



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 27th February 2026

Easter Bingo

We are excited to kick off our Easter activities and cannot wait to get started! Our Easter Bingo event is available to book on Arbor for just £5.00, which includes a hotdog, a drink, and plenty of fun. Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated Easter treats for our bingo prizes — your generosity is truly appreciated. Any further donations would be very gratefully received, and we thank you in advance for helping to make this event a great success! 🐣 🎉

Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition

We are thrilled to be holding our annual egg decorating and Easter bonnet competition again this year! After seeing the fantastic entries from previous years, we cannot wait to see the incredible creations the children come up with this time, the possibilities are endless – whether it is a character, fun patterns, or anything that sparks the imagination!

Just a reminder:

- All eggs **MUST** be hard-boiled to ensure they are ready for display
- No entries should be in boxes larger than a shoe box, as they will not be displayed
- Entries must not be brought into school before Monday 23rd March 2026

We look forward to seeing the wonderful and creative designs

Wear Blue for Bobby

The Bobby Colleran Trust was created following the fatal accident on 24th October 2014 of a young boy called Bobby Colleran. Bobby was on his way home from school, walking along his school road with his mum Joanne, when he was knocked over and killed. Bobby was just 6 years old. Since Bobby's accident, his family have developed The Bobby Colleran Trust and were delighted to finally be registered as a charity in September 2015.

Bobby attended Blackmoor Park Infant School, which is one of the schools in our Three Saints Academy, and to show our support for the charity and to raise further awareness of the need for safety on the road outside our school, we will be holding a "Wear Blue for Bobby" day on Friday 13th March. For further information about the charity, the work they do and how you can support them please see the below.

Y2 Trip

Year 2 had a very wet but thoroughly enjoyable trip to Martin Mere on Thursday. They worked brilliantly in groups to follow clues and "help Ava take flight", showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. The children loved exploring the grounds in search of wildlife and finished their adventure with a well-earned play in the park. The trip was educational, muddy, wet—but most importantly, lots of fun! A big thank you to our parent volunteers who kindly gave up their time to support us on the trip; we truly appreciate your help.

Toast

We have an increasing number of children requesting toast who are not on the toast list. If you would like your child to receive toast, please make payment on Arbor before 9:00am on Monday for the week ahead. If you pay after this time, please contact the office so the Kitchen can be informed to ensure your child receives their snack. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring their own healthy snack from home.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress meetings are open for booking on Arbor from 6:00pm today. 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.

Art Exhibition

The artwork from the Art Exhibition is still available for purchase at a cost of £5. If you would like to buy your child's masterpiece, please make the payment through Arbor. This is a wonderful opportunity to take home a special piece of art created by your child, and we are sure it will be a cherished keepsake! Thank you for supporting our young artists.

Carpark

Please could we kindly remind all parents and families that the car park is designated for staff parking only. It should not be used for dropping off or collecting children, nor as a space to turn vehicles around. We ask that everyone respects this arrangement to help ensure the safety of our pupils and to keep access clear for staff at all times. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Reading in Unusual Places Competition

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are excited to launch our popular social media competition, **#readingInunusualplaces!** We have run this in previous years and loved seeing all the creative entries, so we are inviting children once again to share photos of themselves reading in a strange or unusual place. Photos can be shared on our social media pages or brought into school to be displayed. We cannot wait to see all your imaginative ideas! Prizes will be awarded on Friday for the most unusual places spotted enjoying a good book. Happy reading!



World Book Day Library Visit Volunteers

Next week is one of our favourite days of the school year, World Book Day! And because we love reading so much, as usual we aren't having just one day to celebrate, we are having a whole week focused on reading! Each class will be visiting Ditton Library, if any parents would like to volunteer to help us on our walk to and from library and share in our love of books please contact the school office, your help and support is always greatly appreciated. Please find below time and dates of visits. We kindly ask for volunteers to be arrive at school 30 minutes before the class timeslot.

