



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

*Newsletter – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

### **Reading Reminder**

Reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning and help them develop a lifelong love of books.

We ask that all children to read at least 5 times each week at home. Each reading session should be recorded and signed by an adult in your child's reading diary.

Please remember that reading diaries should come into school every day. Staff will also sign diaries when they read with children in school or when books are changed, helping us to keep a complete record of your child's reading journey.

As an extra incentive, all children who read 5 times a week receive an extra playtime reward! Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

### **Uniform**

As we move towards the end of the school year, we would like to remind families that our high expectations remain in place right up until the final day of term. We expect all children to attend school wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Our PE kit consists of:

A plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts, or

The school PE top

Please note that tracksuits, branded sportswear and clothing with large logos are not part of our school PE uniform and should not be worn for PE lessons.

As children grow so quickly, many families find themselves with uniform items that are no longer needed. If your child has outgrown any school uniform, PE kit or coats that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our Uniform Swap Shop. All donated items should be washed and clean.

If your family would like to take a look at the items available in the Uniform Swap Shop, please speak to the school office and a member of staff will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards and ensuring that all children are ready to learn each day.

### **Need a little extra support?**

We would like to remind all families that school is an official referral agent for the local Food Bank.

We understand that life is becoming increasingly expensive and that many families may be feeling the pressure of rising household bills and the additional costs that can come as we approach the summer holidays. If you are finding things difficult, please do not struggle alone.

Support is available, and we are here to help. Any conversations will be treated with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

If you think your family could benefit from support with food or other practical assistance, please speak to Miss Slingsby, who will be happy to help and discuss the options available.

At our school, we are a community, and looking after one another is important to us. If you need help, please reach out. ❤️

### **Fun Day 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Invite**

We would like to invite all our friends, families, neighbours, and members of the wider community to our annual Fun Day, which will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Join us for an afternoon filled with fun, games, and delicious cakes for all ages to enjoy. Please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation with anyone you know through toddler groups, churches, community groups, and local networks—everyone is welcome! We hope to see as many people as possible on the day, as your support helps make our events bigger, better, and more enjoyable for the whole community.

We are excited to share that plans are already underway and as always, we will be holding non-uniform days to collect prizes, and we really appreciate your ongoing support with this. If your child has PE on any of these days, we kindly ask that they come to school wearing clothes and footwear that will allow them to take part in their lessons comfortably and safely. Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our Fun Day a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola**

If you or your family members have businesses that can help with raffle prizes, please contact the office. We are also reaching out for volunteers who can help on the day setting up stalls and games and to run stalls in the afternoon – lots of tea and coffee will be provided! We thank you in advance for all your support in making our events a success!

### **Sports Day Update**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your understanding regarding the decision to postpone Sports Day.

We appreciate that changes to planned events can be inconvenient, and we understand that many families had made arrangements to attend. However, the safety and wellbeing of our children must always come first. Unfortunately, the field was far too wet for the event to go ahead safely, and we felt postponing was the only sensible option.

We are pleased to let you know that Sports Day has now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 1st July**. We are keeping our fingers crossed that by then the weather will be a little kinder to us and we'll be enjoying some summer sunshine!

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and sporting achievement.

### **Y1/Y2 Eureka Trip**

Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderfully gross day out when they visited Eureka! and became Grossology Scientists for the day. Our brave young scientists got up close to some rather revolting germs, explored exciting interactive games and gadgets, and discovered all sorts of fascinating facts about the human body. The highlight for many was the Grossology talk, where the children enthusiastically discussed some of the body's most disgusting (and surprisingly important!) functions. There were plenty of squeals, giggles and "yucks!" throughout the day. It was fantastic to see the children learning, exploring and having fun together outside the classroom. A huge thank you also goes to all the parents and volunteers who joined us and survived what was undoubtedly our most disgusting trip of the year!

### **Rucksacks**

We kindly ask that if children need to bring a rucksack into the school office, it is as small as possible and contains only essential items. We have noticed a significant increase in the number of bags being brought into school, which is making storage increasingly difficult. In addition, under the new Martin's Law requirements, we are required to check any bags larger than A4 size. To help us manage this process efficiently and minimise disruption, we would be grateful if any bags brought into school could be kept to a minimum size wherever possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Martyn's Law**

We would like to bring to your attention some important changes to our school access and safety procedures, particularly in relation to the implementation of Martyn's Law. These changes will affect arrangements for attending school events and entering the school building with prams, and bags. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors, additional security measures may be in place. We are sure you understand the importance of these procedures and appreciate your support in helping us keep our school community safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



## **Martyn's Law Update**



In light of Martyn's Law, a statutory requirement under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, all schools within the Trust have introduced additional safety measures for school events with immediate effect.

To help ensure the safety of everyone attending, bags larger than A4 size will not be permitted on site; the only exception to this will be baby bags, which will be subject to inspection by a member of school staff.

