



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 26th June 2026

Uniform

As we move towards the end of the school year, we would like to remind families that our high expectations remain in place right up until the final day of term. We expect all children to attend school wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Our PE kit consists of:

A plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts, or

The school PE top

Please note that tracksuits, branded sportswear and clothing with large logos are not part of our school PE uniform and should not be worn for PE lessons.

As children grow so quickly, many families find themselves with uniform items that are no longer needed. If your child has outgrown any school uniform, PE kit or coats that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our Uniform Swap Shop. All donated items should be washed and clean.

If your family would like to take a look at the items available in the Uniform Swap Shop, please speak to the school office and a member of staff will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards and ensuring that all children are ready to learn each day.

Need a little extra support?

We would like to remind all families that school is an official referral agent for the local Food Bank.

We understand that life is becoming increasingly expensive and that many families may be feeling the pressure of rising household bills and the additional costs that can come as we approach the summer holidays. If you are finding things difficult, please do not struggle alone.

Support is available, and we are here to help. Any conversations will be treated with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

If you think your family could benefit from support with food or other practical assistance, please speak to Miss Slingsby, who will be happy to help and discuss the options available.

At our school, we are a community and looking after one another is important to us. If you need help, please reach out. ❤️

Sun Safety

As the sun makes an appearance, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety. Please ensure your children are protected by applying sun cream **before they arrive at school**. Additionally, we kindly ask that you provide sun hats for break and lunchtimes to shield them from the rays. For safety reasons, pupils are not allowed to bring sun cream into school due to the number of allergies different children have. Let us work together to keep our children safe and comfortable as they enjoy the warmer weather.

Transition Day

Tuesday 7th July marks our transition day which gives all children an opportunity to get to know their new teacher and to help them feel settled in their new environment. It also gives the staff important time to work with the children and find out exactly where they are up to in different subjects ready for September.

Fun Day 8th July 2026 Invite

We would like to invite all our friends, families, neighbours, and members of the wider community to our annual Fun Day, which will be held on 8th July 2026. Join us for an afternoon filled with fun, games, and delicious cakes for all ages to enjoy. Please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation with anyone you know through toddler groups, churches, community groups, and local networks—everyone is welcome! We hope to see as many people as possible on the day, as your support helps make our events bigger, better, and more enjoyable for the whole community.

We are excited to share that plans are already underway 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 3rd July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

Fun Day Volunteers

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!

Healthy Schools Celebration

We were delighted to be invited to the Halton Healthy Schools celebration event at the DCBL Stadium on Wednesday, where primary and secondary schools from across Halton were recognised for their exceptional work in supporting the physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of pupils, staff, and the wider community.

We are incredibly proud to announce that our school was awarded the **Halton Healthy Schools Silver Award**. Our Year 6 representatives were outstanding ambassadors, representing the school with confidence and pride as they accepted the award on behalf of everyone.

This achievement reflects the commitment of our whole school community to promoting health, wellbeing, and positive relationships. A huge thank you to our staff, pupils, and families for their continued support in helping us create a happy, healthy, and nurturing environment for all.

Sports Day

We are pleased to let you know that Sports Day has now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 1st July**. We are keeping our fingers crossed that by then the weather will be a little kinder to us and we will be enjoying some, but not too much, summer sunshine!

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 sports day will take place in the morning at 9:15am while our younger athletes from **Reception, Y1 and Y2 will showcase their skills starting from 1:30pm**

We are asking that children come to school dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and sporting achievement.

Neighbours

We kindly ask that both adults and children refrain from sitting on our neighbours' walls. We would also like to remind everyone of the importance of treating our neighbours and their property with respect. By being considerate and mindful of those around us, we can help maintain a positive and friendly environment for everyone in our community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Martyn's Law

We would like to bring to your attention some important changes to our school access and safety procedures, particularly in relation to the implementation of Martyn's Law. These changes will affect arrangements for attending school events and entering the school building with prams, and bags. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors, additional security measures may be in place. We are sure you understand the importance of these procedures and appreciate your support in helping us keep our school community safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Martyn's Law Update



In light of Martyn's Law, a statutory requirement under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, all schools within the Trust have introduced additional safety measures for school events with immediate effect.

To help ensure the safety of everyone attending, bags larger than A4 size will not be permitted on site; the only exception to this will be baby bags, which will be subject to inspection by a member of school staff.

