



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 21st November 2025

Festive Events

As we approach December, we are excited to share the fantastic festive events planned for our children. The holiday season brings with it a wonderful opportunity for celebration and joy starting with our Y1 and Y2 Nativity on 2nd December.

On 11th December, we will be hosting Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day. We encourage all children to wear their favourite festive jumper and join in the seasonal spirit. We have some special events planned for our younger pupils that we know they will thoroughly enjoy.

Reception and Year 1 children can look forward to Breakfast with Santa on 15th December. This will be followed by Year 2 and Year 3 enjoying their own Santa breakfast on 16th December. Please ensure you give consent and make payments via Arbor.

Our KS1 children - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 - will be visiting The Brindley Theatre to watch the pantomime Cinderella on 16th December, following their class Christmas party. KS2 children will have their pantomime and party experience on 17th December, returning to school at approximately 4:00pm.

All payments and consent for these trips can be completed through Arbor. We look forward to celebrating a magical end to the term with our children!

Children in Need

We did it! Our school family has raised an amazing £119.72 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who gave to our coin spiral, your generosity shows the true spirit of our school. Every single coin represents hope and kindness, and together, we made a real difference for children who need our support most.

Year 4 Worship

This week, our Year 4 pupils delivered an inspiring class worship that beautifully celebrated our Christian Value of Thankfulness. Their worship encouraged us all to reflect on the importance of appreciating life's little moments. With heartfelt messages and wonderful singing, they reminded our school community about the true meaning of thankfulness. Their presentation demonstrated how young minds can uplift and inspire those around them. Their worship was a wonderful reminder to acknowledge and cherish all that we have to be grateful for. We would like to thank all the parents who joined us for this special worship.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress meetings are open for booking on Arbor. 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.

Headteacher and Lunchtime Awards

This week's Celebration Assembly will take place on Monday, where we will recognize and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our children. Certificates will be awarded to those who have demonstrated exceptional effort, progress, and attitude in their learning. It is always a special moment to come together to acknowledge the accomplishments of our pupils, and we look forward to celebrating their successes.

Enterprise Fair

We are excited to announce our annual Enterprise Fair will be on 12th December 2024. If anyone would like their own stall at the fair, please contact the office. Please remember that in keeping with our Enterprise Week, items sold must be homemade! We kindly ask for a donation of £10 per stall.

Trip Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November:

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.

School Drop Off

I am writing to share some important safety guidance for our school community. Our pupil's wellbeing is paramount, and we need your active support in ensuring their protection during arrival and departure times. For parents of children in Reception to Year 5, we kindly request that you walk your children directly to the door. We have observed that when parents remain in vehicles across the road, children can become impulsive and may not recognise potential road dangers. Your physical presence and guidance are crucial in maintaining their safety.

If your child arrives after 8:45am, please accompany them to the school office and ensure they are signed in. This helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures your child is properly registered for the day.

We are also reaching out to all drivers near our school. The roads surrounding our school can become extremely busy, and we ask that you drive slowly, avoid mounting pavements, and remain vigilant about children who may be crossing. Your careful driving can prevent potential accidents and protect our young learners. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

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

- Alice, Riva-Rose, Amelia and Aria (Y5) for being superstars at lunchtime and tidying the quiet area – Miss B
- Zoe (Rec) for always having a big, happy hello for me every day – Miss B
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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:

- 21st Nov – Inset Day
- 25th Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip
- 26th Nov – Y5 Family Worship – Advent
- 2nd Dec – Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance Parents 1:30pm
- 3rd Dec – Rec Pupil Progress meetings
- 3rd Dec – Y1 Pupil Progress meetings
- 4th Dec – Christingle
- 9th Dec – Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 9th Dec – Y5 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec - Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 12th Dec – Enterprise Fair

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 Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
Tue, 25 Nov 2025, 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Year Y6	21 Nov 2025
Mon, 15 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35	Rec and Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year R and Year Y1	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35	Y2 & Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year Y2 and Year Y3	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00	KS1 Brindley Panto	Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2 and Year Y3	05 Dec 2025
Wed, 17 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00	KS2 Panto & Party	Year Y4, Year Y5 and Year Y6	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	10 Dec 2025 2nd Instalment

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

"We appreciate everything we have, our family, friends, homes and school"



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 express their thoughts freely

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



Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.7%

Whole school attendance - this week:

94.2%

Class attendance winner:

100% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec - 83.8%

Y1 - 100%

Y2 - 93.8%

Y3 - 96.6%

Y4 - 92.1%

Y5 - 96.7%

Y6 - 93.8%



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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

28/11/2025

18:30 - 20:30

Entry £1.50

includes either a mince
pie and a drink or
access to Santa's Grotto



**Hough Green Scout
and Guide Hut**

WA8 8XS





Christmas

BINGO

Friday 21st November

7.00pm

Hough Green Social Club.