In addition, prams will not be allowed unless parents or carers consent to them being checked by a member of school staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take these important steps to keep our school community safe.

### **Y6 Cathedral Service**

Our Year 6 children experienced a truly memorable day on Thursday as they attended the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Liverpool Cathedral. It was a privilege to watch them represent our school with such pride. We were particularly impressed by how smart they looked in their school uniforms and by the respectful, mature manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the service. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, demonstrating the values, character, and sense of belonging that we work so hard to nurture. Moments like these remind us why we do what we do—seeing our pupils grow into confident, respectful, and thoughtful young people who are ready to embrace the exciting next chapter of their educational journey.

### **School Reports**

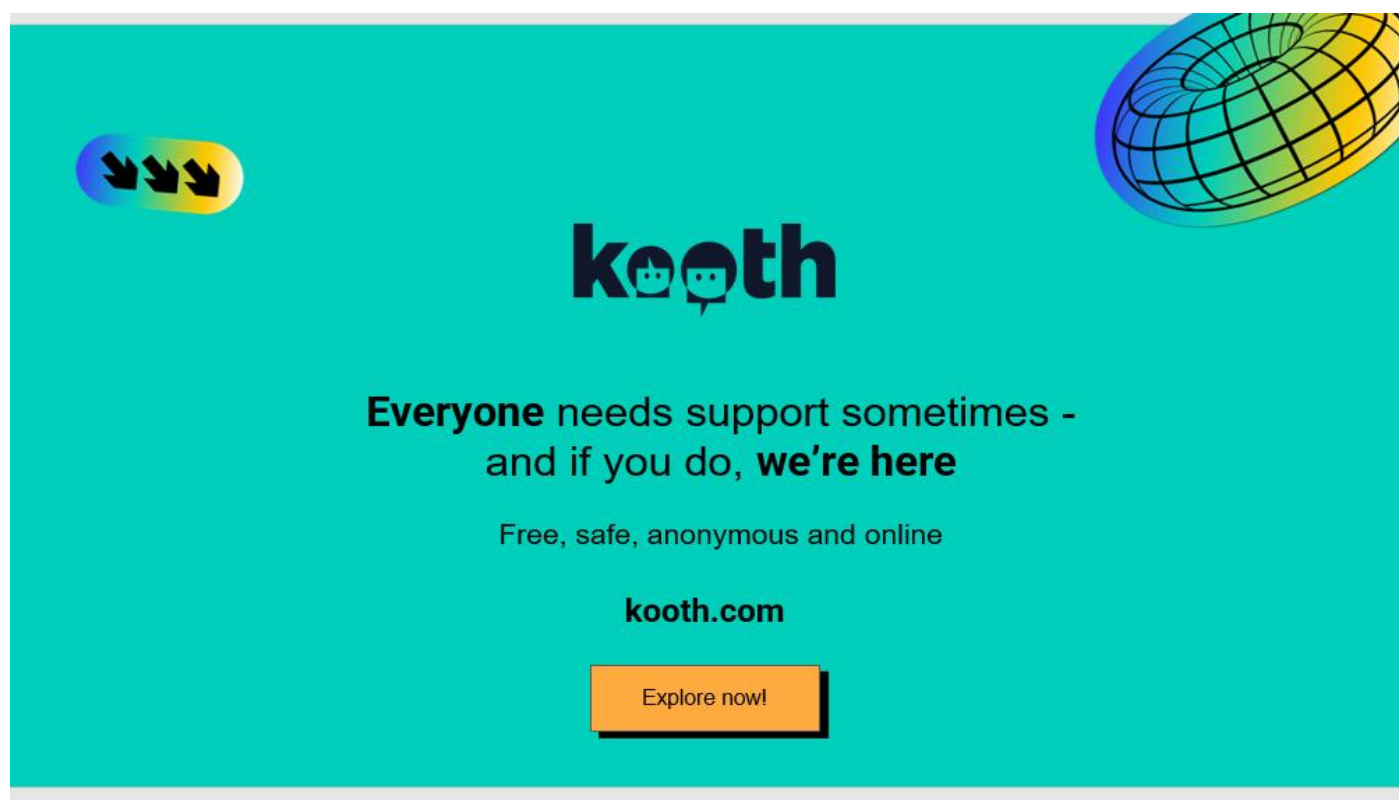
School reports will be sent out to parents next month, and we would like to ensure that they reach you home address and email address are up to date. Keeping this information accurate will help us ensure that you receive your child's report without delay. Thank you for your support.

### Y3 Swimming

As part of Drowning Prevention Week, our Year 3 pupils took part in a special swimming lesson focused on water safety and personal survival skills. The session taught children how to stay safe around water, what to do if they unexpectedly fall into water, and how to respond in an emergency. The session was attended by members of the local Fire Brigade, who shared important water safety advice and highlighted the dangers of open water. These lessons form part of Active Halton's annual support of Drowning Prevention Week in partnership with the RLSS, helping to equip children with vital knowledge that could one day save lives.