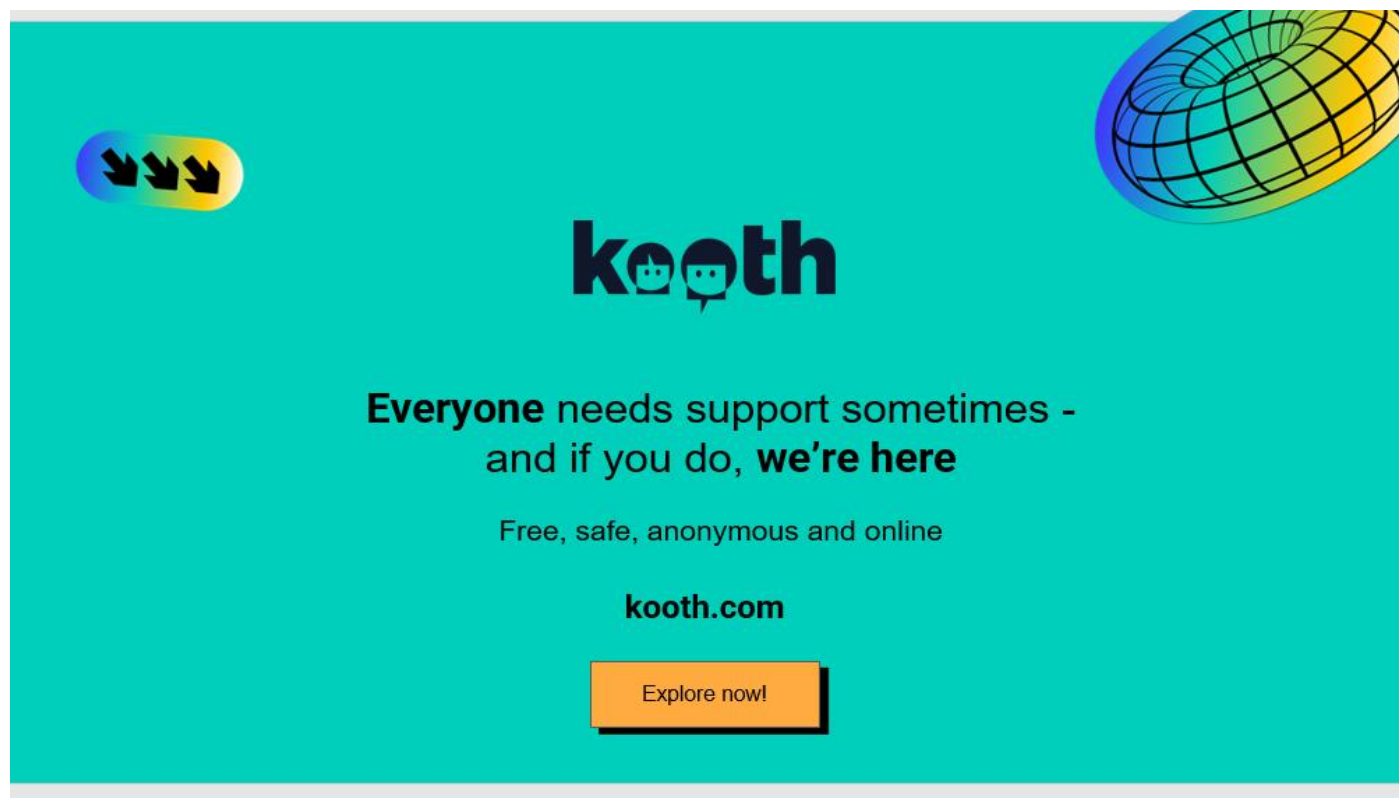
In addition, prams will not be allowed unless parents or carers consent to them being checked by a member of school staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take these important steps to keep our school community safe.

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

- Joseph (Y1) for making all the staff fans during the hot weather – Miss Middleton 💜
- Eva, Iviarna and Caitlyn (Y3) for being so kind and chatty with me at breaktime (Miss Hart) 😊
- Carter and Annie for representing our school in such an amazing way at the Halton Healthy School celebration – Well Done – Mrs Bonnett ⭐ 😊
- All of Y3 for being wonderful at swimming – Miss Mulhearn!
- Reuben (Y3) – super swimming! – Miss Mulhearn
- Izzy (Y3) for being so kind and telling me you are always welcome in my class 😊 Miss Mulhearn
- Theo (Y1) for being a great helper in phonics – Mrs Bonnett 💜
- Joseph (Y1) for being so kind and making staff fans during the hot weather – Mrs Bonnett
- Kirstie (Y4) for amazing reading. I have really enjoyed listening to you tell me about your book and its incredible to see how much you are enjoying it – Mrs Bonnett
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Y6 Kooth Workshop

Y6 enjoyed a visit from Kooth this week. These sessions gave pupils a relaxed space to chat through and manage any worries about the big jump to secondary school. They were introduced to **Kooth.com** (the free, NHS-commissioned mental health and well-being service for 10-25 year olds in St Helens), so they know exactly where to find anonymous counselling and support over the summer break and into Year 7 (please see [here](#) for more information).



