



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th July 2026

Uniform Swap Shop

As we move towards the end of the school year, we would like to remind families that our high expectations remain in place right up until the final day of term. We expect all children to attend school wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Our PE kit consists of:

A plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts, or

The school PE top

Please note that tracksuits, branded sportswear and clothing with large logos are not part of our school PE uniform and should not be worn for PE lessons.

As children grow so quickly, many families find themselves with uniform items that are no longer needed.

If your child has outgrown any school uniform, PE kit or coats that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our Uniform Swap Shop. All donated items should be washed and clean.

If your family would like to take a look at the items available in the Uniform Swap Shop, please speak to the school office and a member of staff will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards and ensuring that all children are ready to learn each day.

Need a little extra support?

We would like to remind all families that school is an official referral agent for the local Food Bank.

We understand that life is becoming increasingly expensive and that many families may be feeling the pressure of rising household bills and the additional costs that can come as we approach the summer holidays. If you are finding things difficult, please do not struggle alone.

Support is available, and we are here to help. Any conversations will be treated with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

If you think your family could benefit from support with food or other practical assistance, please speak to Miss Slingsby, who will be happy to help and discuss the options available.

At our school, we are a community and looking after one another is important to us. If you need help, please reach out. 💜

Fun Day

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our Fun Day! A huge thank you to all of our parents for your generous donations and for joining us despite the hot weather. We hope you and your children had a fantastic time enjoying all the fun and excitement together.

I'd also like to thank our incredible staff for all of their hard work in making the event such a success. A very special thank you goes to Paula Jones, who was the driving force behind organising the day. Your dedication and hard work made it all possible.

We are delighted to share that the Fun Day raised an amazing £1,042.75 profit – an incredible achievement for just one afternoon! Thank you to everyone who contributed. We can't wait to put the money towards exciting new resources and experiences for our children.

Transition Week

This week, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Transition Week, where they had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms for September and spend time getting to know their new teachers. These visits are an important part of helping children feel confident and excited about the new school year, giving them a chance to become familiar with their new learning environment and know what to expect in September.

You will also have noticed our Meet the Teacher sessions listed in the *Looking Ahead* dates. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for families to meet their child's new teacher, find out more about the year ahead, and ask any questions they may have before the new term begins.

Reception Celebration and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We have two very special events taking place next week, marking significant milestones in our children's journey at St Michael with St Thomas. We will be celebrating the fantastic start our Reception children have made to their school adventure, while also recognising and celebrating our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education.

Our Reception Celebration Assembly will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 at 9:00am, followed by our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 17th July 2026 at 9:00am. These are treasured occasions in our school calendar, and we are delighted to invite parents and carers of children in these year groups to join us as we celebrate these important achievements and create lasting memories together

Goodbye Year 6

As we reach the end of another fantastic year, it's time for one of our favourite traditions - saying a proper goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they head off to secondary school! To make sure all our staff can join in with these special final goodbyes, our Year 6s will be leaving a little later on Friday. This means staff can dismiss their classes first, then give our Year 6 pupils the send-off they deserve. They will walk proudly across the playground and out through the big gates at the top on the car park - what a way to finish their time with us! Parents, please do come along and cheer them on during this final walk. It is always such a special moment that really shows what our school community is all about. These little traditions mean the world to us and create memories that last forever.

End of Term Reminders

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to share some important reminders with you. All medications currently held in school will be sent home with parents on the last day of term. New medication forms will be provided for completion and return in September, ensuring we maintain accurate records for the new academic year.

Please remember to send your child into school with a large carrier bag during these final days. This will allow them to bring home their workbooks to share with you over the summer holidays. School will close at 3:15pm on Friday 17th July 2026

Martyn's Law

We would like to bring to your attention some important changes to our school access and safety procedures, particularly in relation to the implementation of Martyn's Law. These changes will affect arrangements for attending school events and entering the school building with prams, and bags. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors, additional security measures may be in place. We are sure you understand the importance of these procedures and appreciate your support in helping us keep our school community safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Martyn's Law Update



In light of Martyn's Law, a statutory requirement under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, all schools within the Trust have introduced additional safety measures for school events with immediate effect.