Date	Time to be <u>at</u> the library	Year gr
Thursday 5 th March	10.15 - 11.15am	Year 1
Thursday 5 th March	11.15 - 12.15pm	Year 5
Thursday 5 th March	1-2pm	Year 6
Friday 6 th March	10.15-11.15am	Recept
Friday 6 th March	12.30-1.30pm	Year 4
Thursday 12 th March	1-2pm	Year 3
Friday 13 th March	12.30-1.30pm	Year 2

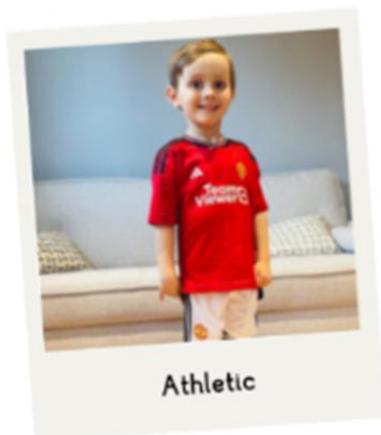
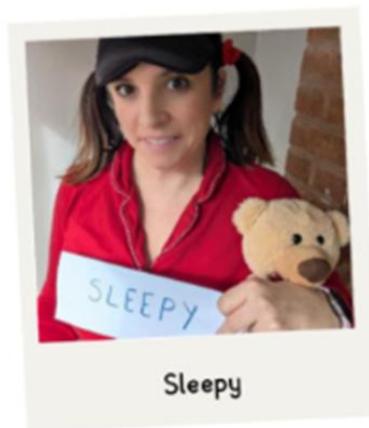
World Book Day – Dress Up Date Change

Having listened to parent feedback we are delighted to announce this year we will be celebrating and dressing up for World Book day on **Thursday 5th March** on the official day. Our staff theme is 'Dress as a word.' Whilst children are more than welcome to come in dressed as their favourite book characters as usual, we are also inviting them to join in on our theme by dressing as a word of their choice!

We encourage the children to choose an interesting word – ideally one they haven't used before - perhaps one they have come across in their reading book. This is a fantastic opportunity to expand vocabulary and get creative! Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive – simple ideas are often the most effective. (see examples below).

Please remember if your child has PE or are walking to the library on this day, they will need a costume that allows them to participate both comfortably and safely.

We are really looking forward to seeing the imaginative costumes the children come up with and to celebrating this amazing day together.



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

- Hazel (Y2) for always saying 'Hello' and smiling when she sees me 😊 Miss Fisher
- Lola-Rae and Sonny (Y6) for helping me to restock and organise the first aid boxes – Mrs Hughes
- Harrison—Jake for helping in the hall at lunchtime 😊
- All of Year 4 for super safety at swimming – Miss McMullen 💜
- Evie (Y4) for braving her fears in swimming – Miss McMullen
- Green phonics group for an amazing first week in phonics – Mrs Bonnett
- Hallie (Y1) for always being so friendly and saying hello to me – Mrs Bonnett
- Aren (Y4) for super riddles with Miss McMullen 💜
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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:

- 5th Mar – World Book Day Dress Up Day (Note Date Change)
- 13th Mar – Wear Blue for Bobby
- 16th Mar – Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Entries
- 19th Mar – Easter Bingo
- 23rd Mar – Y1/Y2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 24th Mar – Tempest Class Photos
- 24th Mar – Y5/Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 25th Mar – Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 27th Mar – Finish for Half Term

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	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

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

"We are sorry when we have done something wrong and accept others' apologies"



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 7: Every child has the right to a name and nationality which should be granted at birth*

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

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

Safe

Headteacher Award Winners

Rec - Esme for her tremendous efforts during Maths and Phonics

Y1 - Eleanor for an all-round fantastic week in class 💜

Y2 - Ivy for fantastic behaviour on our trip to Martin Mere 💜

Y3 - Lillie for a fantastic effort in all subjects!

Y4 - Mary-Rose for fantastic swimming! 😊

Y5 - Max for being a kind friend to everyone! 😊

Y6 - Joshua for incredible attitude to learning!

