



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome to our new families!

A huge warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us recently (17 new families in the last few weeks!)—we've loved seeing so many new faces around school! It's been fantastic to see how quickly the children have settled in, and as always, our amazing pupils have been brilliant at making everyone feel welcome, showing such kindness and friendship from day one.

To our new parents and carers—please do come and chat to us if you have any questions or if there is anything we can help with, we're always here. And a big thank you to everyone who continues to share such lovely things about our school in the community—it really does mean a lot. Keep spreading the word... we love welcoming new children into our school family!

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher!

Huge **congratulations** to Mrs Fisher, who has welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Paisley May

We are absolutely over the moon for her and her family—such a special and exciting time. We are sending lots of love and can't wait to meet the newest (and smallest!) member of our school family.

Congratulations to Miss Fisher!

Congratulations to Miss Fisher, who has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher starting this term. Miss Fisher has been a valued member of the school for a number of years and has done a fantastic job in her role as SENCO. We are excited to see her take on this new position and look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make in her new role.

E Scooters/bikes

For the safety and wellbeing of all our children, e-scooters and e-bikes are not to be brought onto school grounds or stored in the bike sheds. This measure is in place to reduce the risk of accidents and ensure a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a secure and supportive school community.

Parent Forum

We would love to invite you to join our wonderful Parent Forum! Your thoughts, ideas and experiences are incredibly important to us and play a key role in shaping the decisions we make. The forum is a friendly and welcoming space where we come together to share ideas and discuss how we can continue to improve our school community. We are always keen to hear fresh perspectives from our families and would ideally like a representative from every class. The Parent Forum will meet with Miss Slingsby once each term from 3:30–4:30pm, with coffee, cakes and a free after-school club provided. If you would like to get involved and be part of this fantastic group, please email the school office—together, we can continue to create the very best learning environment for all our children. Our next Parent Forum will be on **Thursday 23rd April** please let us know if you can make it.

Uniform

Our summer uniform consists of a summer dress or a short-sleeved shirt and tie. This is our preferred uniform as it as these are lighter and more suitable than a polo shirt and supports children in preparing for high school, where a summer uniform is not always a choice. Wearing the correct uniform helps create a strong sense of belonging and ensures the focus remains on learning rather than fashion, reducing potential peer pressure. Our high standards also encourage children to be disciplined, prepared, and ready to learn each day. However, having listened to parents' voice we recognise that there may be particularly hot days, although there are not many during our British summer, and on such occasions, children will be allowed to replace their shirt and tie with a polo shirt for these short periods of time.

Year 6 parents please be aware that **Year 6 pupils will need to wear their full Autumn school uniform** (including shirts, ties, jumpers, or cardigans) **for their Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral**, so we respectfully request that an autumn uniform is kept for this special occasion

Trips

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term. Please check Arbor to see which trips are available for your child and ensure that you have given consent and made full payment so that your child can attend. These trips provide wonderful opportunities for children to enjoy new experiences, explore beyond the classroom, and create lasting memories with their friends. We are always looking for parent volunteers for our trips, if you are available and would like to join us please let the office know, your support is always greatly appreciated.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups
Tue, 21 Apr 2026	Rec Blue Planet Aquarium	Year R
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6
Tue, 16 June 2026	Eureka To be Confirmed	Year 1 and Year 2
Wed, 10 Jun - Thu, 11 Jun 2026	Pettypool Y5	Year Y5
Tue, 30 Jun 2026	Y3 and Y4 Go Ape	Year Y3 and Year Y4

