



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

*Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

### **Happy Easter**

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter! It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of the Spring term – it has absolutely flown by. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your continued support. Whether it's joining in with events, supporting non-uniform days, helping with trips or taking part in competitions, it really does make such a difference. We are so grateful for your encouragement and the way you work with us to support the children and our school community.

As we head into the Summer term, we're really looking forward to all of the exciting opportunities ahead. Before that, we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break – a chance to relax, recharge and spend some quality time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another fantastic term.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter!

Miss Slingsby and all of the staff x

### **Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition**

We had some fantastic entries for our Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition showcasing the remarkable effort and creativity of our pupils. From Space themed designs to tributes to popular TV shows and sports, we even had a Henry Hoover and an Elvis, the range of ideas were incredibly impressive, and we were genuinely blown away by the quality and imagination on display. Congratulations to all of our winners, and a huge well done to every child (and parent!) who participated—your enthusiasm and talent continue to inspire us all. Our Easter celebrations concluded with a wonderful Easter Bonnet Parade, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and staff, bringing a colourful end to a fantastic celebration.

### **Easter Service**

A huge well done to Year 4 for leading our Easter Service in church so beautifully. As always, our Easter Service is as a wonderful reminder that Easter is about much more than chocolate eggs, helping us to reflect on the true meaning of the Easter story and why this celebration is so important. Thank you to all the parents who joined us both in church and on our walk, helping to ensure the children's safety along the way, these events are not possible without your support. We are sure you were just as impressed as we were with their hard work and the fantastic singing that makes this service so special.

### **St Michael's Baby Boom continues!**

We are delighted to share some lovely news with you – Miss Fisher is expecting a baby!

We know that you will join us in congratulating her on this very special and exciting time. Miss Fisher will be starting her maternity leave in the coming months, and over the next term we will be supporting the children carefully to ensure a smooth and positive transition. This will include introducing the member of staff who will be working closely with the class and getting to know the children well, so that there is consistency and familiarity day to day. Miss Fisher will also be working closely with staff to ensure everything is in place before she begins her leave. She will also be playing a key role and using her expertise to set up our SEND base over the coming term.

We wish Miss Fisher all the very best and will, of course, keep you updated as plans progress.

### **Trips**

We have a number of exciting trips lined up for the summer term. Please check Arbor to see which trips are available for your child and ensure that you have given consent and made full payment so that your child can attend. These trips provide wonderful opportunities for children to enjoy new experiences, explore beyond the classroom, and create lasting memories with their friends. We are always looking for parent volunteers for our trips, if you are available and would like to join us please let the office know, your support is always greatly appreciated.

### Approved Uniform

As the weather hopefully warms up, children are invited to come into school after the Easter break wearing their summer uniform. We are aware however that some of the uniform shops and supermarkets have in stock variations of our uniform which have not been approved and therefore cannot be worn. Please be reminded that our summer uniform is black shorts instead of trousers with white polo (KS1)/shirt & tie (KS2), and full gingham dress instead of the grey/black pinafore or skirts and no open toed sandals. By wearing the correct uniform, we create a strong sense of belonging for all children and help ensure the focus remains on learning rather than fashion, reducing potential peer pressure. Our high standards support children in being disciplined, prepared, and ready to learn each day.

Year 6 parents please be aware that **Year 6 pupils will need to wear their full school uniform** (including shirts, ties, jumpers, or cardigans) **for their Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral**, so we respectfully request that an autumn uniform is kept for this special occasion

### E Scooters/bikes

For the safety and wellbeing of all our children, e-scooters and e-bikes are not to be brought onto school grounds or stored in the bike sheds. This measure is in place to reduce the risk of accidents and ensure a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a secure and supportive school community.

### Parent Forum

We would love to invite you to join our wonderful Parent Forum! Your thoughts, ideas and experiences are incredibly important to us and play a key role in shaping the decisions we make. The forum is a friendly and welcoming space where we come together to share ideas and discuss how we can continue to improve our school community. We are always keen to hear fresh perspectives from our families and would ideally like a representative from every class. The Parent Forum will meet with Miss Slingsby once each term from 3:30–4:30pm, with coffee, cakes and a free after-school club provided. If you would like to get involved and be part of this fantastic group, please email the school office—together, we can continue to create the very best learning environment for all our children. Our next Parent Forum will be on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** please let us know if you can make it.

