



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Thursday 21st May 2026

Half Term

As we approach the end of a very rainy half term, we are all hoping for some sunny days during the break ahead. Thank you all for your continued support throughout this term. Whether you are planning outdoor adventures or simply taking some time to relax at home, please take care of yourselves and each other. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on 1st June, refreshed and ready for a very busy and exciting final stretch of the academic year. Enjoy your well-deserved — and hopefully sunny — half term break!

Fun Day 8th July 2026

We are excited to share that plans are already underway for our annual Fun Day, 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 5th June – Non-Uniform for Tombola Prizes (toiletries, small toys and gifts, candles etc)

Friday 19th June – Non-Uniform day for sweets

Friday 3rd 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!

Behaviour

Just a gentle reminder to all parents and carers to please be respectful and mindful of the language and behaviour used around the children.

Children hear and observe conversations and actions even when they are not directed at them, and we all play an important role in modelling positive, respectful interactions.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, supportive, and positive environment for everyone.

Outside Classroom

A polite reminder to all parents and carers: please do not allow children to play with the equipment outside the Reception Classroom. This area is used as an outdoor classroom, with activities and equipment often set up ready for the following day.

We kindly ask that all children remain with their parents and do not run around the car park or the outside classroom area while waiting to enter school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep everyone safe and ensure resources are ready for learning.

SEND Coffee Morning

Miss Fisher will be sending out further information regarding our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers of children with SEND to come together for support, advice and informal discussion in a welcoming environment. We are also hoping that specialist services will be in attendance to offer guidance and answer any questions families may have. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Trips Payment Deadline

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 by 29th May 2026** 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.

| Trip Date(s) | Trip Name | Groups |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026 | Y6 London Trip | Year Y6 |
| Tue, 16 June 2026 | Eureka | 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:

- The whole of Y2 – thank you for making my time in school memorable – Mrs Reynolds
- Y5 for a wonderful Wednesday afternoon writing session – outstanding focus and effort!
😊 Mrs Worrall
- All of Y3 for fantastic learning with Miss Swain 💜
- Eva (Y3) for always taking time to chat to me each morning – Mrs Worrall
- Evie (Y3) for being so kind and polite whilst talking to Miss Hart at breaktime ★
- Rex (rec) for always having a lovely smile and being so kind – 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:

- 1st June – School Opens
- 2nd June – Y6 London Trip
- 3rd June – Y6 London Trip
- 3rd June – Rec Parent Pupil Progress meetings
- 4th June – Y3 Pentecost Worship (9:00am)
- 5th June – Non-Uniform Day Tombola Prize Donations
- 8th June – SEND Coffee morning (9am)
- 10th June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 11th June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 12th June – Sports 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 |
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| 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 6: Every child has the right to life, to grow up and 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 - Frankie for his fantastic description of a "Treasure Chest"

Y1 - Joseph for his improved effort across all subjects and for always remaining positive

Y2 - Bobby for giving 100% in all areas of learning 

Y3 - Heidi for excellent work on her DT puppet and for showing patience and creativity in her work 

Y4 - Stevie for super hard work in maths and always having a smile on his face

Y5 - Kian for a wonderful attitude to learning - so positive and motivated! 

Y6 - Ellis for an excellent and powerful speech in English

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Lucian

Y1 - Elliott

Y2 - Frankie

Y3 - Reuben

Y4 - Evelyn

Y5 - Skylar

Y6 - Ruby

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec – 100%

Y1 – 91.3%

Y2 – 98.4%

Y3 – 91.4%

Y4 – 92.5%

Y5 – 98.7%

Y6 – 91.9%



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

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important reasons for great attendance

in the final half term

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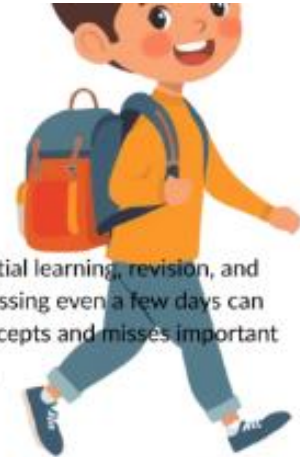
Build Strong Habits

Regular attendance teaches children responsibility, time management, and commitment. These habits formed now will benefit them throughout their education and future careers.

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Every Day Counts

The final half term is packed with essential learning, revision, and preparation for the next school year. Missing even a few days can mean your child falls behind on key concepts and misses important end-of-year activities and celebrations.



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Stay Connected with Friends

Being in school helps children maintain friendships and feel part of their class community during this special time of year.



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Finish the Year Strong

The last weeks include important assessments, reports, and transition activities. Your child needs to be present to showcase their progress and prepare for their next year group.



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Avoid Holiday Absences During Term Time

Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Absences in the final half term can significantly impact your child's learning and will not be authorised. Every school day matters!



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Celebrate Together

End-of-year events, transition days and class parties are memories your child will treasure. Ensure they don't miss out on these special moments with their classmates.



Autism Family Support Service

On 28th May, Autism Family Support Service runs a free workshop through our **You Are Not Alone** service called '**What you can do right now to support your child diagnosed with autism and/or PDA**'.

This online workshop takes place on Thursday 28th May from 8pm - 9pm (on Zoom). **This workshop is free of charge.** If you attend the workshop, you will also be invited to a free online Q&A session on Tuesday evening 2nd June from 7 - 8.30pm.

You are invited to bring your questions, thoughts or feelings and we look forward to helping you.

We have 100 places in this workshop. To book a place you send an email to team@youarenotalone.community to request the Zoom link.

You will receive the Zoom link the night before the workshop takes place.



Free Workshop

What you can do **RIGHT NOW** to support your child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA

Thursday **28th May** 8pm - 9pm

Join us

No one needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey

Send an email to team@youarenotalone.community to request the Zoom link to attend the **FREE** workshop

You Are Not Alone
Autism CPDA Support

Kids Activity Pack

We're delighted to share our brand-new **Kids' May Half Term Activity Pack**, filled with fun nature-themed activities including an i-Spy challenge, planting seeds, a recipe and a puzzle 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. 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.

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

