



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

Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to all our school family! Thank you so much for your continued support during our first week back. Despite battling the elements, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their adventures and special moments over the Christmas holidays. We are delighted to begin this new year together and look forward to working closely with you to provide our children with the very best experiences and opportunities throughout the year ahead.

### **National Storytelling Week**

We are excited to announce that this term we will be celebrating **National Storytelling Week!** Each class will be visited by a *mystery reader* who will share one of their favourite books, adding an extra element of surprise and excitement for the children. Alongside this, pupils will take part in an engaging **online author workshop**. KS1 will be exploring storytelling through music, enjoying a range of interactive musical activities and even creating their own raps 😊, while KS2 will be learning how to tell powerful stories through lyrics. It promises to be a fun, creative and inspiring week for everyone! Why don't you join in and share some of your favourite stories at home? Don't forget to share photos on our social media pages so we can see what you get up to!

### **We are a Nut Free School**

Can we please remind all families that we are nut free school, and this is becoming even more important as we have a child that has a severe nut allergy in school. Please support us in ensuring this is not a risk to them, by checking food in lunch boxes and making sure there are no nut products. **This includes any Nutella products or spreads.** Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Parent Insight**

You will have noticed in the Looking Ahead dates, that we have our Parent Insight sessions coming up. This time we are inviting parents to join us in a maths lesson, learning alongside your child. This enables parents to get a flavour of what life is like in the classroom, and to see the different strategies and methods we use to teach, which helps you to support your child at home.

Last year the sessions were so popular that we needed to put a limit on as there weren't enough chairs in the classroom! Therefore, please can we ask that parents who wish to attend the sessions, sign up on Arbor and we will be limiting the sessions to one parent only per child. Only those booked in on Arbor will be admitted and as these are live lessons unfortunately younger siblings are not able to attend. We thank you for your understanding and support.

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

- James and Ruby (Y6) for supporting younger children in breakfast club
- Harper and Frankie (Y1) for coming to say bye at the end of the school day – Miss Bates ❤️
- Mason (Y2) for helping cheer up his friends at lunch time ❤️

## Parent Dates

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Rec Parent Insight Maths 2:15pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 Parent Insight – SATs 2:15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3 Family Worship in school 9:00am
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y1 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Whole School Eucharist – 9:00am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Family Worship – 9:00am

***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
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	10 Jan 2026
			3rd Instalment
Wed, 10 Jun 2026, Thu, 11 Jun 2026, 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Year Y5	31 Jan 2026
			4th Instalment

# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Friendship

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

♥ life  
is better  
with  
friends

### 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 3: Adults should think about the best interests of the child when making choices that affect them

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 - Tyson for producing fantastic work on seasonal changes ❤️

Y1 - Elliott for always giving 100% in all lessons ❤️

Y2 - Hazel for a super effort with her reading

Y3 - Freddie for being fantastic in all his lessons since coming back 😊

Y4 - George for always being so kind and always doing the right thing

Y5 - Lottie for excellent focus and determination - a brilliant way to start the year!

Y6 - Leo for excellent work in BIDMAS this week 😊

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Zach

Y1 - Ellie-Mae

Y2 - Harriett

Y3 - Patsy

Y4 - Theo

Y5 - Freddie

Y6 - Carter

# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.8%

Whole school attendance - this week:

96.9%

Class attendance winner:

98.1% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec - 97.1%

Y1 - 97.1%

Y2 - 96.7%

Y3 - 96.4%

Y4 - 95.9%

Y5 - 98.1%

Y6 - 96.7%



## Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

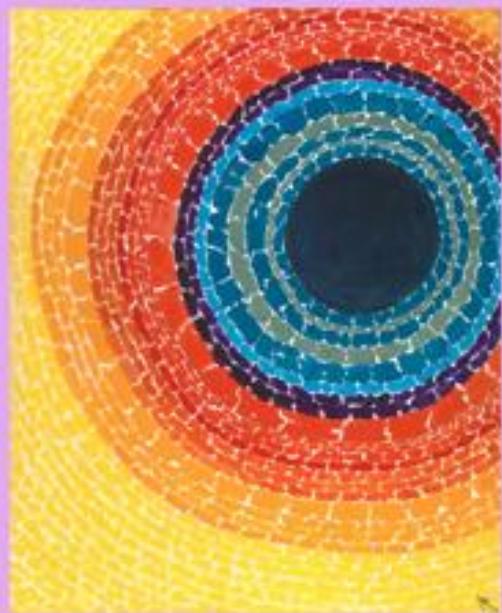
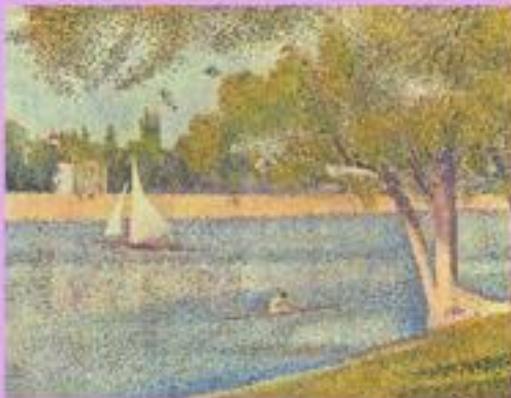
Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

**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

# SMWST ART EXHIBITION



THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
8:30-9:30 AND 2:30-3:30

FREE

# minecraft club

Join our new Minecraft Club, a fun space to socialise, build, and take part in challenges, 3D modelling, digital character design and plenty of time for Minecraft play.

**DATE & TIME**

**Tuesdays**  
13/01 - 10/02  
**4 pm - 6 pm**

**LOCATION**

**Grangeway  
Community  
Centre,  
Runcorn**

**AGE**

**10-16 year  
olds from  
Halton**



## sign up now:

[hello@makocreate.co.uk](mailto:hello@makocreate.co.uk)

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SCAN QR CODE



**Make  
CREATE**

  
HALTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



# NEW YEAR NEW YOU

## COMMUNITY VOUCHER

STUDENTS CAN REDEEM **50% OFF YOUR  
ENROLMENT FEE AND A FREE UNIFORM WITH  
THIS NEW YEAR VOUCHER!**

**RESPECT | DISCIPLINE | CONFIDENCE | SELF DEFENCE  
IMPROVE SCHOOL GRADES | SOCIAL AWARENESS**



**BRAND NEW CLASSES  
STARTING THIS  
JANUARY IN WIDNES:**

**FARNWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
WIDNES**

TO REDEEM THIS OFFER, SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE, OR VISIT  
[WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM](http://WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM). AND BOOK ONTO A CLASS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.  
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING THIS VOUCHER TO YOUR FIRST CLASS.  
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