Trips

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term.

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, 30 Jun 2026	Y3 and Y4 Go Ape	Year Y3 and Year Y4

Well Done!

Our children demonstrated outstanding resilience this week following the unexpected school closure due to a local fire. They returned with positive attitudes and continued to work hard despite the exceptionally hot weather. We are incredibly proud of the way they adapted to the challenges with such maturity, determination, and enthusiasm. To recognise their dedication and resilience, the children enjoyed a well-deserved treat of ice pops and a fun afternoon today. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their fantastic efforts and end the week on a high.

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 30th June – Y3 & Y4 Go Ape!
- 1st July – Sports Day
- 3rd July – Non-Uniform Day bottles for Tombola
- 6th July – Y6 Transition Day 1
- 7th July – Y6 Transition Day 2
- 8th July – Fun Day 1:30pm All welcome
- 13th July – Reception Celebration Worship 9am (Parents welcome)
- 14th July – Y6 BBQ and Water Fight
- 17th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
- 17th July – School Closes for Summer
- 20th July – Inset 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 2)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage	Chicken Tikka Masala or Vegan Meatballs with Naan Bread	Shephard's Pie or Tuna Pasta	Tomato Pasta Bake or Veggie Burger with Pasta	Veggie Nuggets or Fish Fingers
Accompaniments	Herby Diced Potato & Veg of the day & Gravy *** Salad Bar	Rice & Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Veg of the day *** Salad Bar	Garlic Bread *** 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

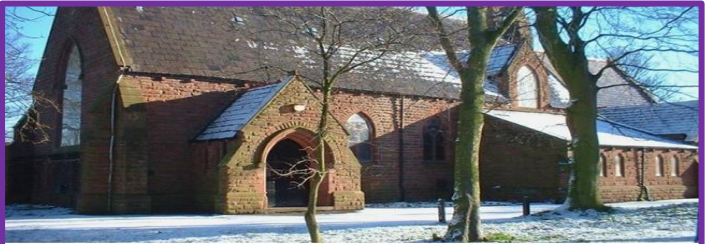
Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Hope

"We believe anything is possible"

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 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions that affect them*

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 - Thomas for always remaining Ready, Respectful and Safe

Y1 - Bella for being a superstar and always showing a helping hand!

Y2 - Ava for her hard work in writing this week, amazing effort you have put in ❤️

Y3 - Toby for showing calmness in his assessments and super progress in swimming 😊

Y4 - Jesse always putting a smile on everyone's face!

Y5 - Bobby for brilliant effort and perseverance in all assessments this week! 😊

Y6 - James McKeon - a brilliant piece of writing based on Skandar

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Zoe

Y1 - Alfie

Y2 - Bobby

Y3 - Faith

Y4 - Roman

Y5 - Scarlett

Y6 - Joshua

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

91.7%

Class attendance winner:

98% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec – 98%

Y1 – 97.5%

Y2 – 89.9%

Y3 – 90.3%

Y4 – 86.5%

Y5 – 94.6%

Y6 – 85.7%



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



JOIN US FOR OUR

SUMMER FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY
8TH JULY 2026
1:30PM - 4:00PM



**FREE
ENTRY**

ST MICHAEL WITH
ST THOMAS CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPINNEY AVENUE
WA8 8LD

RAFFLE STALL



RAFFLE



GAME STALLS



FOOD STALLS

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

RATES INCREASE BY

26% WHEN OUR HOME TEAM WIN,

38% WHEN THEY LOSE AND

11% THE NEXT DAY – REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME.

THEY'RE COMING HOME!

WHEN IS KICK-OFF TIME IN YOUR HOUSE?

FOOTBALL SHOULD BE ABOUT PASSION, NOT VIOLENCE. LET'S KEEP OUR HOMES SAFE.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

We're here to support anyone experiencing domestic abuse. Help is available.



CALL FOR HELP

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 200 0247

Cheshire Without Abuse

0300 123 5101

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC ABUSE



Respect. Support. Safe Homes for Everyone.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.
Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT


Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**


Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk

Understanding your child in a changing world



**When they come
with big
questions, think
Togetherness.**

Understanding your child in a changing world



togetherness.co.uk

Children are growing up with pressures many adults did not face in the same way; social media, gaming, AI, climate change, worries and uncertainty, changing friendships and growing independence. For parents and carers, it can feel hard to know where to begin.

The FREE online course helps parents / carers consider - What happens when your child or young person's world feels unfamiliar to you?

This new pathway offers practical tools, reflective exercises and gentle guidance for modern family life.

It's not about having all the right answers. It is about creating a safe space to think, talk and find those answers together.

To access this programme and many other family learning pathways, visit: <https://togetherness.co.uk/> and enter your postcode and the access code TOGETHER to begin your online learning.