



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th October 2025

Parent Forum Invitation

We would love to invite you to join our wonderful Parent Forum! Your thoughts, ideas and experiences are so important to us and really help shape the decisions we make. Our Parent Forum is a friendly, welcoming space where we come together to chat about how we can make our school community even better. We are always excited to hear fresh perspectives and new ideas from our families.

Ideally, we would like a nominee from every class. The Parent Forum will meet with Miss Slingsby each term for an hour, from 3:30-4:30pm (coffee, cakes and free afterschool club provided!)

If you would like to get involved and be part of this lovely group, please email the office. Together, we can continue creating the very best learning environment for all our children.

School Photographs

On Tuesday 14th October, our school photographer will be visiting to capture individual children's portraits. We are also delighted to offer siblings currently enrolled in our school, the opportunity to be photographed together. A few friendly reminders: please make sure your child arrives in their full school uniform. If your pupil has PE or Y6 Judo that day, pop their kit in a separate bag so they can change after the photos. We cannot wait to create some beautiful keepsakes of our amazing pupils!

Reception Welcome Worship

We would like to invite our Reception parents to our Reception Welcome Worship. This special event will take place on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 9:00am in school and we are looking forward to officially welcoming our new Reception children into our school family. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the start of our youngest pupils' educational journey.

Autumn Disco

Don't forget to book your place on Arbor for our Autumn Disco, happening on Thursday 23rd October 2025! Payment of £5, which includes the disco, a hot dog, and a drink, 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 3:15pm on 16th October 2025.

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.

Reception Welly Walk

Well done to Reception who successfully completed the full mile on their annual welly walk this year. They managed to avoid the rain, but they still had lots of puddles to enjoy jumping in along the way. Thank you to all the families who sponsored the event.

Clonter Theatre

This week, our Year 4 pupils had an absolutely magical day at Clonter Opera Theatre in Cheshire! They dove into an incredible world of theatrical wonder, exploring stage design and performance in the most exciting ways. Our enthusiastic pupils jumped into brilliant workshops that sparked their creativity. They worked alongside opera professionals and even composed their very own musical piece. The set design workshop was a particular highlight, with pupils discovering the magical art of creating theatrical set designs for the real stage. These experiences are not just fun – they are helping our pupils work towards their arts award and develop skills that go far beyond the classroom. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and we are so proud of how our pupils embraced this incredible learning opportunity!

Parent Insight

We are part way through our Parent Insights, for those of you that haven't experienced these afternoons before, it is an opportunity for parents to come and join in a lesson with their child, learning alongside them. This enables parents to get a flavour of what life is like in the classroom and also to see the different strategies and methods we use to teach, which will help you to support your child at home. If you wish to attend the session, please sign up on Arbor, you will be able to see within the app if you have secured a place.

These are live lessons, and unfortunately younger siblings are unable to attend. Unfortunately, you will not be able to attend unless you have booked onto the session.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be holding a Drop-in session on Thursday 16th October at 2:30pm for parents to discuss and get advice on range of topics including, challenging behaviour, screen time, fussy eating, continence and much more, there is no need to book-on please feel free to drop-in

HIT Behaviour Online Workshop

We know that managing children's behaviour can be challenging, and many parents tell us they just want some practical ideas that really work. To offer support, the Health Improvement Team is running a **free online workshop** called *Understanding Children's Behaviour with HENRY*.

The session helps parents and carers:

- ☒ Understand what's behind children's behaviour
- ☒ Learn simple, effective strategies to encourage positive behaviour
- ☒ Feel more confident in handling tricky moments

 **Understanding Children's Behaviour with HENRY**

 **Free Online Workshop**




 [Book here](#)

Free Online Workshop for Parents!

Managing children's behaviour can be tough! This friendly session offers practical tips and simple strategies to help make family life a bit easier.

 Free to join online, book your place here: [Understanding Children's Behaviour Workshop](#)

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

- Frankie for being super kind to others at lunchtime, and being a lovely friend to all – Miss B 
- Faith for being a helpful friend to Miss Fisher
- To all of Year 4 – Mrs Worrall loved hearing about how amazing your behaviour was on your trip this week! 
- Year 6 children for their caring attitude to reception children
- Harry (Y5) for helping the younger children in Breakfast Club and cleaning up without being asked  Mrs Worrall
- Bella Y1 – always having beautiful manners and being a lovely and caring friend.
- Caitlyn Y3 for being very kind and helping me to complete a job in afterschool club – Mrs Hughes
- Year 4 for fantastic behaviour on the school trip – Mrs Bonnett
- John (Y6) for being so helpful during breaktime – Mrs Bonnett
- Ruby (Y6) for always being on task this week and participating in every lesson – Miss Case
- Roman (Y4) for his amazing contributions in our learning
- Reception children for having fantastic manners during PE – Mr Wortley

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 13th Oct – Y3 Parent Insight
- 14th Oct – School Photographer
- 14th Oct – Y6 Judo (children to bring PE kits in a bag)
- 14th Oct – Y4 Parent Insight
- 16th Oct – Y5 Parent Insight
- 20th Oct – Y2 Parent Insight
- 23rd Oct – Reception Welcome Worship 9:00am
- 23rd Oct – Autumn Disco
- 24th Oct – School closes 3:15pm
- 3rd Nov – School Reopens
- 4th Nov – Y3 Science and Industry Museum Trip 8:30am

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
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	10 Nov 2025
02 Jun 2026 – 03 Jun 2026 08:24 - 20:14	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	First Instalment 31 Oct 2025
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 15:15 - 16:15	KS1 Autumn Disco	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3	16 Oct 2025
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 16:20 - 17:20	KS2 Autumn Disco	Y4, Y5 and Y6	16 Oct 2025
Tue, 04 Nov 2025 08:30 - 15:35	Y3 Science and Industry Museum	Y3	16 Oct 2025
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	10 Oct 2025
Fri, 14 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans	Y5	17 Oct 2025
Tue, 25 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Y6	4 Nov 2025