To help ensure the safety of everyone attending, bags larger than A4 size will not be permitted on site; the only exception to this will be baby bags, which will be subject to inspection by a member of school staff.

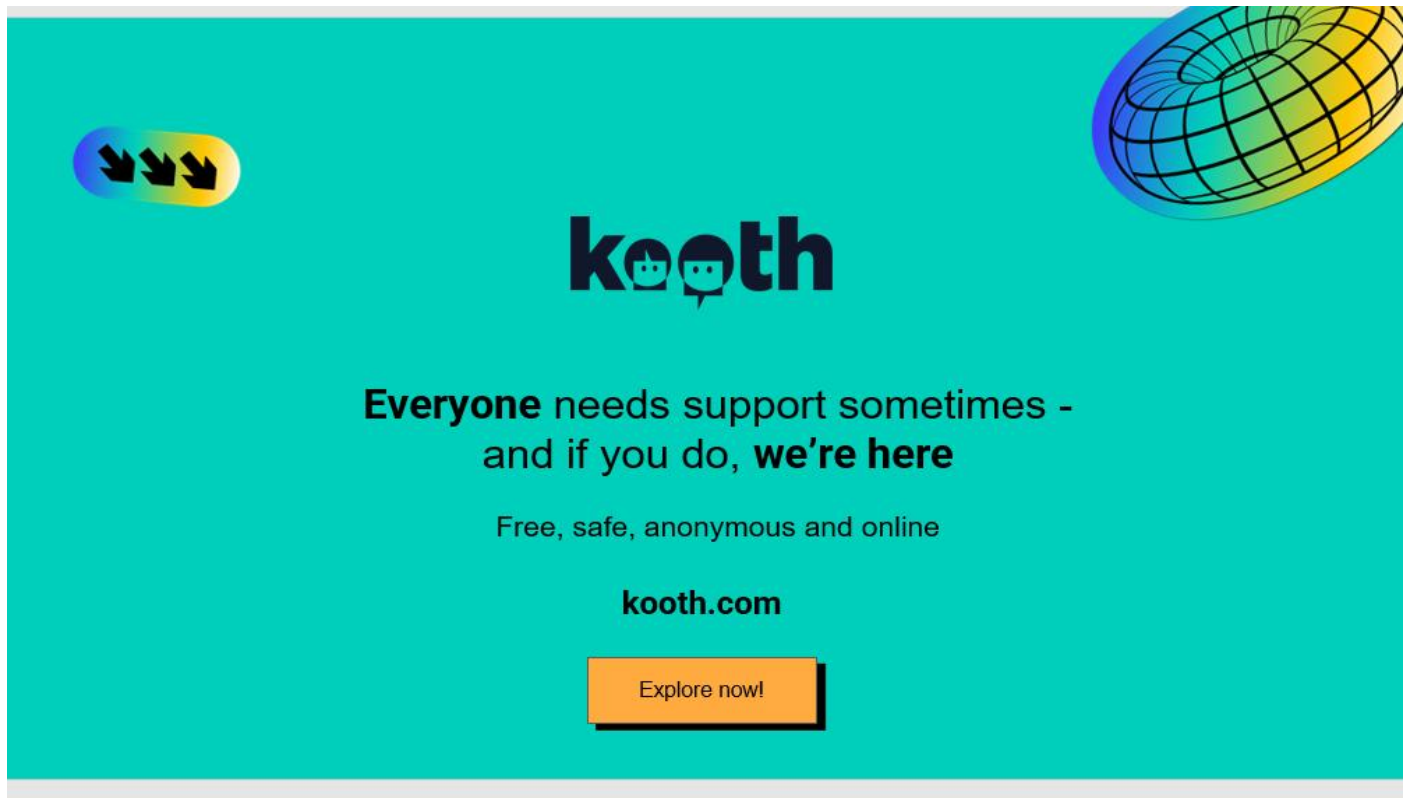
In addition, prams will not be allowed unless parents or carers consent to them being checked by a member of school staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take these important steps to keep our school community safe.

