



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th December 2025

Panto – Final Day

Last Shout Out for our upcoming Christmas Panto performance of Cinderella at the Brindley Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to enjoy a magical theatrical experience together.

Please note today is the final day for ticket bookings. If you would like your child to attend, we kindly request you give consent and make payment on Arbor before this deadline, only children with a ticket will be able to attend.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help support the children during our upcoming Christmas pantomime. Your involvement would make a big difference in ensuring that all the children have a fun and safe experience. If you are available and would like to join us, please contact the school office. We greatly appreciate your help and support!

Breakfast with Santa Reminder

We are excited to announce that we have a special visitor coming to school for breakfast! Santa will be joining us from 7:50am on **15th December** for Reception and Year 1, and on **16th December** for Year 2 and Year 3. If you would like your child to take part in this magical event, please log on to Arbor to give your consent and make the payment by 11th December 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive breakfast and meet Santa in person. We look forward to celebrating the season with you all!

Enterprise Fair

Plans are well underway for our annual Enterprise week, and children (and staff) are very excited. During this week, each class is given £30 to create a product or business idea for the enterprise fair. The class that makes the most profit gets to keep it to buy things for their classroom. As you can imagine, the competition is fierce!

We will also be holding a Tombola, as this is always a favourite, and are asking for Tombola Prize donations from families. These may be bottles, toiletries, sweets or other small prizes – a great chance for a clear out pre-Christmas!

We ask anyone wanting their own stall at the fair to please contact the office. Please remember that in keeping with our Enterprise Week, items sold must be homemade! We kindly ask for a donation of £10 per stall.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress meetings are open for booking on Arbor. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the results of the latest assessment week, and any next steps in their learning journey. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's achievements and progress and to work together in supporting their continued success.

Christmas Jumpers

As we approach the festive season, I wanted to share an exciting initiative that reflects our school community's commitment to sustainability and supporting families. We are launching a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop – a practical way to help parents and reduce waste.

Parents can donate their children's gently used Christmas jumpers to the school. Before the holiday season, we will open the school hall for families to browse and select pre-loved festive jumpers. It's a simple idea that can make a real difference – helping families save money and giving perfectly good clothing a second life. If you have Christmas jumpers you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Together, we can make Christmas a little easier and a lot more environmentally friendly.

End of Term Reminder

Please be reminded school will close at 3:15pm on Friday 19th December and there will be no wraparound care or afterschool club on this day.

Nativity

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils delivered a fantastic nativity performance that truly captured the spirit of the season. Standing on stage requires great courage, and we were immensely proud to see each child shine with remarkable confidence and genuine enthusiasm.

The performance was a testament to their dedication and hard work. Our young performers brought festive cheer through their fantastic songs, and storytelling creating a memorable moment for all who attended. A special thank you to the families who joined us and supported our children in this wonderful celebration. Well done to all our talented children – your commitment truly paid off.

Christingle

Despite the rain preventing our walk to the church our Christingle service was a truly special service. Year 6 beautifully led the whole school in a heart-warming celebration of Christmas, filling our school with fantastic singing and inspiring readings. We explored the true meaning of this magical season together, creating a meaningful and reflective experience. A sincere thank you to all the parents who joined us and supported our pupils – your presence makes these moments even more significant and your support is greatly appreciated.

Parking

We kindly remind all parents to park safely, legally, and considerately around the school, to avoid double parking and blocking driveways. It is important for everyone's safety that the "School Keep Clear" markings outside the school remain clear of vehicles during school hours. These markings are in place to ensure the safety of our children and other pedestrians, so we ask that you please refrain from stopping or parking on them. We also request that parents refrain from turning their cars round in the school entrance. Your cooperation helps create a safer environment for everyone, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Midday Assistant – Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Midday Assistant to help keep our lunchtimes safe and fun for our children. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, please contact the office for an application form.

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

- Eleanor (Y1) for wishing me a happy birthday – even though it wasn't my birthday, it was still kind – Miss Bates
- Y2 and Y1 for an amazing Nativity – All Staff ❤️
- Y1 for sharing their learning with me – Miss Ashton 😊
- Hailie Y1 for being a kind friend – Miss Ashton
- Ava for holding the door open for me – Miss Middleton
- All of Y6 for resilience in their assessments this week – Mr Albrecht
- Patsy (Y3) for beautiful singing during Christingle service – Mrs Hughes
- Hailey (Y6) for always being so mature and sensible – Miss Middleton
- Alfie R (Y1) beautifully using his manners around the school – Mrs Hughes
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for coming back to school with a fantastic effort – Miss McMullen
- Ronnie (Y4) for being a super scientist – Miss McMullen ❤️