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

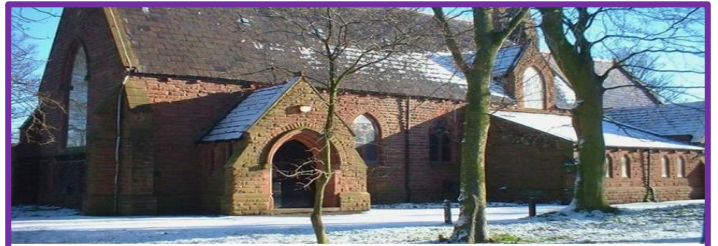
"We keep trying and never give up"



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 1: Every human being below the age of 18 is a child*

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 – Gene for fantastic contribution during our English lesson on the emoji 😊

Y1 – Oakah for super writing in the role as the Queen

Y2 – Sophia for always showing enthusiasm and being respectful

Y3 – Esmay for being absolutely fantastic in every subject this week

Y4 – Kirstie for her super enthusiasm on our trip!

Y5 – Olivia for a brilliant positive attitude and enthusiasm in everything she does! 😊

Y6 – Ruby for dedication to maths this week ❤️

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Frankie

Y1 – Hunter

Y2 – Bobby

Y3 – Olivia

Y4 – Kirstie

Y5 – Tilly

Y6 – John

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

94.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

92.4%

Class attendance winner:

95.2% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec – 95%

Y1 – 90.8%

Y2 – 94.4%

Y3 – 90.2%

Y4 – 94.7%

Y5 – 95.2%

Y6 – 88.1%



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

Halton Borough Council Help for Households

If parents have any questions, they can contact our team directly on 0151 511 5200

Help for Households in Halton



Halton Borough Council now have a number of schemes that are available to help you, this is due to funding from the Household Support Fund which has come to use via Central Government.

These schemes will run from **April 2025 until March 2026**. Please check below to see if you qualify.



FREE Prescription Pre-payment Certificate

Do you pay for your prescriptions?

If so, and you:

- Live in Halton
- Have a take home pay of less than £26,500 per year
- Receive regular prescriptions

Do you regularly use essential electrical medical equipment at home?

We may be able to offer you some financial support. Requirements will vary depending on your circumstances, please contact us below.



FREE Financial Foundations Workshops

A free workshop, provided by NatWest, designed to support financial wellbeing and empower individuals to take control of their finances and future.

- Learn how to make the most of your money with practical guidance and support.
- All participants will receive an £80 supermarket voucher of their choice.

Spaces are limited – register early to secure your place

How to apply

Contact the Public Health Team, Halton Borough Council

Call us on 0151 511 5200. You may be asked to leave your name and number and we will contact you back as soon as possible.

Email us at public.health@halton.gov.uk - please include your name, address and a contact phone number.



Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am – 2:30pm | 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Science Fair

Family Show

Workshop

Tour



Limited tickets – Book at your local Family Hub now!

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note – with the exception of blue badge holders,
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/437k5xwf>





Autumn FUN DAY!

***SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
11.00-1.00PM***

St Michael with St Thomas Church,
Ditchfield Road, WA8 8XR

***Stalls, Cakes, Raffles & Snacks
& an amazing Table Sale with
massive bargains from Amazon!***

***FREE Childrens Crafts,
& Pumpkin Hunt & Patch!***





What are family hubs?

Family hubs bring together different services in a 'one stop shop' to make it easier to get the help you and your family need.

They provide a single place to go for face-to-face support and information from a variety of services.

Family hubs make it easier for you to get the support you need, with trained staff on site who work together to help you overcome difficulties you might be facing.

Services will vary, but at the heart of all family hubs are services for families with 0 to 2 year-olds, which give babies a great start for life.

Who are family hubs for?

You can get support from a family hub if you're:

- a parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 19, or 25 with special educational needs or a disability
- pregnant
- a young person up to the age of 19, or up to 25 for a young person with special educational needs or a disability.

Why are family hubs so important?

All kinds of families face challenges from time to time. Family hubs make it simpler to get the help that the whole family needs.

Investing in families and making sure they get the support they need from birth through to adulthood helps with children's educational attainment, wellbeing and life chances.

We also know that the time from conception to the age of 2 lays important foundations for children's emotional and physical development. We want to support parents through the early years of a child's life, understanding how challenging it can be.

By helping to establish nurturing, supportive environments for the youngest members of society, family hubs will make it easier for parents and carers to give their children the best start in life.

Widnes Venues:

➤ [Kingsway Family Hub](#)

Victoria Square, Widnes, WA8 7QY

Tel: 0151 511 6222

➤ [Warrington Road Family Hub](#) Naylor Rd, Widnes, WA8 0BS

Tel: 0151 4244686

➤ [Ditton Family Hub](#)

Dundalk Rd, Widnes, WA8 8DF

Tel: 0151 420 5482

➤ [Ditton Library](#)

Queens Avenue, Widnes, WA8-8HR

Tel: 0151 420 5482

Services Include:

- support for home learning
- parenting classes
- midwifery
- health visiting
- infant feeding advice
- perinatal mental health support.

Family hubs could also help you access other support services that help your family, such as:

- support for your physical and mental health
- housing and debt advice
- youth services
- domestic abuse support
- other services run by charities.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If not, don't worry, its quick, simple and free... Just use this QR code or visit your local centre where staff will be happy to help. Once registered, you are welcome to attend any Halton Hub.



Halton Family Hubs Runcorn & Widnes

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