



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

*Newsletter – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

### **Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition**

We are thrilled to be holding our annual egg decorating and Easter bonnet competition again this year! After seeing the fantastic entries from previous years, we cannot wait to see the incredible creations the children come up with this time, the possibilities are endless – whether it is a character, fun patterns, or anything that sparks the imagination!

Just a reminder:

- All eggs MUST be hard-boiled to ensure they are ready for display
- No entries should be in boxes larger than a shoe box, as they will not be displayed
- Entries can be brought into school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

We look forward to seeing the wonderful and creative designs

### **Class Photographs**

Don't forget that it is class photographs on Tuesday so please make sure that all children have their full school uniform on, with their jumpers/cardigans and school shoes.

If your child has PE on Tuesday, please can they come in their full uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag and they can change once their class photo has been done.

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

There is still time to book your Pupil Progress meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the results of the latest assessment week, and any next steps in their learning journey. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's achievements and progress and to work together in supporting their continued success.

### **Art Exhibition**

The artwork from the Art Exhibition is still available for purchase at a cost of £5. If you would like to buy your child's masterpiece, please make the payment through Arbor. This is a wonderful opportunity to take home a special piece of art created by your child, and we are sure it will be a cherished keepsake! Thank you for supporting our young artists.

### **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.

### **Easter Bingo**

Children had a fantastic time at our Easter Bingo this week. It was wonderful to see our older children kindly helping and supporting the younger members of the school, we are so proud of you! A huge thank you goes to all the families who generously donated Easter prizes, as well as to the staff who worked so hard to make the event fun, memorable, and enjoyable for everyone involved.

### **Y6 Healthy Halton Visit**

Year 6 had a fantastic and informative visit from the Halton Healthy Improvement Team, where they learned about the long-term effects of alcohol, the symptoms of binge drinking, and how alcohol can affect the body at their age. The session also provided helpful guidance on how to place someone in the recovery position. The class were fully engaged throughout, asking lots of thoughtful questions, and showing great enthusiasm. They particularly enjoyed the opportunity to try out beer goggles, which helped them better understand the impact alcohol can have on coordination and perception.

### **Red Nose Day 2026**

We celebrated Red Nose Day today with a fun “Wear Something Red” theme, and it was fantastic to see so many children getting involved and showing their support for such a worthwhile cause. Donations can still be made using the link below—thank you all for your generosity!

[https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26-bbc&utm\\_source=website&utm\\_medium=bbc&utm\\_campaign=rnd26\\_uk\\_cr00037](https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26-bbc&utm_source=website&utm_medium=bbc&utm_campaign=rnd26_uk_cr00037)

### **Summer Dresses/Uniform**

Please can we remind parents that summer dresses should be plain gingham and not custom-made with large bows or additional accessories, black trousers can be replaced for black shorts. Earrings should be removed before school, and nail varnish is not permitted. By wearing the correct uniform, we create a strong sense of belonging for all children and help ensure the focus remains on learning rather than fashion, reducing potential peer pressure. Our high standards support children in being disciplined, prepared, and ready to learn each day.

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

- Tilly (Y5) for being a fab help at lunchtime 😊
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for being a fantastic friend to Aren – Miss McMullen 😊
- Amelia, Erin & Faith (Y5) for being fantastic role models with the younger children 💜
- Jacob (Y2) for always being so polite and using lovely manners – Mrs Hughes
- Aiden (Y4) for another super week – Miss McMullen
- All of Year 4 for working so hard with assessment week – Miss McMullen
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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:

- 23rd Mar – Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Entries
- 23rd Mar – Y1/Y2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 24th Mar – Tempest Class Photos
- 24th Mar – Y5/Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 25th Mar – Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 27th Mar – Y3 World Book Day library visit 10:30am
- 27th Mar – Y4 Easter Service at Church 1:30pm (Parents Invited)
- 27th Mar – Finish for Half Term
- 13th Apr – School Opens

***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:

## Forgiveness

*"We are sorry when we have done something wrong and accept others' apologies"*



## 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 38: Children have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 years old can join the army or take part in war*

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 - Zoe for her outstanding letter she wrote in English
- Y1 - Ted for persevering with his handwriting when publishing
- Y2 - Kali for a super first week ❤️
- Y3 - Grace for her fantastic enthusiasm across all subjects 😊
- Y4 - Freya for an outstanding piece of writing 😊
- Y5 - Nathaniel for always being an amazing role model to others! 😊
- Y6 - Lola-Rae for consistent effort in all lessons every day!