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 9th Dec – Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 9th Dec – Y5 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec - Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 12th Dec – Enterprise Fair
- 15th Dec – Reception and Y1 Breakfast with Santa
- 16th Dec – Y2 and Y3 Breakfast with Santa
- 16th Dec – Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Party Food and Panto
- 17th Dec – Y4, Y5 and Y6 Party Food and Panto
- 19th Dec – School Closes at 3:15pm (No afterschool Club or Wraparound Care)

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 Date(s) | Trip Name | Groups | Sign-up deadline |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mon, 15 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35 | Rec and Y1 Breakfast with Santa | Year R and Year Y1 | 11 Dec 2025 |
| Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35 | Y2 & Y3 Breakfast with Santa | Year Y2 and Year Y3 | 11 Dec 2025 |
| Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00 | KS1 Brindley Panto | Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2 and Year Y3 | 05 Dec 2025 |
| Wed, 17 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00 | KS2 Panto & Party | Year Y4, Year Y5 and Year Y6 | 05 Dec 2025 |
| Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026 | Y6 London Trip | Year Y6 | 10 Dec 2025 2 nd Instalment |
| Wed, 10 Jun 2026, Thu, 11 Jun 2026, 15:15 | Pettypool Y5 | Year Y5 | 31 Dec 2025 3 rd Instalment |

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

"We appreciate everything we have, our family, friends, homes 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 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health, access to healthcare, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment

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 - Rex for fantastic contribution to all learning ❤️

Y1 - Evie for being brave in the Nativity!

Y2 - Billy for a fab job reading his lines in the Nativity!

Y3 - Toby for trying really hard in maths this week ❤️

Y4 - Freya for always being a fantastic role model for everyone! 😊

Y5 - Savannah for a brilliantly mature attitude and wonderful effort in everything!

Y6 - Bailie for outstanding focus and attention in assessments. 😊

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Amelia

Y1 - Norah

Y2 - Ashvik

Y3 - Skylar

Y4 - Leighton

Y5 - Kian

Y6 - Amelia

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.4%

Whole school attendance - this week:

90%

Class attendance winner:

96.9% - Y3

Class Attendance:

Rec - 74.3%

Y1 - 95.2%

Y2 - 91.1%

Y3 - 96.9%

Y4 - 87.7%

Y5 - 94.1%

Y6 - 86.7%



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

ST MICHAEL WITH ST THOMAS
invite you to attend Reception & Year One's

Breakfast With Santa

Monday 15th December 7:50am

Please book via Arbor



ST MICHAEL WITH ST THOMAS
invite you to attend Year Two & Three's

Breakfast With Santa

Tuesday 16th December 7:50am

Please book via Arbor



SEND Parents

Invitation to parents of SEND children, they don't have to be diagnosed or have an EHCP, it's just a good opportunity for support and information.

SHORT BREAKS COFFEE AFTERNOON

**WEDNESDAY
10TH
DECEMBER**

**KINGSWAY
FAMILY HUB,
WA8 7QY**



12-2PM **ALL SEND FAMILIES
WELCOME**
**VISITORS - SEAN BAILEY WELLNESS
& SEND NAVIGATOR RACHEL**



The Three Saints Academy Trust
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

| Term | *Open On: | *Close On: |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Autumn term 2026</u> | 2 nd September 2026 | 23 rd October 2026 |
| | 4 th November 2026 | 18 th December 2026 |
| <u>Spring term 2027</u> | 5 th January 2027 | 12 th February 2027 |
| | 22 nd February 2027 | 25 th March 2027 |
| <u>Summer term 2027</u> | 12 th April 2027 | 28 th May 2027 |
| | 7 th June 2027 | 21 st July 2027 |

Bank Holidays during term time:

May Day: Monday 3 May 2027

CPD Days

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

3rd November 2026

20th November 2026

4th January 2027

School Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



Main

Turkey

**Roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, parsnips, stuffing
pigs in blankets, gravy**

or

Crusted quorn fillet

Dessert

Rice crispy Christmas pudding

or

Christmas crumble pots

or

Christmas shortbread biscuit

Join us for all your festive favourites:

11th December 2025



Mellors Catering Services



www.mellorscatering.co.uk

Digital Arts Free Event

Next Saturday, we're running a free festive art session where Halton families can come together for a fun, creative morning.

Event Details:

Widnes:

⌚ Date: Saturday, 13th December
⌚ Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
📍 Location: St Paul's Church Hall, Widnes

❖ Activities include LEGO, 3D pens, digital art, Christmas crafts, and more.

Free refreshments will also be provided! ↗ Families can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3ubXRsl>

digital arts get together

These **FREE** sessions are for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

date: Saturday 13th December **location:** St Paul's Church Hall, Widnes, WA8 7QU **time:** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

signup now:
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