Ditchfield Road. WA8 8XR

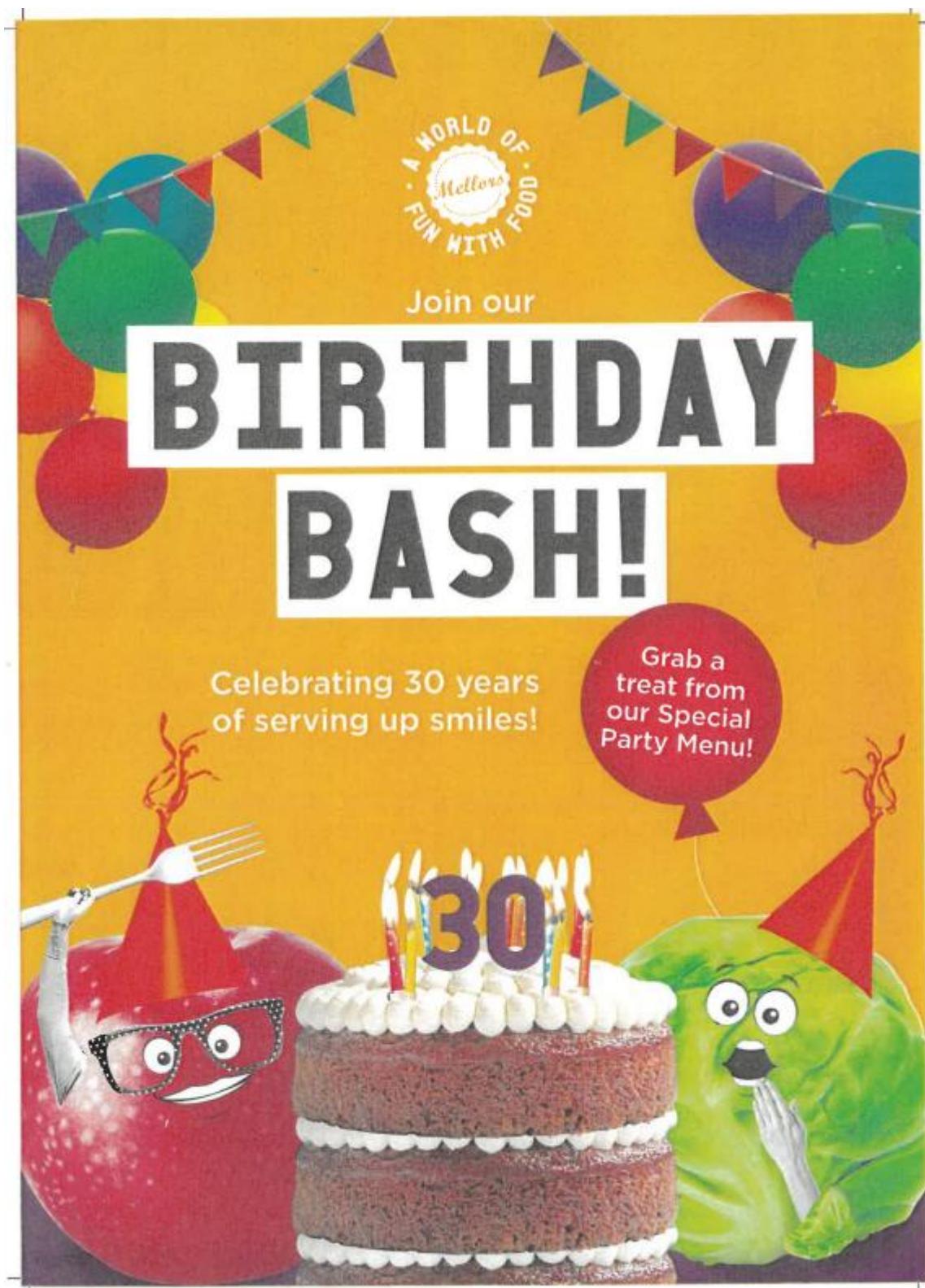
Great Prizes to be Won!

Children's Bingo too!

Family event!

School Lunch Menu for 12th and 26th November

Are wonderful catering company will be Celebrating 30 years of serving up smiles. In celebration the school lunch menu will change on 12th and 26th November, please see menu below. Payment is as normal on Arbor under meals





Main
Party plate

Ham wrap, cheese wrap, crudities,
chicken goujon

or

Hot dog with rainbow slaw and
wedges

Dessert

Mellors shortbread biscuit
Chocolate orange jelly pot
Party cup cakes



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