



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 24th October 2025

End of Half Term

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term! So much has been achieved in such a short space of time and we know that next half term will be even busier as we countdown to the end of 2025. We want to ensure our school community stays well-informed and connected. Please make sure that you keep an eye on the newsletter dates, so you don't miss any of the upcoming events. Additionally, we recommend having notifications switched on for Arbor so that you don't miss any important messages and reminders. As we approach our well-deserved break, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your support this half term. We wish you all a lovely week off and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Reception Welcome Worship

What an incredible worship welcoming our fantastic new Reception children! The children thoroughly enjoyed Reverend Linda's blessing and loved their commemorative bookmarks - a lovely keepsake of their first days with us. We are so proud of our tiniest learners standing up in front of so many people, singing their hearts out with such confidence. We would like to thank all the families and friends who came to celebrate this very special worship!

Autumn Disco

What a fantastic evening our Autumn Disco was! Our children continue to impress us with their boundless energy, enthusiasm, and dance moves. A special mention and a huge thank you must go to our DJ Daniel who so generously gives up his time to make the disco such fun for everyone and to the dedicated staff members who worked tirelessly to make this event such a resounding success. Their commitment truly brings our school community together and creates memories that our pupils will cherish.

Poppies

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of those who defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Year 6 will be selling Royal British Legion poppies and snap bands at break and lunchtimes.

Parent Insight

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the parent insight afternoons, we are so pleased that you found the sessions so interesting and we are sure this will help you support your children's learning at home. Thank you once again for all the positive feedback we have received it is very much appreciated.

Lost Property

We would like to ask parents to ensure all property is clearly marked with your child's name to make it easier to return them if they are found. We are currently missing some coats and cardigans and would ask you to check the clothing your child has brought home and return any that may have been taken home by mistake.

Trip Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November

Year 3 will need to be in school early at **8:20am on 4th November** for an exciting trip to the Science and Industry Museum which includes the Revolution Gallery and a show that contains some very loud noises!

Year 5 will be having an Ancient Greek and Romans Workshop on 14th November and **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.

Reminder – We are a Nut Free School

Can we please remind all families that we are nut free school, and this is becoming even more important now as we have a child that has a severe nut allergy in school. Please support us in ensuring this is not a risk to them, by checking food in lunch boxes and making sure there are no nut products. This includes any Nutella products or spreads. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 2nd November 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Half Term Activities

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) National Office would like to share a free resource for schools that encourages children to get active outdoors and discover the natural world around them. Their Children's Activity Pack is full of fun, nature-based activities suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2, designed to inspire outdoor exploration along the Trail or in your local green spaces.



🔗 Download the free pack by clicking the image or by visiting our children's page, at: [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk)

It's a great way to support learning in geography, science, and PE while promoting health, wellbeing, and environmental awareness. And if you would like to learn more about the TPT please visit their website, at: www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

Rudolph Cards

This year we are pleased to announce that our school is raising money by taking part in the exciting School Fundraising and Rudolph Cards Personalised Merchandise Extravaganza. Your child has been busy creating a fabulous seasonal picture which will sent home today along with an order from. Their amazing artwork can be printed on the following merchandise, A6 Christmas Cards, ceramic mugs, drinks coasters, fridge magnets, tea towels, cushions, tote bags, teddy bears and Christmas baubles. These will make gorgeous gifts for family and friends for Christmas and memories for years to come. Please complete the order form and return to school before the deadline of **3:15pm on Monday 3rd November**, payment can be made on Arbor under Rudolph Cards 2025.

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

- Harrison year 3 for showing kindness to younger children at lunchtime – Miss B ❤️
- Annie and Fern for being fantastic Receptionists at lunchtime 😊
- Bobby and Jacob Y5 for helping me tidy the quiet area – Miss B
- To all the children in the school for making us sfeel so welcome as new members of staff – Mr Albrecht and Miss McMullen 😊
- Stevie Y4 for working so hard in Maths – Mrs Bonnett
- Gene (Rec) for always being so polite – Mrs Bonnett ❤️

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:

- 3rd Nov – School Reopens
- 3rd Nov – Rudolph Cards order deadline
- 4th Nov – Y3 Science and Industry Museum Trip 8:30am (children to be in school at **8:20am**)
- 10th Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 12th Nov – Y2 Liverpool Trip
- 14th Nov – Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans Trip
- 14th Nov – Lantern walk – 6:30pm
- 19th Nov – Y4 Family Worship 9:00am in school
- 21st Nov – Inset Day
- 25th Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip
- 26th Nov – Y5 Family Worship - Advent

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 Sign Up and Payments Dates

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
02 Jun 2026 – 03 Jun 2026 08:24 - 20:14	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	10 Nov 2025 First Instalment
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	31 Oct 2025 First Instalment
Tue, 04 Nov 2025 08:30 - 15:35	Y3 Science and Industry Museum	Y3	17 Oct 2025
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	17 Oct 2025
Fri, 14 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans	Y5	17 Oct 2025
Tue, 25 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Y6	4 Nov 2025

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

"We keep trying and never give up"



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 15: Every child has the right to meet with friend and join groups as long as it isn't harmful to others*

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!