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

- Charlotte and Harrison-Jake (Y6) for being super helpful and collecting the cones at lunchtime – Mis Barnett
- Via (Y2) for lovely manners at lunchtime
- Kali (Y2) for holding the door open for me – Mrs Reynolds 😊
- Tallulah & Amelia for being very kind at lunchtime – Miss B
- Nell (Y1) and Ava (Y2) for coming and chatting to me on the playground during my first week – Miss Ellis
- Gianna Rec for being a fantastic friend to a new pupil at the school – Mrs Hughes
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- Iviarna (Y3) for smashing her first swimming lesson with Y3! – Miss Manders ❤️
- Gene (Rec) for using beautiful manners in and around school – Mrs Hughes
- Ronnie (Y4) for working so super hard this week! – Miss McMullen
- Ariana(Rec) for being such an incredible addition to our Reception class – Miss Mason ❤️

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 21st Apr – Blue Planet Aquarium Trip (Reception)
- 23rd Apr – Parent Forum (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
- 29th Apr – Y1 Family Worship (Parents invited from 9:00am)
- 30th Apr – London Parents Meeting
- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 21st May – Sports Day
- 21st May – Finish for Half Term
- 22nd May – Inset day

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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Pizza or Southern Fried Chicken	Veggie Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Meatballs or Quorn Meatballs	Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Diced Potato *** Salad Bar	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans *** Salad Bar	Mash Potato, Veg of the day & Yorkshire Pudding *** Salad Bar	Roast Potato & Veg of the day *** 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:

Trust

"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"



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 22: Children who move from their home country to another country as refugees (because it is not safe for them to stay their) have the same rights as children born*

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!



Ready

We are ready to learn, ready to listen and ready to embrace opportunities.

We respect our friends, our teachers, our visitors and all members of our community.

Respectful

We know how we can keep ourselves safe and make sure we do all we can to keep our school family safe.

Safe

Headteacher Award Winners

Rec - Ariana for a fantastic first week with a great attitude to learning

Y1 - Millie for always giving 100% in every lesson

Y2 - Bonnie for a fantastic effort in her writing 💜

Y3 - Reuben for making me feel very welcome each day and showing me how hard he can work 😊

Y4 - Jesse for a fantastic attitude this week 😊

Y5 - Harry for making a huge effort with his handwriting! 😊

Y6 - Ben for excellent attitude to learning this week

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Tyson

Y1 - Daniel

Y2 - Via

Y3 - Ivy

Y4 - Carter

Y5 - Erin

Y6 - James

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.1%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.3%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y6

Class Attendance:

Rec – 96.8%

Y1 – 97.6%

Y2 – 98.4%

Y3 – 99.1%

Y4 – 95.9%

Y5 – 93.4%

Y6 – 100%



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 MHST - Summer of Self-Care

Please see below the summer of self-care workshop poster for sessions that Halton MHST will be running for young people and their families.

Families can also access information and booking details here: <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/mhst-selfcare>



Halton Mental Health Support Team **Summer of self care**

Free summer workshops for parents, carers and young people to help Halton families support their young people's wellbeing.

Self esteem

- Understanding how we can experience low self esteem
- Tips to improve self esteem
- Looking after you, so you can support them!

Coping with big emotions

- How big emotions affect our bodies and behaviours
- How Zones of Regulation strategies can help when coping with big emotions.

Transition to high school

- Preparing everyone for the move!
- Tips and tools to navigate week one in your new school and beyond.

To register your interest, scan this QR code.



Please note there is a maximum capacity of 15.

Parent and carers are able to attend alone, however, please make sure any young people are accompanied by an adult.



Date and time	Workshop	Location
Wednesday 22 July 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Self esteem	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Wednesday 29 July 10.30am to 11.30am	Self esteem	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU
Wednesday 5 August 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Coping with big emotions	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Wednesday 12 August 10.30am to 11.30am	Coping with big emotions	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU
Wednesday 19 August 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Transitioning to high school	Warrington Road Family Hub, Naylor Road, Widnes WA8 0BS
Wednesday 26 August 10.30am to 11.30am	Transitioning to high school	Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Halton Lodge, Runcorn WA7 5LU

All workshops will involve both a parent led and child led session. Both of these will take place at the same time, ending with a fun craft based wellbeing activity that can be taken home.

If you have any problems booking onto the workshops, please contact the team on **01925 664 120**