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

- Reception for being such a funny, kind and fantastic class on transition, I can't wait to be your teacher – Miss McMullen 😊
- Zoe (Rec) for being a brilliant role model at all times – Miss McMullen
- Savannah (Y5) for always sharing little acts of kindness to brighten my day! Mrs Worrall 😊
- Harrison-Jake (Y6) for being such a brilliant help to Mrs Worrall and Miss Case on transition – Mrs Worrall
- Y6 for all their help on Fun Day! – Mr Albrecht
- Sonny (Y6) for being very responsible and honest when finding an envelope containing money and handing it in 😊
- All of Y2 – what a lovely day on Tuesday meeting you all. Looking forward to September in Y3 – Miss Ellis
- Eva (Y3) – a fabulous attitude everyday this week. You have been a star – Miss Ellis
- Erin (Y5) for sharing her chocolate short bread biscuits with me – Miss Fisher 💜
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Y6 Kooth Workshop

Y6 enjoyed a visit from Kooth this week. These sessions gave pupils a relaxed space to chat through and manage any worries about the big jump to secondary school. They were introduced to **Kooth.com** (the free, NHS-commissioned mental health and well-being service for 10-25 year olds in St Helens), so they know exactly where to find anonymous counselling and support over the summer break and into Year 7 (please see [here](#) for more information).



Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 13th July – Reception Celebration Worship 9am (Parents welcome)
- 14th July – Y6 BBQ and Water Fight
- 17th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
- 17th July – School Closes 3:15 (KS1 Athletics/Afterschool Wraparound Cancelled)
- 20th July – Inset Day
- 1st Sept – Inset Day
- 2nd Sept – School Open
- 7th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y5 & Y6 (15:20pm)
- 8th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y3 & Y4 (15:20pm)
- 9th Sept – Meet the Teacher Y1 & Y2 (15:20pm) – ***Please note date change***

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)

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:

Hope

"We believe anything is possible"

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 42: Both children and adults must know about children's rights*

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 – Esme for remembering and beautifully performing all of her lines

Y1 – Eleanor for trying extremely hard this week to improve her behaviour and for showing positivity

Y2 – Emmie for her amazing effort in all her learning!

Y3 – Joseph for fantastic work in maths completing our fractions calculations

Y4 – Ethan for always showing a super attitude to learning at all times

Y5 – Amelia for being so helpful and kind during fun day

Y6 – Fern for an incredible self portrait

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Reuben

Y1 – Niamh

Y2 – Albie

Y3 – Iviarna

Y4 – Leighton

Y5 – Sophia

Y6 – Leo

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.2%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec – 97.9%

Y1 – 100%

Y2 – 97.5%

Y3 – 97.3%

Y4 – 94.2%

Y5 – 98.6%

Y6 – 94.8%



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

Water Safety

As the weather warms up, many families will be spending more time near water – whether at the coast, rivers, lakes, or canals. While this can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, it's important to remember that water can be unpredictable and dangerous.

It's important that everyone is aware of a [few simple steps to stay safe](#):

- Know the risks – conditions can change quickly, and it's easier than you might think to get into difficulty in open water.
- Always supervise children and young people closely around water – even if they can swim.
- Avoid jumping into unknown water – there may be hidden hazards, and sudden entry can lead to cold water shock.
- Teach children what to do if they get into trouble: Float to Live – tilt your head back, keep your ears submerged, relax and gently move your hands and feet to stay afloat while you control your breathing.
- Know how to call for help – in an emergency, dial **999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard**.