Ready



We are ready to learn,
ready to listen and ready
to embrace
opportunities.

We respect our friends,
our teachers, our visitors
and all members of our
community.

Respectful



Safe



We know how we can
keep ourselves safe and
make sure we do all we
can to keep our school
family safe.

Headteacher Award Winners

Rec – Zach F for a huge improvement with his handwriting 😊

Y1 – Millie for giving 100% in all lessons this week!

Y2 – Alayna for a fantastic effort in maths

Y3 – Skylar for being so enthusiastic towards all areas of Year 3

Y4 – Lottie for always being a fantastic member of our class

Y5 – Alexa for amazing effort during our narrative writing and producing an outstanding piece of work!



Y6 – Ellis for an improved attitude to learning this

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Zoe

Y1 – Joseph

Y2 – Hazel

Y3 – Iviarna

Y4 – Stevie

Y5 – Olivia

Y6 – Zac

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

94.5%

Whole school attendance – this week:

92.7%

Class attendance winner:

96.3% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec – 88.9%

Y1 – 94.2%

Y2 – 93.3%

Y3 – 92.7%

Y4 – 91.8%

Y5 – 96.3%

Y6 – 90.4%



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

Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am – 2:30pm | 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Science Fair

Family Show

Workshop

Tour



Limited tickets – Book at your local Family Hub now!

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note – with the exception of blue badge holders,
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/437k6xwf>





Haunted Half Term Events



at Halton Libraries

All our events this week are drop-in – no need to book.

Monday 27th October

"The Pumpkin who Stole Halloween" torn paper pumpkin wreaths 11-12:30 at Widnes
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45am at Halton Lea
"The Very Busy Spider" Spider web art 2-3:30 at Halton Lea

Tuesday 28th October

"There's a spider in my soup" handprint spider art 11-12:30 at Widnes
Digital Art Box session 10:30 – 12:30 at Halton Lea
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Ditton and Runcorn
Haunted House 3D colouring 3-4:30 at Ditton

Wednesday 29th October

Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Widnes
"I love Halloween" spooky community colouring in 11-12 at Halton Lea
SPOOKY BOOKNICS

(a picnic with free packed lunches) 12-2 at Widnes and Halton Lea

Thursday 30th October

Digital Art Box session 10:30 – 12:30 at Widnes
Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Halton Lea

Friday 31st October

Spooky Rhymetime 11-11:45 at Widnes
"Monsters at Halloween" spooky monster faces arts and crafts 11-12:30 at Ditton
"The dark cauldron" smoking cauldron art session 11-12:30 at Halton Lea
"Witch for a week" witches hats crafts 2:30 – 3:30 at Widnes

Saturday 1st November

Spooky Saturday Stories 11-11:45 at Widnes and Halton Lea
Science Club for Kids 12-12:45 at Halton Lea

**Plus all your regular favourites including
Lego and Brilliant Builds**


For more information see our website and social media pages

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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Families need to have a under 5 to access but siblings up to 8 can attend.

 Widnes Family Hub – October Half Term					
Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable for	Notes
Monday 27th	10.00 – 2.00	Spooky All Day	Upton Children's Centre	Families with Children under 5	Drop in. Halloween themed version of our open access play session for children of all ages. Snack and time for a chat.
	10.00-2.00	Mega Swap Shop	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for good quality baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment.
Tuesday 28th	10.00-12.00	Autumn Welly Walk	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families and children under 5	Come and explore our wonderful outdoor area at our Family Hub. Dress for the weather.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor/Baby Weighing	Ditton Library	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team.
	1.00-3.00	Breastfeeding Group	Ditton Library	Breastfeeding mums and mums to be	The groups are a great place to meet other parents, as well as get help and support from our Infant Feeding and Family Hubs teams.
Wednesday 29th	9.30 – 11.00	Little SEND Stars	Warrington Road Family Hub	SEND Children Under 5	Run by Halton 0-19 service with a Family Hub Early Years Worker. An inclusive safe and friendly group for children with SEND, to play and explore with their parents/carers.
	9.30-11.30	Swap Shop	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for good quality baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment.

 PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025 moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free	
ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025 BREWDOG 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, Scotland 13th - 17th Oct England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct BURGER KING From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app) CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October COCONUT TREE Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 3rd Nov 2025 DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales) FLAMING GRILL 1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) & Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales) FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day HARVESTER Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App HUNGRY HORSE 2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)	IKEA Kids get a meal from 55p daily from 11am LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend MARSTON PUBS Kids eat for £1 during the october half term MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (via App) THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast WHITBREAD INNS 2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
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