



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

*Newsletter – Friday 23rd January 2026*

### **Art Exhibition**

After the success and popularity of last year's Art Exhibition, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting the event again this year. Each year group will be focusing on a different traditional artist and creating artwork inspired by their style. The children's masterpieces will be beautifully framed and displayed in the hall, with artwork available to purchase after the exhibition at the cost of £5.00. We are so excited to run this event to showcase the incredible artistic talents of our children at **"The Same but Different" Art Exhibition**, which will take place on **Thursday 5th February**. Parents are warmly invited to attend from **8:30am–9:30am** and **2:30pm–3:30pm** in the hall.

### **Brew Monday**

On Monday, the Wellbeing Warriors (one of our fabulous pupil leadership groups) held a "Brew Monday" to beat the Monday Blues. We had coffee, tea and snacks but most importantly a chance to reconnect with others and take a minute to reflect. Thank you to all parents/carers who came and supported

### **Pupil Leadership**

This week, we held our third pupil leadership session of the year, and it was wonderful to see the children working so positively on their leadership action plans. Our Wellbeing Warriors showed great care and creativity by making posters to support Mental Health Week and by running a café for parents and carers to raise awareness of Blue Monday. At the same time, our Community Crusaders were busy preparing for an upcoming donation drive, creating leaflets to help spread the word and encourage support. We are really looking forward to seeing how all of our pupil leadership teams continue to grow, collaborate and make a difference throughout the spring term.

### **National Storytelling Week**

We are excited to announce that this term we will be celebrating **National Storytelling Week!** Each class will be visited by a *mystery reader* who will share one of their favourite books, adding an extra element of surprise and excitement for the children. Alongside this, pupils will take part in an engaging **online author workshop**. KS1 will be exploring storytelling through music, enjoying a range of interactive musical activities, and even creating their own raps 😊, while KS2 will be learning how to tell powerful stories through lyrics. It promises to be a fun, creative and inspiring week for everyone! Why don't you join in and share some of your favourite stories at home? Don't forget to share photos on our social media pages so we can see what you get up to!

### **Whole School Eucharist**

A big thank you to the parents who joined us for our Whole School Eucharist on Thursday. It was wonderful to see you sharing in this special occasion with our school community. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Rev Linda for leading such a beautiful service and delivering a truly meaningful message. A special mention goes to the ethos team, who went above and beyond to make the worship extra special. We look forward to welcoming you to our Y2 Family Worship on Wednesday next week, when Year 2 will be focusing on our Christian value of friendship.

### **Dress to Express**

As part of Mental Health Week, this year's Dress to Express Day will take place on **Friday, 13th February 2026**. We invite all children to come to school dressed in an outfit that reflects something unique about themselves—whether it is their favourite colour, a hobby they enjoy, or something that showcases their individuality. This day is all about celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of each child in our school community. Please remember, if your child has a PE lesson on this day, they will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to participate comfortably and safely in their lesson. We look forward to seeing the wonderful ways our children choose to express themselves!

### **Spring Disco**

We are excited for our Spring Disco, happening on Thursday 12th February 2025! The cost for entry is £5.00, which includes the disco, a hot dog, and a drink. A tuck shop will also be available for children who would like to bring a small amount of money for additional treats. KS1 including Y3 will be from 3:15 – 4:15pm and KS2 will be from 4:20-5:20pm. To help us place an accurate food order, please sign up on Arbor by 6th February 2025. We cannot wait to see everyone there for a fantastic time!

### **Midday Assistant – Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit a Midday Assistant to help keep our lunchtimes safe and fun for our children. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, please come to the office for an application form.