### Y6 Kooth Workshop

Y6 enjoyed a visit from Kooth this week. These sessions gave pupils a relaxed space to chat through and manage any worries about the big jump to secondary school. They were introduced to **Kooth.com** (the free, NHS-commissioned mental health and well-being service for 10-25 year olds in St Helens), so they know exactly where to find anonymous counselling and support over the summer break and into Year 7 (please see [here](#) for more information).



### Trips

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term.

Trips provide wonderful opportunities for children to enjoy new experiences, explore beyond the classroom, and create lasting memories with their friends.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups
Tue, 30 Jun 2026	Y3 and Y4 Go Ape	Year Y3 and Year Y4

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

- Hazel & Bobby (Y2) for a lovely chat about the world cup doors in school, during breaktime – Miss Swain
- Bobby (Y4) you have blown me away this week with all your hard work and determination in Maths and Reading – Mrs Bonnett
- Harper-Rose (Y1) for always being so polite – Mrs Bonnett
- Ethan (Y4) for super research into American States that have Spanish Adjectives on their names and the meaning – Mrs Langley 😊
- Jacob (Y3) for super independent use of extended sentences in Spanish to tell your 'Hungry Giant' story – Mrs Langley 💜
- John and Fern (Y6) for excellent contributions and effort in Spanish – our language detectives this week ⭐ 😊
- Lyla (Y5) for superb effort and knowledge in Science this week! Mrs Worrall
- Hazel (Y2) and Niamh (Y1) for helping to look after the chicks in afterschool club, when I needed to clean and feed them – Mrs Hughes
- Bobby (Y5) for superb fractions work this week! Mrs Worrall
- Ivy (Y2) and Rosie (Y3) for holding the skipping rope for everyone
- All of Year 3 for a great Safety Awareness swimming lesson! 💜
- Hallie (Y1) for reading me a very funny joke from her packed lunch – super blending! Miss Barnett
- Kirstie (Y4) for trying so hard with her maths assessment – Miss McMullen
- Lottie (Y4) you have truly blown me away this week with your dedication to maths, I am so proud of you – Miss McMullen
- Rex for an amazing 3 skipping rope jumps
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for always having a beautiful smile on her face and showing kindness whilst with Reception and Y1 in Breakfast club 😊
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- Jesse (Y4) for always putting a big smile on my face every day – Miss McMullen
- Roman, Aiden, Ethan, Jesse for working hard every single maths lesson, which resulted in you all getting full marks on our maths paper! – Miss McMullen
- Aren (Y4) for always being polite and saying hello as he passes – Miss Swain
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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:

- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 & Y4 Go Ape!
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Non-Uniform Day bottles for Tombola
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day 1
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day 2
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Fun Day 1:30pm All welcome
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Celebration Worship 9am (Parents welcome)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – School Closes for Summer
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – 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)

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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:

Hope

*"We believe anything is possible"*

## 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 13: Every child has the right to freedom of expression*

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 - Ariana for showing enthusiasm and perseverance in English

Y1 - Ellie-Mae for always showing an outstanding attitude and for always working incredibly hard in every subject

Y2 - Issac for outstanding effort this week! Super Impressed 💜

Y3 - Grace for working with enthusiasm and focus in our fraction lessons. Well done 😊

Y4 - Bobby for trying so hard with his assessments!

Y5 - Tilly for always being a kind, caring friend helping all of her classmates 😊

Y6 - Ivy-Rae for her consistently brilliant attitude to learning

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Rex

Y1 - Hallie

Y2 - Ava

Y3 - Harrison

Y4 - Ethan

Y5 - Bobby

Y6 - Zac

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

96.8%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec – 100%

Y1 – 95.7%

Y2 – 98.5%

Y3 – 99.2%

Y4 – 90.5%

Y5 – 95.6%

Y6 – 97%



## **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



JOIN US FOR OUR

# SUMMER FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY  
8TH JULY 2026  
1:30PM - 4:00PM



FREE  
ENTRY

ST MICHAEL WITH  
ST THOMAS CE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
  
SPINNEY AVENUE  
WA8 8LD

RAFFLE STALL



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GAME STALLS



FOOD STALLS

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

RATES INCREASE BY

**26%** WHEN OUR HOME TEAM WIN,

**38%** WHEN THEY LOSE AND

**11%** THE NEXT DAY – REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME.

THEY'RE COMING HOME!

WHEN IS KICK-OFF TIME IN YOUR HOUSE?

FOOTBALL SHOULD BE ABOUT PASSION, NOT VIOLENCE. LET'S KEEP OUR HOMES SAFE.



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

We're here to support anyone experiencing domestic abuse. Help is available.



**CALL FOR HELP**

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

**0808 200 0247**

Cheshire Without Abuse

**0300 123 5101**

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC ABUSE



Respect. Support. Safe Homes for Everyone.

# ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

## STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



## STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

## CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.



## FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)