



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6th February 2026

Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who attended our Art Exhibition! We are sure you were as impressed by the children's incredible talent and creativity as we were. The exhibition was a wonderful celebration of imagination, effort, and artistic expression. A special thank you to Miss Bates for her hard work and dedication in bringing this event together—her commitment helped make it such a fantastic experience for everyone. If you were unable to attend, don't worry! Plenty of photos will be shared on our social media channels, so you won't miss out on the amazing artwork on display. Thank you also for the overwhelming kindness, encouragement, and positive feedback. Your support truly means so much to us and helps make events like this even more special. We are incredibly proud to share the children's creativity with our school community and are excited to announce that your child's masterpiece will be available for purchase on Arbor at the cost of £5.00 and will be sent home following the exhibition.

Spring Disco – Last Shout Out!

Last shout out for our Spring Disco, happening on Thursday **12th February 2026**. Payment of £5, which includes the disco, a hot dog, a drink, and lots of fun, can be made on Arbor. A tuck shop will also be available for children who would like to bring a small amount of money for additional treats. To give consent for children to attend and to help us place an accurate food order, please sign up and make payment on Arbor before 6.30pm today.

- Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 disco will be held at 3:15pm – 4:15pm and children can bring their party clothes to school (in a named bag) and get changed in their classroom. Please collect children at 4:15pm from their usual classroom collection points – Y3 can be collected from Y2 classroom.
- Y4, Y5 and Y6 disco will be from 4:20pm – 5:20pm and children will need to be collected by an appropriate adult at the end of the disco, Year 6 will not be released to walk home on their own. Please collect Y6 from the main entrance, Y5 from Reception class and Year 4 from Year 1 classroom.

All afterschool clubs, except for wraparound care, will not be running due to the disco

School Access

Please can we remind parents of the importance of keeping all steps and ramps clear during school drop-off times. This ensures that children can enter the school safely and easily, with clear access at all times. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep our children safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Number Day

The children have enjoyed a day celebrating our love of number today! Number is all around us in our everyday lives and we wanted to take the chance to celebrate that today. It was wonderful to see how creatively they were showcasing their favourite numbers through their clothes and accessories and how much fun they had completing their number tasks and games in class!

Children's Mental Health Week



Next week, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week alongside the rest of the country and are looking forward to a week filled with learning and support! As you know, our focus on mental health and wellbeing has been a key priority, and we are proud to have been recognised for our excellence in this area. Throughout the week, there will be a variety of activities taking place in lessons, and we will also be holding our usual "Dress to Express Day" on **Friday, 13th February 2026**. We invite all children to come to school dressed in an outfit that reflects something unique about themselves—whether it is their favourite colour, a hobby they enjoy, or something that showcases their individuality. This day is all about celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of each child in our school community. Please remember, if your child has a PE lesson on this day, they will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to participate comfortably and safely in their lesson. We look forward to seeing the wonderful ways our children choose to express themselves!

Maternity Leave

At the end of this half term, on Friday 13th February, Mrs Fisher will be starting her maternity leave. She will be very much missed around school — her energy, warmth and smile brighten every day — but we are absolutely delighted for her and very excited for the arrival of baby Fisher. We will be sure to share the happy news as soon as our newest member of the school family arrives.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Mason, who will be covering Mrs Fisher's maternity leave. Miss Mason has already spent lots of time in school this half term getting to know the children and routines, helping to ensure a smooth and familiar transition, and will continue to be supported by the fantastic Mrs Hughes and Miss Swain. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Mason and wishing Mrs Fisher and her family lots of love and happiness.

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 come to the office for an application form.

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

- Ruby (Y6) for being a fantastic role model to our younger children – Mrs Hughes
- Izzy (Y3) for being a super kind friend and making one of our new children feel welcome – Mrs Hughes 😊
- Carter and Fern (Y6) for always being ready to learn and being ready, respectful, and safe 💜
- Mason (Y6) for being helpful at lunchtime – Miss Middleton
- Jesse, Carter, Ethan, Evie, Freya and Kirstie for fantastic times tables! Y4) Miss McMullen
- All of Year 4 for finally getting all green on our heatmap! – Miss McMullen
- Ronnie (Y4) for always being kind and a good friend – Miss McMullen
- Charlotte and Carter (Y6) for saying 'Have a good day' every morning to the office
- Lillie (Y3) for beautiful manners – Miss Middleton 💜
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Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 12th Feb – Spring Disco
- 13th Feb – Dress to Express Day (*please note change of date*)
- 13th Feb – End of term
- 23rd Feb – School Reopens
- 26th Feb – Y2 Martin Mere Trip
- 26th Feb – Y4 Swimming
- 27th Feb – Non-Uniform day for Easter Egg donations

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 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage	Chicken Tikka Masala or Vegan Meatballs with Naan Bread	Shepherd's Pie or Tuna Pasta	Tomato Pasta Bake or Veggie Burger with Pasta	Veggie Nuggets or Fish Fingers
Accompaniments	Herby Diced Potato & Veg of the day & Gravy *** Salad Bar	Rice & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Garlic Bread *** 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:

Friendship

"We look after each other and try to always be kind"

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 26: Governments must provide extra money for the children of families in need*

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 always having beautifully presented work

Y1 - Norah for a great attitude to her work all week 💜

Y2 - Jacob for a fantastic first week 💜

Y3 - Eva consistently worked hard, supported other pupils when they have needed help, and is always eager to learn

Y4 - Aiden for an absolutely fantastic attitude this week. We are all so proud and happy 😊

Y5 - Jacob for a wonderful creativity during National Storytelling week 😊

Y6 - Ivy-Rae for her dedication to our fractions work

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Alfie

Y1 - Theo

Y2 - Mason

Y3 - Lottie-Rose

Y4 - Evelyn

Y5 - Tilly

Y6 - Mason

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95%

Whole school attendance – this week:

92.9%

Class attendance winner:

96% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 93.8%

Y1 – 90.8%

Y2 – 96%

Y3 – 91.7%

Y4 – 91.8%

Y5 – 95.7%

Y6 – 90.7%



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

Free Creative Family Morning for Halton Families

Digital arts are running free Digital Arts Get Together sessions this half-term for local families coming together for a fun, creative morning.



The poster features a blue header with the title 'digital arts get together' in green. Below this is a blue banner with white text: 'These FREE half-term sessions for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!'. The main body is white with green text for 'dates + locations:' and 'times:'. It lists two sessions: 'Tuesday 17th Feb - Halton Lea Library Runcorn' and 'Thursday 19th Feb - Widnes Library, Widnes'. A 'sign up now:' section includes contact info, a QR code, and a photo of the library entrance. The bottom section shows a collage of photos of families engaged in various digital art activities like using 3D pens and tablets. Logos for Digital Arts Box and Halton are at the bottom.

digital arts get together

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

dates + locations: **times:**

Tuesday 17th Feb - Halton Lea Library Runcorn **10:30 am**
Thursday 19th Feb - Widnes Library, Widnes **- 12:30 pm**

sign up now:

info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223
www.digitalartsbox.org

Activities include LEGO, 3D pens, digital art, spooky crafts, games and more.

Free refreshments will also be provided!

Families can sign up

Digital Arts Box HALTON

Event Details:

Runcorn:

 Date: Tuesday 17th February

 Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

 Location: Halton Lea Library

Widnes:

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here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/digital-arts-get-together-2814509>

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