



## St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **Congratulations Mrs Fisher!**

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you (although some people have already guessed!). Our school family is growing, and we have a special announcement to celebrate - Mrs Fisher and her family are expecting a new addition, with their baby due in February 2026!

We will communicate our staffing plans to parents of the children in the reception class in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition and continued support for our children.

### **Anti-bullying Week**

Next week, we will be celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week** with a range of fun activities that reinforce our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all pupils. As part of our efforts to continue achieving the **Gold Standard Anti-Bullying Award**, we are inviting children to come to school wearing **odd socks** on **Monday** to raise awareness that it is okay to be different and to celebrate our amazing, unique pupils. While children are encouraged to wear their most colourful and mismatched socks, please note that they should still also wear their regular school uniform. We look forward to an exciting week of learning, kindness, and celebrating what makes each of us individuals! This week's **Talk Homework** will be linked to the theme of anti-bullying, encouraging conversations at home about kindness, empathy, and how we can all help prevent bullying. We look forward to a week filled with learning, kindness, and loads of colourful socks!

We would like to invite parents to our **anti-bullying parent sessions** where children will share their work completed during the week and discuss "What is Bullying"? Places are limited and we kindly ask parents to **book on Arbor** (available after 6:00pm today under clubs) to secure their place.

Anti-Bullying Parent Sessions		
Time	Thursday	Friday
9.30 – 10.30	Y6	Y3
10.30 – 11.30		Y4
1.15 – 2.15		Y2
2.15 – 3.15	Y5	Y1

### **Children in Need**

On **Friday, 14th November**, we will be celebrating **Children in Need**, and children are invited to wear something **spotty**, pyjamas or come to school in their **own clothes** to show their support for this wonderful cause. We will also be creating a **Coin Circle of small change** to raise funds, and we kindly invite donations from all students. Every little bit helps, so please feel free to contribute what you can. Please remember children will still be doing PE on this day and need to wear clothes and footwear that allows them to participate both comfortably and safely.

### **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 ask you to be considerate to our neighbours by not parking across driveways, your cooperation helps create a safer environment for everyone, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

### Trip Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November:

**Year 2** will be visiting Liverpool landmarks on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**(children to be in school for 8:20am)**

**Year 5** will be having an Ancient Greek and Romans Workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 6** will be "Meeting the Mummy" on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Please remember to give consent and make payment on Arbor to allow your child to participate. Any children not going on the trip will be expected to attend school as usual on that day.

### Lantern Walk

On **Friday 14th November**, we will be celebrating our annual **Lantern Walk**—one of our favourite events of the year! The children will be making beautiful lanterns in school, which they will take home and then bring back for the walk. Each child will be given a tea light to place in their lantern on the evening. We will meet at **6:30 PM** in the school car park, and we hope to see lots of you there for this magical event. It promises to be a wonderful evening for the whole school community—don't miss it!

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

- John, Carter and Oliver, Year 6, Issac Year 2 and Tyson Year 2 for playing football so nicely together at lunchtime – Miss Barnett ❤️
- Tallulah and Rex for excellent singing during Mr Albrecht's worship – Miss Fisher 😊
- Arthur, Year 6 for helping a younger child with their lunch
- Year 3 for being fantastic during our trip to The Science and Industry Museum – Miss Ashton 😊
- Mary-Rose, Y4 for her fantastic enthusiasm
- All of Year 4, for getting stuck in with all of our History Week activities
- Ryan, Year 5, for always saying hello with a beautiful smile – Mrs Hughes
- Harrison, Year 3, for being a fantastic friend at lunch time – Mrs Hughes ❤️

## Parent Dates

### Looking Ahead:

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

- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 Liverpool Trip (children to be in school for 8:20am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Forum
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 – Anti-Bullying Parent session (9:30am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y5 – Anti-Bullying Parent Session (2:15pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Anti-Bullying Parent Session (9:30am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Anti-Bullying Parent Session (10.30am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 Anti-Bullying Parent Session (1:15pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y1 Anti-Bullying Parent Session (2:15pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans Trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Lantern walk – 6:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Family Worship 9:00am in school
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Inset Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Family Worship - Advent

***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
02 Jun 2026 – 03 Jun 2026 08:24 - 20:14	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	<b>10 Nov 2025</b> <b>First Instalment</b>
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	<b>01 Nov 2025</b> <b>Second Instalment</b>
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	<b>7 Nov 2025</b>
Fri, 14 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans	Y5	<b>7 Nov 2025</b>
Tue, 25 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Y6	<b>7 Nov 2025</b>

# 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 31: Every child has the right to play*

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 – Thomas for fantastic input during our Remembrance Day lesson 😊

Y1 – Theo for an excellent improvement in his attitude towards learning

Y2 – Frankie for super enthusiasm during History Week

Y3 – Caitlyn for being super fantastic all week ❤️

Y4 – Evie for working so hard during History week

Y5 – Spencer for fantastic effort, enthusiasm and focus all week! 😊

Y6 – James for his dedication to History Week!