Talking to children about water safety before visiting any location near water can make a vital difference.

Further information and resources

Parents, carers, colleges, and schools can find more guidance and free resources from the RNLI and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service:

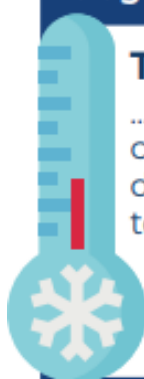
- Water safety advice and guidance: <https://rnli.org/safety>
- Float to Live advice: <https://rnli.org/safety/float>
- Education and teaching resources for children and young people: <https://rnli.org/youth-education>
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service water safety advice: [Water Safety | Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service](#)



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**



THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?



The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.



Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



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MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



PHONE 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

THROW them something to help them float

TOP TIP

ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD



Summer Reading Challenge

From Saturday 18 July 2026 to Saturday 5 September 2026, children and young people aged 0–16 years are invited to take part in our **READ 5 FOR A PRIZE** challenge

Simply borrow and read 5 books from the library over the summer holidays, and you'll receive a FREE tote goody bag containing:

- A wristband
- A bookmark
- A certificate
- A sticker

Visit your local library to join in and enjoy a summer full of reading!



A vibrant poster for the Summer Reading Challenge. At the top, a large yellow ribbon badge with a scalloped edge features the text 'READ 5 FOR A PRIZE!' in a curved path. Inside the badge is a small image of a library building with the text 'Halton Libraries' below it. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and three orange and yellow hot air balloons. Below the badge, the text 'THIS SUMMER, GO ALL IN AT HALTON LIBRARIES!' is written in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Underneath this, three yellow stars are followed by the text 'Read 5 or more books', 'Tell us when you've finished', and 'Claim your prizes!'. Below these stars, the text 'Plus, enjoy lots of FREE events, great reads, activities and more throughout the summer.' is written in a smaller font. To the right of this text is a cartoon yellow star character with glasses, sitting on a stack of four books (blue, green, red, and yellow) and reading a blue book. At the bottom left, the website 'www.halton.gov.uk/libraries' is listed, followed by social media icons for Facebook, X, and Instagram. In the center bottom, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' above it. At the bottom right, the Halton Libraries logo is displayed, featuring a stylized 'h' and the word 'HALTON' above 'LIBRARIES'.

READ 5 FOR A PRIZE!

THIS SUMMER, GO ALL IN AT HALTON LIBRARIES!

- ★ Read 5 or more books
- ★ Tell us when you've finished
- ★ Claim your prizes!

Plus, enjoy lots of **FREE** events, great reads, activities and more throughout the summer.

Your next adventure starts at Halton libraries!

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SCAN ME







St Michael with St Thomas Church

Saturday 11th July, 11.00-2.00pm

Bouncy Castle, Games, Refreshments etc.

**Plenty of stalls to explore, including
tombola, raffles, cakes & brand-new household
items—grab a bargain whilst you can!**

FAMILY FUN!



NETBALL RECRUITMENT

YEAR 2 - 4

- BEGINNERS WELCOMED
- MATCH PLAY
- QUALIFIED L2 COACHES
- TECHNICAL TRAINING
- SQUAD TRAINING
- MAKING MEMORIES

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Halewood Tuesdays



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free creative summer clubs in halton

Weekly creative clubs for young people aged 8–16 in Halton.

Primarily for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, with limited places also available for other eligible groups, including young people with SEND, an EHCP, young carers and those who are NEET.



 **Location:** Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn

Week 1:
27 - 30 July

Digital Art & Craft Week
(3D Pens, Tote Bag Design, Bead Art and Digital Art)

Week 2:
3 - 6 August

Animation Week
(LEGO, Digital and Paper Animation)

Week 3:
10 - 13 August

Game Design Week
(Video Game Design and Board Game Design)

Week 4:
17 - 20 August

Minecraft Week
(Build Challenges, 3D Character Design and Free Play)



Digital Arts Box

sign up now:

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