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

- Charlotte (Y2), Evelyn (Y4), Skylar (Y3), Jacob (Y5) and Amelia (Y5) for excellent singing during worship – Miss Fisher ❤️
- Issac (Y2) for learning to tie his laces and being determined to do it himself even when it takes a long time! Miss Wison
- Eleanor and Bella for talking to me in breakfast club – Miss Fisher 😊
- Well done Roman (Y4) for coming first place in our times table battle! Miss McMullen ❤️
- George (Y4) for coming second in our times table battle – Miss McMullen
- Mary-Rose (Y4) for coming third in our battle – Miss McMullen
- Olivia (Y3) for being helpful during wet lunchtime – Miss B
- Evie and Hallie (Y1) for lovely lunchtime chats – Mrs Manders-Tuthill
- Bobby (Y4) for beautiful artwork – Miss McMullen ❤️
- Y6 I loved your reports on Titanic – Superb work – Mr Albrecht
- Reuben (Y3) for being a fantastic and caring friend at lunchtime – Mrs Hughes
- Evelyn (Y4) and Charlotte (Y2) for being the best helpers for me – Miss McMullen
- James (Y6) always being on task and or always being the first to get involved during lessons – Miss Case
- Roman (Y4) for working hard in maths – Mrs Bonnett ❤️
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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:

- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Parent Insight Maths – 2:15pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Family Worship – 9:00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Art Exhibition
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring Disco
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dress to Express Day (*please note change of date*)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – School Reopens
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y2 Martin Mere Trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Non-Uniform day for Easter Egg donations

***Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.***

## Menu Next Week

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage	Tomato Pasta Bake or Quorn Bolognaise	Shepherd's Pie or Tuna Pasta	Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato Korma with Naan Bread	Veggie Nuggets or Fish Fingers
Accompaniments	Herby Diced Potato & Beans *** Salad Bar	Pasta & Garlic Bread *** Salad Bar	Carrots *** Salad Bar	Rice & Garden Peas *** Salad Bar	Chips & Peas *** 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:

## Friendship

*"We look after each other and try to always be kind"*

### 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 41: If the laws of a country protect children's rights better than this Convention, then those laws should be used.*

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 fantastic writing both in his English book and during Learning through Play 😊

Y1 - Hallie for trying hard to independently complete work ❤️

Y2 - Albie for trying very hard in writing ❤️

Y3 - Freddie for being so enthusiastic in his learning this week

Y4 - Theo for being such a valuable kind and funny member of our class 😊

Y5 - Rosa for settling into life in Y5 so well and showing fantastic resilience and enthusiasm 😊

Y6 - Henry for the quality of the Titanic report you produced!

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Gene

Y1 - Hallie

Y2 - Alayna

Y3 - Joshua

Y4 - Jesse

Y5 - Savannah

Y6 - Ruby

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.1%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.1%

Class attendance winner:

99% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec – 94.5%

Y1 – 99%

Y2 – 97.9%

Y3 – 96.3%

Y4 – 98.8%

Y5 – 98.9%

Y6 – 94.1%



## 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

# SMWST ART EXHIBITION



THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
8:30-9:30 AND 2:30-3:30



## Festival of Data: Free Public Exhibition for Children, Young People & Families (Sat 7 Feb)

The **Festival of Data** is a free public event celebrating how data, creativity and community ideas are being used to improve everyday life across the Liverpool City Region.

The **Saturday 7 February exhibition day** is open to children, young people and families, with interactive activities, creative workshops and art displays designed to spark curiosity and conversation. Activities are suitable for a wide range of ages and can be enjoyed together by families. Plus face painting, a fire engine, and more!



Saturday 7 February



ACC Liverpool, Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront, L3 4FP



Free – booking required



Register here: [www.festivalofdata.co.uk](http://www.festivalofdata.co.uk)

The poster features a dark blue background with white and orange text. At the top left is the 'civic data coop' logo, followed by 'festival of data' in orange and '5-7 February' in white. Below this is the website 'www.festivalofdata.co.uk'. The middle section highlights two events: '6 February 2026 Conference - Public Service Transformation Through Data' and '7 February 2026, 10am Exhibition of Data, Art & You'. The bottom section shows a stylized illustration of diverse people interacting in front of a city skyline, with logos for supporters and funders at the very bottom.

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5-7 February  
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Conference - Public Service Transformation Through Data

**7 February 2026, 10am**  
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