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

- Josh and Eva (Y3) for always being so friendly and taking the time to chat to me every morning – Mrs Worrall 😊
- Rex (EYFS) for being so polite and talkative when he sees me in the morning – Miss Mason 😊
- Red Phonics group for an incredible week practicing our new sound – Miss Mason 💜
- Y4 For all being wonderful, showing great behaviours for learning Miss Brimble
- Y6 For their resilience with extra maths and grammar
- Frankie (Y1) for being so kind and always saying hello to me – 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:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr – School Opens
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y3 Swimming Starts
- 21<sup>st</sup> Apr – Blue Planet Aquarium Trip (Reception)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Parent Forum (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y1 Family Worship (Parents invited from 9:15am)
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week

***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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Pizza or Southern Fried Chicken	Veggie Sausage Roll or Quorn Sausage	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Meatballs or Quorn Meatballs	Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Diced Potato *** Salad Bar	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans *** Salad Bar	Mash Potato, Veg of the day & Yorkshire Pudding *** Salad Bar	Roast Potato & Veg of the day *** 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:

## 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 10: says children and young people should be able to stay in contact with and visit their parents, even if they live in different countries*

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!



## End of Term Award Winners

Rec - Esme for her amazing progress, dedication and effort across all subjects

Y1 - Oakah for an all-round amazing attitude to learning!

Y2 - Billy for a fantastic attitude to everything he has done this term ❤️

Y3 - Stanley for his excellent attitude and willingness to always help others! 😊

Y4 - Aiden for an amazing attitude this term 😊

Y5 - Sophia for undertaking all aspects of school life with a wonderful quiet confidence, resilience and enthusiasm 😊

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Rex

Y1 - Oakah

Y2 - Harriett

Y3 - Patsy

Y4 - Freya

Y5 - Aria

Y6 - Ben

# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95%

Whole school attendance – this week:

93.8%

Class attendance winner:

96.2% - Y5

Class Attendance:

Rec – 92.8%

Y1 – 96.1%

Y2 – 91.2%

Y3 – 94.7%

Y4 – 88.3%

Y5 – 96.2%

Y6 – 95.2%



## 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



**FEAST  
OF FUN**

***Free Good Friday Event!***

**Friday 3rd April  
10.30am - 12.30pm**

**St Michael with  
St Thomas Church,  
*Ditchfield Road, WA8 8XR***



**Easter Story Time + Song,  
Crafts,  
Free Snacks:**

**Hot Cross Buns/ Pancakes/Fruit  
Bouncy Castle &  
The Easter Bunny will be there too!**

***Children must be accompanied by an adult.***

JOIN US FOR THE

# Easter Holidays!

This Easter at Norton Priory Museums and Gardens:  
Easter Crafts!

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> April, 11 am -3pm

Make Easter chicks, cards and spring flowers  
Included in general admission (3 children go free with  
an adult ticket)

Easter Bunny hunt and craft

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April 10 am- 3pm

Included in general admission (3 children go free with  
an adult ticket)

We recommend booking for this event

Easter Egg Trail

Easter Saturday 4th April and Easter Sunday 5th April  
2026 10am- 5pm

This offer is available only whilst stocks last (booking  
recommended)

£1 per child, £13.50 per adult



We have been asked to share the following with you

### **West Bank Bears Multi Sport Holiday Camp**

✨ EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP 2025 – BOOK NOW! ✨

FREE for children eligible for HAF!

Get ready for an action-packed Easter filled with sports, team challenges, fast-paced games and loads of fun! 🏃🏆💧

West Bank Bears are delivering a high-energy holiday camp where children will:

- ☑ Stay active with daily multi-sport sessions
- ☑ Build fitness, confidence & new friendships
- ☑ Learn healthy habits, wellbeing skills & teamwork
- ☑ Enjoy a nutritious meal and snacks each day
- ☑ Feel supported, included and motivated in a safe environment
- 📅 6 days of excitement this Easter
- 🍴 Healthy meals included
- ✨ Fully staffed by qualified, DBS-checked coaches

Spaces are limited — don't miss out!

👉 Register now:

<https://eequ.org/book/west-bank-bears-multi-sport-holiday-camp-with-west-bank-bears-24990>

👉 For more info, message us directly!

Let's make this Easter fun, active and unforgettable! 🧡🧡🧡

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