



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 16th January 2026

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!

Art Exhibition

After the success and popularity of last year's Art Exhibition, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting the event again this year. Each year group will be focusing on a different traditional artist and creating artwork inspired by their style. The children's masterpieces will be beautifully framed and displayed in the hall, with artwork available to purchase after the exhibition at the cost of £5.00. We are so excited to run this event to showcase the incredible artistic talents of our children at **“The Same but Different” Art Exhibition**, which will take place on **Thursday 5th February**. Parents are warmly invited to attend from **8:30am–9:30am** and **2:30pm–3:30pm** in the hall.

Family Fitness

Are you keeping up with your New Year's resolutions, or are you ready to kick-start some new fitness and healthy eating habits? To support families with this, we will be hosting our **Family Fitness After-School Club** during **Spring 1 for KS2 families**. These sessions will run on Fridays and will combine fun fitness activities with practical cooking sessions, encouraging healthy, balanced lifestyles for both children and adults. A family member must attend with their child, as children are unable to take part alone. Our fitness sessions, led by our PE coach, will include a range of enjoyable activities that families can continue at home, while our cooking sessions, led by Miss Ashton, will focus on preparing healthy, balanced meals on a budget, showing that nutritious food doesn't have to be expensive or boring. We are excited to get children involved in cooking alongside their families and to support healthy habits that last beyond the classroom.

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.

Midday Assistant – Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Midday Assistant to help keep our lunchtimes safe and fun for our children. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, please come to the office for an application form.

Whole School Eucharist

Please be reminded that the Whole School Eucharist, led by Reverend Linda and the worship team, will be taking place on Thursday 22nd January 9:15am. We warmly invite all parents to join us for this special time of worship as we come together as a school community to reflect, pray, and celebrate.

Y3 Family Worship

Well done to Year 3 for their fantastic assembly all about our Christian Value of Friendship both online and offline, and Safer Internet Day. They taught us some important points about what we need to be doing online, to make sure we are safe and happy. They gave us things to think about before and after Safer Internet Day. Thank you to all the parents who attended your support is always greatly appreciated.

Uniform Reminder

We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school without book bags and wearing incorrect PE kits. We understand that recent changes to PE days and the colder weather can make carrying bags less appealing; however, it is important that our high standards remain consistent. Having the correct equipment helps children feel prepared and ready to learn each day. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that book bags are brought to school regularly, and that uniform is in line with school policy. PE kits should be plain black shorts/joggers or tracksuit, plain black tracksuit top or school jumper/cardigan and plain white t-shirt, with no logos or sports kits. Children should not wear earrings, nail polish, or large hair accessories; shirts should also be tucked in. These expectations help maintain a sense of belonging with routines and a positive learning environment that support all our children.

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

- Torvi (Y1) for being a super kind friend at lunchtime – Miss B
- Nell (Y1) for being super helpful on a job for Reception – Mrs Hughes
- Nathaniel (Y5), Bobby (Y4), Ethan (Y4) for being so helpful and kind – Miss McMullen 😊
- Y4 George and Roman for being so super enthusiastic with our times table competition – Miss McMullen
- All of Y5 for blowing away our high school visitors with their brilliant maths vocabulary! – Mrs Worrall ❤️
- All of Y4 for throwing themselves in to our constant times table practice! Miss McMullen
- Year 3 for fantastic times tables – Miss Ashton
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for constant hard work and determination
- Y3 for a wonderful family worship – you were fab! Mrs Worrall ❤️
- Harrison-Jake for his amazing effort with his joined handwriting – Miss Case
- Esme (Reception) for a beautiful piece of artwork that she made for me! Miss McMullen
- Year 3 for being so fantastic in worship – Miss Ashton ❤️
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Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 19th Jan – Y2 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 19th Jan – Brew Monday – 2pm
- 20th Jan – Y3 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 22nd Jan – Y4 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 22nd Jan – Whole School Eucharist – 9:00am
- 26th Jan – Y5 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 28th Jan – Y2 Family Worship – 9:00am
- 5th Feb – Art Exhibition
- 6th Feb – Dress to Express Day
- 12th Feb – Spring Disco

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

Next Weeks Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Pizza	Veggie Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage	Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Carrot & Pork Meatballs or Quorn Meatballs	Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Diced Potato *** Salad Bar	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans *** Salad Bar	Mash Potato, Carrots & Yorkshire Pudding *** Salad Bar	Roast Potato & Sweetcorn *** Salad Bar	Chips & Peas/Baked Beans *** 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:

Friendship

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



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 23: Disabled children should be supported to reach their full potential

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 - Tallulah for trying really hard with her reading ☺



Y1 - Alfie for persevering with his maths work ❤

Y2 - Lola for always offering such creative ideas in writing ❤

Y3 - Jacob for trying really hard in his writing ☺

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

Y5 - Faith for always working with brilliant determination and perseverance!

Y6 - Oliver for improvements in maths and excellent attitude to learning ☺

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Cole

Y1 - Elliott

Y2 - Ivy

Y3 - Freddie

Y4 - Lottie

Y5 - Rosa

Y6 - Leo

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

95%

Whole school attendance - this week:

97.8%

Class attendance winner:

99.3% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec - 97.1%

Y1 - 98.1%

Y2 - 97.9%

Y3 - 96.9%

Y4 - 95.3%

Y5 - 99.3%

Y6 - 98.9%



Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

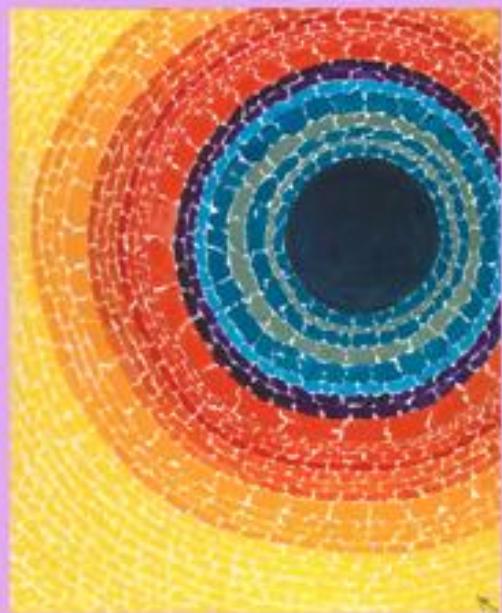
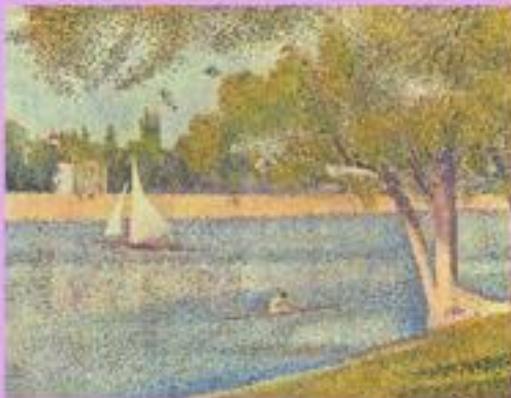
Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

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 5TH FEBRUARY 2026
8:30-9:30 AND 2:30-3:30



Join us for a coffee, tea and snacks
and let's Beat the Monday Blues together!

Brew Monday



**Beat Blue Monday
Together - Wellbeing
Warriors**

Monday 19th
January 2026 @
2pm



digital arts get together

These **FREE** sessions are for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

date:

Saturday
17th January

location:

Halton Lea Library,
Runcorn

time:

10:30 am
- 12:30 pm

signup now:

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