## Lunchtime Superstars

- Rec - Gianna
- Y1 - Eleanor
- Y2 - Kali
- Y3 - Faith
- Y4 - Aiden
- Y5 - Riva-Rose
- Y6 - Louie

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.1%

Class attendance winner:

98.9% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec – 98.9%

Y1 – 93.7%

Y2 – 97.2%

Y3 – 97.8%

Y4 – 88.9%

Y5 – 93.8%

Y6 – 94.8%



## 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



St Michael with St Thomas Church

**Friday 20th March**

*Family Fun! Great Prizes!*

**Easter Bingo**

**Hough Green Social Club**

**Eyes down at 7.00 pm**

**Doors open at 6.30pm**

**Includes FREE Kids Bingo too!**



## Digital Arts Crafting Club

Join us this Easter half-term for two weeks of free creative fun at our Halton HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) clubs.

1. **Craft Club (3D pens, tote bag designing and bead art)** - Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd March
2. **Animation Club (LEGO, digital and clay animation)** - Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th April

Session Times:

Ages 8–11: 9:30 am to 12 pm

Ages 11–16: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Location:

Grangeway Community Centre, Halton

These sessions are for young people aged 8 to 16 from Halton who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. A limited number of places are also available for other groups of young people, including those with an EHCP, SEND, young carers, NEET and more.

**AGES 8-16**

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

## easter half term activities for young people in Halton

Join us for **FREE** creative tech workshops for young people aged 8-16 in Halton who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Enjoy exciting activities, create amazing projects, and get a free lunch with every session!



### crafting club

**DATE:** Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April  
**LOCATION:** Grangeway Community Centre, WA7 5HA  
**TIME:** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm (**Ages 8-11**) AND 1:00 - 3:30 pm (**Ages 11-16**)

### animation club

**DATE:** Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th April  
**LOCATION:** Grangeway Community Centre, WA7 5HA  
**TIME:** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm (**Ages 8-11**) AND 1:00 - 3:30 pm (**Ages 11-16**)

  **sign up now:** 

 Digital Arts Box [info@digitalartsbox.org](mailto:info@digitalartsbox.org)  
0151 433 2223



The Cycle Partnership Ltd working with Halton Council and the BikeAbility Trust are proud to offer the following Holiday Courses: - Learn 2 Ride

Lessons are Fully Funded and Free to Halton School Children

School Year 3 – 6



1 Hour Sessions – 1000 – 1100, 1115 – 1215, 1300 - 1345

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Bike and Helmet can be supplied with notice

To Book click follow the Q Code or visit the website [www.thecyclepartnership.co.uk/bikeability](http://www.thecyclepartnership.co.uk/bikeability)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Brookvale Recreation Centre  
Barnfield Avenue  
Runcorn  
WA7 6EP



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Frank Myler Pavillion  
99 Liverpool Road  
Widnes  
WA8 7EY



Terms and Conditions:

**Only 1 place per person – we cannot take multiple bookings for the same person.**

Your child's bike will be checked by our instructors and if found not suitable the bike will not be used.

Your child must be attending a Halton school in the academic years above.

The consent form must be filled in fully by the Parent or responsible adult.

## Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack

We're delighted to share our brand-new **Kids' Easter Activity Pack**, filled with fun nature-themed activities, crafts, recipes and puzzles for families to enjoy during the holiday. It's a great way to inspire children to get creative, explore the outdoors, and learn more about the outdoors and the Trans Pennine Trail.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover spring wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors as it wakens up after its winter slumbers. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone – whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](#)





### **MULTI SPORTS CAMP**

Halewood Leisure Centre  
30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> April  
1pm-5pm

# FREE

**Open to Rec - Year 6**

### **Come and experience:**

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Jagtag - American football
- Funetics - **Fun** athletics
- Tennis
- Plus much more!!



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