



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

**Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **Fantastic First Week!**

What an incredible start to our new academic year! It's our first full week back and there has been so much amazing learning happening across all classes.

Thank you to everyone for joining us for meet the teacher meetings – it was lovely to see so many families attending and connecting with our wonderful staff.

Don't forget that all class handbooks are available on the class webpages, where you will find essential information including PE days, curriculum topics, spellings and much more.

Take a moment to check out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates and celebrations of our children's achievements.

### **Parent 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.

### **PE Kits**

Y1-Y6 Children should come into school in their PE kits on their PE days (please see your child's class handbook for details of their days) Reception children should continue to come into school in their school uniform with their PE Kits in a bag. Please remember that no branded sports kits are allowed – plain hoodies/jackets, jogging bottoms etc only. We have plenty of items in swap shop if parents would like to ask at the office.

### **Lost Property**

It's wonderful to see all our pupils settled back into school life. However, we have already started collecting lost property. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name - clothes, PE kits, coats, and Reception wellies. This simple step helps us return belongings quickly to their rightful owners.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available each morning from 8:00am, hot food will be served until 8:20am to allow staff time to tidy up and get the children ready for classes, after this time children will be offered a cold option only. Thank you for your support and understanding

### **Looking Ahead:**


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

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – GB Athlete school visit
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Y5 Bikeability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Y4 Bikeability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Y5 Harvest Festival Church (parents invited)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Y4/Y5 Bikeability Learn to Ride

***Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.***

## Autumn Dates

Below you will find a list of key dates in Autumn that you may want to make a note of. These do not contain every event, just the main ones you may want to plan for, so please ensure you keep checking the newsletter for other things happening and any date changes.

 <b>2025/2026 Autumn Planner</b>			
September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8th - Y5/Y6 Meet the Teacher</li><li>• 9th —Y3/Y4 Meet the Teacher</li><li>• 29th - Y5 Bikeability</li><li>• 30th —Y5 Bikeability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st Y5 Bikeability</li><li>• 2nd Y5 Harvest Festival Parents invited church 9:30am</li><li>• 2nd Y4 Bikeability</li><li>• 3rd Y4/Y5 Learn to Ride Bikeability</li><li>• 6th Rec Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 7th Y1 Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 7th Y4 Clonter Theatre Trip</li><li>• 9th Y6 Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 13th Y3 Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 14th Y4 Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 14th School Photographer</li><li>• 14th Judo Y6 (PE kits in bag)</li><li>• 16th Y5 Parent Insight 2.15pm</li><li>• 20th Y2 Parent Insight Reading</li><li>• 23rd Reception Welcome Worship</li><li>• 23rd Autumn Disco</li><li>• 24th End of Term 3:15pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3rd School Opens</li><li>• 6th Parent Forum</li><li>• 10th Odd Socks Day</li><li>• 14th Children in Need</li><li>• 19th Y4 Family Worship in school 9:00am</li><li>• 20th Flu Catch up Sessions</li><li>• 21st Inset Day</li><li>• 26th Y5 Family Worship Advent in school 9:00am</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3rd Rec &amp; Y1 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings</li><li>• 4th Christingle Y6</li><li>• 9th Y5 &amp; Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings</li><li>• 10th Y2, Y3, Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings</li><li>• 11th Christmas Jumper Day</li><li>• 11th Christmas dinner</li><li>• 12th Enterprise Fair</li><li>• 15th Rec/Y1 Breakfast with Santa</li><li>• 16th Y2/Y3 Breakfast with Santa</li><li>• 16th KS1 Party &amp; Panto</li><li>• 17th KS2 Party &amp; Panto</li><li>• 19th End of Term 3:15pm</li></ul>

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

- Riva-Rose & Aria for helping Reception children at lunchtime – Miss Manders 💖
- Amelia (Y5) for being a fantastic support to younger children at lunchtime – Miss B
- Ronnie (Y4) for educating me on sharks and making me smile – Miss Barnett
- Reuben (Y3) for showing amazing independence at lunchtime, well done! – Miss Barnett
- Freddie (Y3) for helping the younger children out during breaktimes and lunchtimes – Miss Ashton
- Tallulah (Rec) for being a lovely friend – Miss Middleton
- Mason, Alayna and Bonnie-Rae for fantastic manners – Miss Middleton
- All of Year 2 for an amazing first week – Miss Bates
- Lyla, Freddie G, Max, Olivia W for helping one of our Reception children make friends – Miss Brimble
- Annie for brightening my day with jokes – Mr Albrecht
- Evelyn (Y4) for fantastic effort in class – Miss McMullen

# 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 21: When a child is adopted or living in foster care, their best interests should come first*

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 - Ferne for settling in beautifully to life in Reception 💖

Y1 - Daniel for settling into Y1 life fantastically

Y2 - Hattie for fantastic participation in all lessons

Y3 - Ivy for fantastic settling in to all areas of school life 😊

Y4 - Mary-Rose for persevering and trying so hard always

Y5 - Issac for working with wonderful enthusiasm and perseverance all of the time

Y6 - Harrison-Jake for immediate improvement in Y6

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Alfie

Y1 - Daniel

Y2 - Max

Y3 - Toby

Y4 - Evie

Y5 - Amelia

Y6 - Lottie



# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

93.9%

Whole school attendance – this week:

94.4%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Reception

Class Attendance:

Rec – 100%

Y1 – 94.7%

Y2 – 95%

Y3 – 93.2%

Y4 – 90.1%

Y5 – 94.8%

Y6 – 93.7%



## 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