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Mia

Y1 – Logan

Y2 – Issac

Y3 – Faith

Y4 – Aren

Y5 – Ryan

Y6 – Charlotte



# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

94.5%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.8%

Class attendance winner:

97.4% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec – 95%

Y1 – 95.7%

Y2 – 98.9%

Y3 – 93.6%

Y4 – 94.7%

Y5 – 97.4%

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.

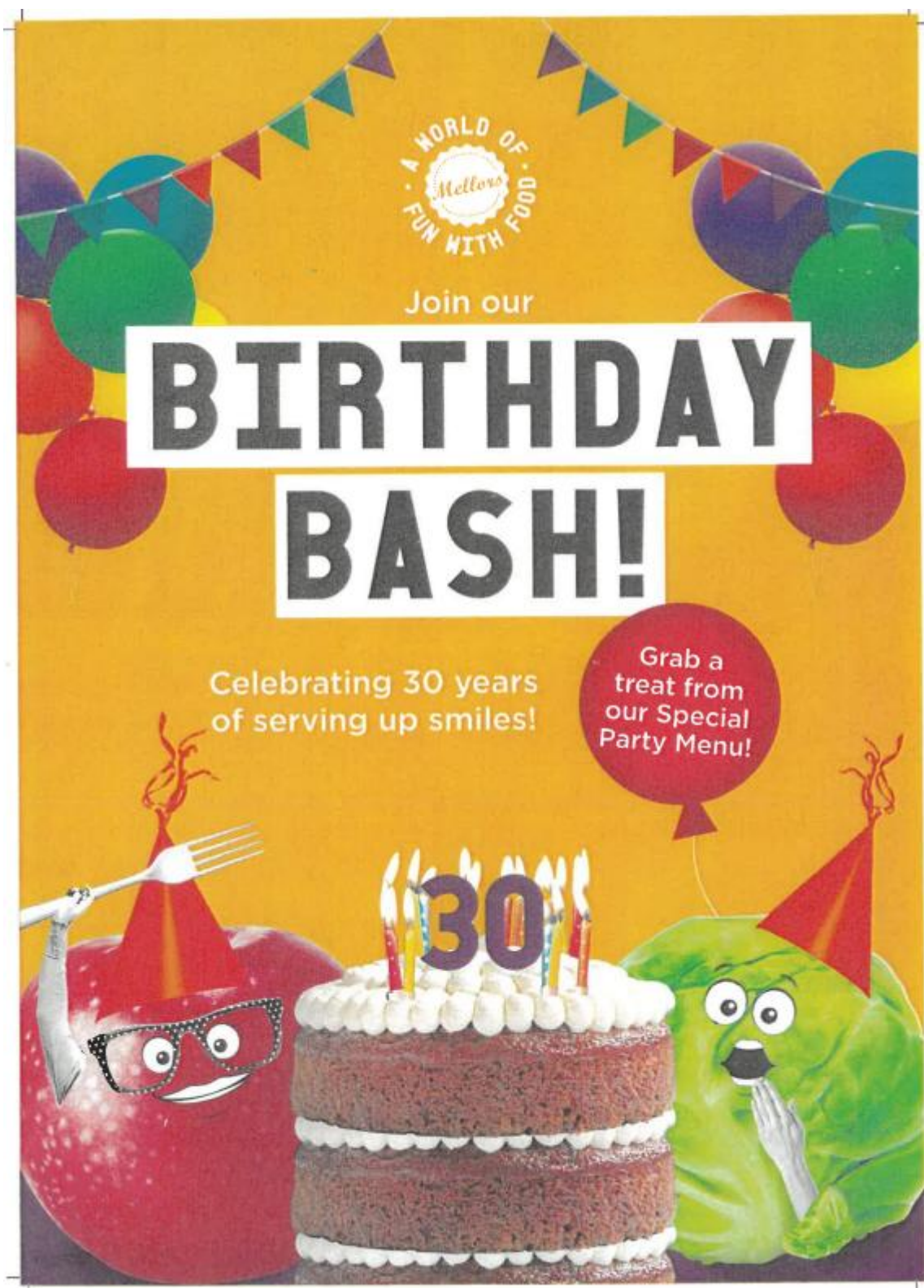
**Please note 'Feeling unwell', 'poorly' or 'under the weather' is not sufficient, more detail is required such as 'has been sick' or 'has a temperature' is required.**

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

School Lunch Menu for 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November

Are wonderful catering company will be Celebrating 30 years of serving up smiles. In celebration the school lunch menu will change on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November, please see menu below. Payment is as normal on Arbor under meals





Main

Party plate

Ham wrap, cheese wrap, crudities,  
chicken goujon

or

Hot dog with rainbow slaw and  
wedges

Dessert

Mellors shortbread biscuit

Chocolate orange jelly pot

Party cup cakes



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