are already planning to reschedule and are particularly excited about the wonderful puddles the storm might leave behind for our pupils to enjoy! We will communicate the new date as soon as it is confirmed.

Earrings

Please can we remind parents that for safety reasons earrings are not permitted in school. Any children who come into school wearing earrings should have them covered with plasters and will be asked to remain in the quiet area during lunch and breaktimes. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations Miss T

We are excited to share the news that Miss Tunsted is having her second child in the coming weeks and although we will miss her while she takes time off during this special time, we can't wait to welcome the new member of our school family.

Fitness Challenge

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of our whole school fitness challenge that took place this week. It was lovely to see children of all ages supporting and encouraging each other, demonstrating a remarkable whole school team spirit. The event not only promoted physical activity but also reinforced values of resilience and health. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the event, funds raised will go towards new sports equipment for our school. Please check our social media pages to see the fantastic moments captured during this energetic day.

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

- Y2 for setting a wonderful example to the rest of the children in worship.
- Charlotte Y6 and Amelia Y5 at lunchtime for helping me tidy the quiet area without having to be asked – Miss Manders ❤️
- Daniel Y1 for always having beautiful manners – Miss Manders
- Lottie S-N for showing me her fantastic artwork! Miss Middleton
- Iviarna Y3 for lovely compliments to another child for their work
- Ava Y2 for always being polite and asking how my day has been – Mrs Hughes
- Ivy-Rae and Annie Y6 for being very mature/responsible pupils doing an extra special job in the office – Mrs Hughes
- Zac F (Rec) for coming in with a lovely Friday smile 😊 Mrs Fisher
- Annie, Ferne and Carter for smashing their tours during Open Evening – Mrs Fisher
- Reuben for always being smiley around school – Miss Fisher
- Mason K for asking “are you OK?” being a good friend! – Miss Fisher

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 6th Oct – Reception Parent Insight
- 7th Oct – Y4 Clonter Theatre Trip
- 7th Oct – Y1 Parent Insight
- 9th Oct – Y6 Parent Insight
- 13th Oct – Y3 Parent Insight
- 14th Oct – School Photographer
- 14th Oct – Y6 Judo (children to bring PE kits in a bag)
- 14th Oct – Y4 Parent Insight
- 16th Oct – Y5 Parent Insight
- 20th Oct – Y2 Parent Insight

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

Trip Sign Up and Payment Dates

To help parents plan ahead we will be opening up all trips for the year ahead on Arbor and we will be issuing reminders for upcoming deadlines. Please find below some of the exciting trips we have planned so far. Additional trips will be added as and when confirmed.

Trip Sign Up and Payments Dates

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	01 Oct 2025 Deposit Required
02 Jun 2026 – 03 Jun 2026 08:24 - 20:14	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	06 Oct 2025 Deposit Required
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 15:15 - 16:15	KS1 Autumn Disco	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3	03 Oct 2025
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 16:20 - 17:20	KS2 Autumn Disco	Y4, Y5 and Y6	03 Oct 2025
Tue, 04 Nov 2025 08:30 - 15:35	Y3 Science and Industry Museum	Y3	23 Oct 2025
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	10 Oct 2025
Fri, 14 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans	Y5	17 Oct 2025
Tue, 25 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Y6	11 Oct 2025

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

"We keep trying and never give up"



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 be alive

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 - Amelia for amazing maths, in lessons and in her book

Y1 - Hunter for always sharing ideas in class and giving 100% 😊

Y2 - Mason for a fantastic week in school

Y3 - Lottie-Rose for trying so hard on her handwriting and presentation

Y4 - Aiden for his fantastic attitude at the Harvest festival

Y5 - Mason for an amazing responsible and mature attitude to all of his learning! A great role model! 😊

Y6 - Ella for excellent use of subheadings ❤️

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Billy

Y1 - Wilson

Y2 - Frankie

Y3 - Stanley

Y4 - Ethan

Y5 - Phoebe

Y6 - Arthur

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.8%

Whole school attendance - this week:

94.6%

Class attendance winner:

97.2% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec - 97.2%

Y1 - 96.6%

Y2 - 96.7%

Y3 - 92.3%

Y4 - 94.2%

Y5 - 97%

Y6 - 89.6%



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



KIDS CHURCH



Time for some HARVEST fun!

Sunday 5th October, 11.00am

St Michael with St Thomas Church
Free Breakfast - from 10.30am.
Free Crafts, Story, Songs & Games.