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Zac

Y1 - Bella

Y2 - Jacob

Y3 - Noah

Y4 - George

Y5 - Skylar

Y6 - Oliver

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95%

Whole school attendance – this week:

94.4%

Class attendance winner:

99.4% - Reception

Class Attendance:

Rec – 99.4%

Y1 – 90.8%

Y2 – 99%

Y3 – 96.3%

Y4 – 90.6%

Y5 – 96.8%

Y6 – 89.3%



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



Wear Blue for Bobby

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH 2026

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



OUR CAMPAIGNS:

SLOW DOWN Take Care PARK SAFE

Every year on **March 13th**, we wear blue to remember Bobby and to help protect other children like him. **Bobby was just six years old** when his life was tragically taken, and the **Bobby Colleran Trust** was created to turn his story into positive change.

Every blue T-shirt worn and every hoodie bought **helps fund road safety education, raise awareness near schools, and remind drivers to slow down where children live, walk, and play.** If this message helps even one driver think twice, slow down, or pay more attention, then it is making a difference.

From the bottom of our hearts, **Thank-you for your support!**

**SCAN HERE
FOR T-SHIRTS
AND HOODIES**



#wearblueforbobby

BOBBY BLUE DAY FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2026

Visit our online shop @ www.thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk

Click & Collect / Home Delivery options available

ORDER FORM - Full Payment required before delivery of T-Shirts/Sweat shirt/Hoodies

Orders to be emailed to Slowdown@thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk

SIZE	T-SHIRT	SWEAT SHIRT	HOODIE	QTY	SIZE	T-SHIRT	SWEAT SHIRT	HOODIE	QTY
	£5.00	£10.00	£20.00			£10.00	£15.00	£25.00	
Age 3-4					X SMALL				
X SMALL									
Age 5-6					SMALL				
SMALL									
Age 7-8					MEDIUM				
MEDIUM									
Age 9-10					LARGE				
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Age 11-13					X LARGE				
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**TAKE CARE
FOR BOBBY**


www.thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk
 Bobbys Base, 19 Lisleholme Road, Liverpool L12 8RU

**SLOW DOWN
FOR BOBBY**

Parent Group Leaders

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) gives parents an excellent opportunity to give something back to their community. By joining us as a volunteer, parents will receive full training to become **Parent Group Leaders** and once trained they will then deliver the parenting programme '**Being a parent**' (**BAP**) to other parents in the local communities. **EPEC** empowers parents to build network of support with other parents as well as gives them an opportunity to gain confidence and learn new skills.

There will be available further training opportunities for our Parent Group Leaders to deliver groups '**Being a Parent- Autism**' and '**Being a Parent- ADHD**'

Calling all Halton parents!

Want to build confidence, learn new skills, and make a real difference in your community?

Volunteer to lead local parent groups – training starts Friday 17th of April, 9:30-2:30 at Ditton Family Hub in Widnes

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to get free training, meet other parents, and support families in Halton by delivering parenting programmes in their community.

What's in it for you

- Learn new skills
- Support other parents in a fun group setting
- Make a valuable difference in your community
- Paid travel expenses and lunch provided
- Universal Credit claimants can use up to 50% of their work search time volunteering

 The parenting programme is based on research and is designed to help families. It's run by parents, for parents, and helps build strong support networks. As a volunteer, you'll learn how to lead friendly and helpful sessions with other parents.

For more information about Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) and to meet our already trained Parent Group Leaders, please join us on our:

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) Coffee Information Event on Thursday the 5th of March 12:30pm-2:30pm at Ditton Family Hub in Widnes WA8 8DF.

 For more info, email: parenting@halton.gov.uk

 Or call: **0151 511 6757**



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Become a parent group leader!

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) is an evidence-based parenting programme delivered by parents to parents in their local communities.

- ✓ Support other parents in a fun group setting
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Paid expenses for travel
- ✓ Make a valuable difference in your community

Find out more

email: parenting@halton.gov.uk | telephone: 0151 511 6757



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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

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