



## ***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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> November and **Year 6** will be "Meeting the Mummy" on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](#)

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](http://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 form. 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 feel 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:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – School Reopens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Rudolph Cards order deadline
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Science and Industry Museum Trip 8:30am (children to be in school at **8:20am**)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 Liverpool Trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans Trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Lantern walk – 6:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Family Worship 9:00am in school
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Inset Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>10 Nov 2025</b> <b>First Instalment</b>
10 Jun 2026 – 11 Jun 2026 08:30 - 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Y5	<b>31 Oct 2025</b> <b>First Instalment</b>
Tue, 04 Nov 2025 08:30 - 15:35	Y3 Science and Industry Museum	Y3	<b>17 Oct 2025</b>
Wed, 12 Nov 2025 8:45 – 15:15	Y2 Liverpool Trip	Y2	<b>17 Oct 2025</b>
Fri, 14 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans	Y5	<b>17 Oct 2025</b>
Tue, 25 Nov 2025 08:45 - 15:15	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Y6	<b>4 Nov 2025</b>

# 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.

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

**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/437k5xwf>





# 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](http://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.

**EAT DRINK & BE SCARY**

### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](http://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



<p><b>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm</p> <p><b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend</p> <p><b>ASK ITALIAN</b> Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays</p> <p><b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main</p> <p><b>BILLS</b> Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025</p> <p><b>BREWDOG</b> 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct England &amp; Wales 27th - 31st Oct</p> <p><b>BURGER KING</b> From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov. Kids Eat Free (via app)</p> <p><b>CHIQUITO</b> Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October</p> <p><b>COCONUT TREE</b> Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025</p> <p><b>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch</p> <p><b>FARMHOUSE INNS</b> 2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland) &amp; Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England &amp; Wales)</p> <p><b>FLAMING GRILL</b> 1 Kid eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &amp; Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England &amp; Wales)</p> <p><b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal</p> <p><b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p><b>HARVESTER</b> Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App</p> <p><b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> 2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland) &amp; Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England &amp; Wales)</p>	<p><b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p><b>LAS IGUANAS</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App</p> <p><b>MARCO PIERRE WHITE</b> Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend</p> <p><b>MARSTON PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1 during the october half term</p> <p><b>MORRISONS</b> Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend</p> <p><b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELH</b> Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day</p> <p><b>PREMIER INN</b> 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p><b>PRET</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult</p> <p><b>PUREZZA</b> Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal</p> <p><b>SA BRAINS PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p><b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm</p> <p><b>TABLE TABLE</b> 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult</p> <p><b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p><b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p><b>TRAVELODGE</b> 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p><b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p><b>YO! SUSHI</b> Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays</p>
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