



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th October 2025

Parent Forum Invitation – Last Shout Out!

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.

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 – Last Shout Out!

Last shout out 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 6.30pm on 17th 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.

Y6 Judo

This week, Y6 took part in a personal safety lesson led by Judo Education. During the session, they learned about how to safely remove themselves from potentially unsafe and uncomfortable scenarios without the need for using force, so that they can always keep themselves, and others around them, safe. They practised many different release techniques with partners and had lots of fun. The main message to take forward from the session was “Run, yell, tell” if they feel they are in danger. A huge thank you to Carl from Judo Education for delivering such a fun, informative session!

Poppies

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of those who defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Year 6 will be selling Royal British Legion poppies and snap bands at break and lunchtimes next week

Parent Insight

We are coming to the end of 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.

Trip Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November

Year 3 will need to be in school early at 8:20am on 4th November ready for an exciting trip to the Science and Industry Museum which includes the Revolution Gallery and a show that contains some loud noises!

Year 5 will be having an Ancient Greek and Romans Workshop on 14th November and Year 6 will be "Meeting the Mummy" on 25th November.

Please remember to give consent and make payment on Arbor to allow your child to participate. Any children not going on the trip will be expected to attend school as usual on that day.

Half Term Reminder

Just a quick reminder that school finishes for half term next Friday 24th October 2025, with all afterschool clubs running as normal during the last week. The second half of the Autumn term begins on Monday 3rd November. Details of the afterschool clubs for the new half term will be sent out and will be available to book onto from next week.

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

- Jacob Y5 for excellent answers during worship – Miss Fisher ❤️
- Harper-Rose Y2 always putting a smile on my face every morning greeting me a 'Hello'
- Lucian (Rec) for always being so positive and smiley every time I walk past him – Miss Ashton 😊
- Hallie Y1 – for always engaging in a lovely conversation every time she walks past – Miss Ashton
- Caitlyn – for taking the time to chat to me and share her news whenever I'm on duty ❤️
- Y3 for showing off their amazing skipping skills at lunchtime – Miss B
- Y1 Logan for always lining up sensibly and quietly at lunchtime – Mrs Nash
- Y6 Carter for keeping up his standard of work despite all his extra martial arts training
- Y5 Mason for wonderful behaviours for learning all week and being a fab role model! Mrs Worrall
- Zoe (Reception) for being so polite and friendly, stopping to introduce herself and chat to Mrs Worrall 😊

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 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
- 10th Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 12th Nov – Y2 Liverpool Trip
- 14th Nov – Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans Trip
- 14th Nov – Lantern walk – 6:30pm
- 19th Nov – Y4 Family Worship 9:00am
- 21st Nov – Inset Day
- 25th Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip

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
02 Jun 2026 – 03 Jun 2026 08:24 - 20:14	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	10 Nov 2025 First Instalment
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	31 Oct 2025 First Instalment
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 15:15 - 16:15	KS1 Autumn Disco	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3	17 Oct 2025
Thu, 23 Oct 2025 16:20 - 17:20	KS2 Autumn Disco	Y4, Y5 and Y6	17 Oct 2025
Tue, 04 Nov 2025 08:30 - 15:35	Y3 Science and Industry Museum	Y3	17 Oct 2025
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	17 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 17: Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources

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 - Billy for excellent maths work, identifying the 'odd one out' 😊

Y1 - Bella for excellent presentation when publishing her writing

Y2 - Bobby for an amazing effort with his handwriting

Y3 - Olivia for persevering in her maths and achieving fantastic skills

Y4 - Roman for his constant hard work

Y5 - Skylar for brilliant perseverance and resilience in all her learning ❤️

Y6 - Amelia for high quality dialogue in our writing

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Esme

Y1 - Frankie

Y2 - Bonnie-Rae

Y3 - Noah

Y4 - Freya

Y5 - Spencer

Y6 - Lola-Rae

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.7%

Whole school attendance - this week:

95.6%

Class attendance winner:

97.9% - Y3

Class Attendance:

Rec - 92.2%

Y1 - 97.1%

Y2 - 93.9%

Y3 - 97.9%

Y4 - 95.3%

Y5 - 95.9%

Y6 - 95.9%



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

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!**

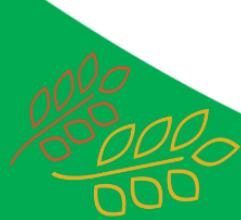
**FREE Childrens Crafts,
& Pumpkin Hunt & Patch!**



THANK YOU

St Michael with St Thomas School

for your Harvest donation of
101.5 kg of food





Haunted Half Term Events



at Halton Libraries



All our events this week are drop-in – no need to book.

Monday 27th October

"The Pumpkin who Stole Halloween" torn paper pumpkin wreaths 11-12:30 at Widnes
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45am at Halton Lea
"The Very Busy Spider" Spider web art 2-3:30 at Halton Lea

Tuesday 28th October

"There's a spider in my soup" handprint spider art 11-12:30 at Widnes
Digital Art Box session 10:30 – 12:30 at Halton Lea
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Ditton and Runcorn
Haunted House 3D colouring 3-4:30 at Ditton

Wednesday 29th October

Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Widnes
"I love Halloween" spooky community colouring in 11-12 at Halton Lea

SPOOKY BOOKNICS

(a picnic with free packed lunches) 12-2 at Widnes and Halton Lea

Thursday 30th October

Digital Art Box session 10:30 – 12:30 at Widnes
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Halton Lea

Friday 31st October

Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Widnes
"Monsters at Halloween" spooky monster faces arts and crafts 11-12:30 at Ditton
"The dark cauldron" smoking cauldron art session 11-12:30 at Halton Lea
"Witch for a week" witches hats crafts 2:30 – 3:30 at Widnes

Saturday 1st November

Spooky Saturday Stories 11-11:45 at Widnes and Halton Lea
Science Club for Kids 12-12:45 at Halton Lea

Plus all your regular favourites including
Lego and Brilliant Builds

For more information see our website and social media pages

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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Families need to have a under 5 to access but siblings up to 8 can attend.



The poster features a colorful, cartoonish background with various shapes and patterns. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'FamilyHub' with the tagline 'Together for all in Halton'. The main title 'Widnes Family Hub – October Half Term' is centered at the top in a large, bold, black font. Below the title is a table with a light orange header row and white data rows. The table has six columns: Date, Time, Activity, Venue, Suitable for, and Notes.

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable for	Notes
Monday 27th	10.00 – 2.00	Spooky All Day	Upton Children's Centre	Families with Children under 5	Drop in. Halloween themed version of our open access play session for children of all ages. Snack and time for a chat.
	10.00-2.00	Mega Swap Shop	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for good quality baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment.
Tuesday 28th	10.00-12.00	Autumn Welly Walk	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families and children under 5	Come and explore our wonderful outdoor area at our Family Hub. Dress for the weather.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor/Baby Weighing	Ditton Library	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team.
	1.00-3.00	Breastfeeding Group	Ditton Library	Breastfeeding mums and mums to be	The groups are a great place to meet other parents, as well as get help and support from our Infant Feeding and Family Hubs teams.
Wednesday 29th	9.30 – 11.00	Little SEND Stars	Warrington Road Family Hub	SEND Children Under 5	Run by Halton 0-19 service with a Family Hub Early Years Worker. An inclusive safe and friendly group for children with SEND, to play and explore with their parents/carers.
	9.30-11.30	Swap Shop	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for good quality baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment.