



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 28th November 2025

Christmas Dinner and Panto Day Numbers

With Christmas Dinner and Party Food Day fast approaching, we are busy making plans to ensure everything runs smoothly. To help us with our preparations, please look out for a letter that has been sent home with your child. The letter will ask you to indicate whether your child will be having the Christmas dinner and party food, or if they will be bringing their own packed lunch on those days. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the slip and return it to us **by Wednesday 3rd December**. Thank you for your cooperation!

Panto – Deadline

Last Shout Out for our upcoming Christmas Panto performance of Cinderella at the Brindley Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to enjoy a magical theatrical experience together.

Please note the **final date** for ticket bookings is 5th December. If you would like your child to attend, we kindly request you give consent and make payment on Arbor before this deadline.

Christingle Invitation

We are delighted to share an important upcoming event in our school calendar. Our annual Christingle service is a cherished tradition that brings our entire school community together in a moment of reflection and celebration.

This year, the Christingle service will take place on **4th December 2025** at 9:30am in church. Our Year 6 pupils will be leading the service, which promises to be a beautiful and meaningful occasion. We will be walking from the school to the church, departing at approximately 9:00am, and we welcome any parents or community members who would like to walk with us, please contact the office if you are able to join us.

The service will be a wonderful opportunity to pause and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Filled with prayers and songs, it offers a special moment of collective worship and community spirit. Christingle envelopes, raising funds for The Children's Society, will be sent home with your child, and can be taken to church on the day or returned to the school office.

Breakfast with Santa Reminder

We are excited to announce that we have a special visitor coming to school for breakfast! Santa will be joining us from 7:50am on **15th December** for Reception and Year 1, and on **16th December** for Year 2 and Year 3. If you would like your child to take part in this magical event, please log on to Arbor to give your consent and make the payment by 5th December 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive breakfast and meet Santa in person. We look forward to celebrating the season with you all!

Enterprise Fair

Plans are well underway for our annual Enterprise week and children (and staff) are very excited. During this week, each class is given £30 to create a product or business idea for the enterprise fair. The class that makes the most profit gets to keep it to buy things for their classroom. As you can imagine, the competition is fierce!

We will also be holding a Tombola, as this is always a favourite, and are asking for Tombola Prize donations from families. These may be bottles, toiletries, sweets or other small prizes – a great chance for a clear out pre-Christmas! We will hold a **non-uniform day on Friday 5th December 2025** and ask for a donation of prizes on this day, if your child has PE on non-uniform day please ensure they wear clothes and footwear that allow them to participate in their lessons safely and comfortably.

We ask anyone wanting their own stall at the fair to please contact the office. Please remember that in keeping with our Enterprise Week, items sold must be homemade! We kindly ask for a donation of £10 per stall.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress meetings are open for booking on Arbor. 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.

Y5 Worship

A big thank you to Year 5 who delivered a beautiful advent worship and to all the parents who were able to join us for this meaningful service. It was a truly special occasion for our school community to come together and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Through thoughtful prayers and songs, Year 5 reminded us of the hope, peace, and joy that the Christmas message brings. It was a wonderful time of reflection and celebration and beautifully captured the essence of our school's Christian values.

Y6 Meet the Mummy

On Tuesday our Year 6 pupils embarked on an extraordinary educational journey to the Liverpool Museum for a captivating "Meet the Mummy" workshop. This immersive experience offered our pupils a remarkable opportunity to step beyond the traditional classroom and engage directly with historical learning. During the visit, our pupils travelled back in time, exploring the fascinating world of ancient Egypt. They delved deep into the intricate details of ancient traditions and learned about the complex mummification processes that were central to Egyptian culture. The hands-on workshop provided an amazing learning experience that promises to create lasting memories and spark curiosity about historical studies. We believe such experiences are crucial in bringing history to life, allowing our pupils to connect with learning in dynamic and engaging ways. Opportunities like these not only enhance academic understanding but also inspire a genuine love for of history.

Midday Assistant – Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Midday Assistant to help keep our lunchtimes safe and fun for our children. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, please contact the office for an application form.

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

- Reuben (Y3) for saying good morning to me – Miss Fisher
- The Group of Year 5 girls who have the job of cleaning up the quite area, amazing job! – Mrs Hughes ♥
- Leighton (Y4) for always saying hello to m and asking how I am – Mrs Hughes 😊
- Zac (Y6) for being very kind and helping reception children – Miss McMullen
- Y5 for a fantastic family worship! – All Staff ♥

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 2nd Dec – Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance Parents 1:30pm
- 3rd Dec – Rec Pupil Progress meetings
- 3rd Dec – Y1 Pupil Progress meetings
- 4th Dec – Christingle
- 5th Dec – Non-Uniform Day – Tombola donations
- 9th Dec – Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 9th Dec – Y5 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec – Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10th Dec - Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 12th Dec – Enterprise Fair
- 15th Dec – Reception and Y1 Breakfast with Santa
- 16th Dec – Y2 and Y3 Breakfast with Santa
- 16th Dec – Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Party Food and Panto
- 17th Dec – Y4, Y5 and Y6 Party Food and Panto
- 19th Dec – School Closes at 3:15pm (No afterschool Club or Wraparound Care)

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 Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
Mon, 15 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35	Rec and Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year R and Year Y1	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35	Y2 & Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year Y2 and Year Y3	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00	KS1 Brindley Panto	Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2 and Year Y3	05 Dec 2025
Wed, 17 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00	KS2 Panto & Party	Year Y4, Year Y5 and Year Y6	05 Dec 2025
Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026	Y6 London Trip	Year Y6	10 Dec 2025 2 nd Instalment
Wed, 10 Jun 2026, Thu, 11 Jun 2026, 15:15	Pettypool Y5	Year Y5	30 Nov 2025 2 nd Instalment

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

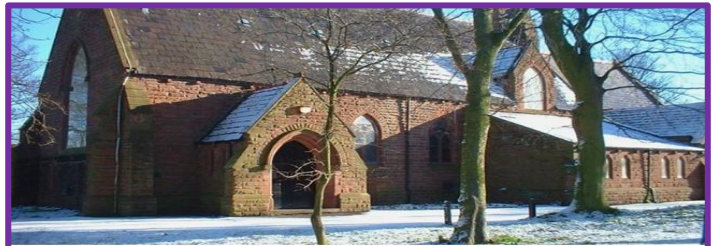
"We appreciate everything we have, our family, friends, homes and school"



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

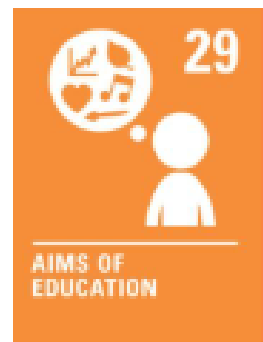
Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: *Article 29: A child's education should aim to develop their personality, talents, and abilities to their fullest potential*

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 – Archie for great participation during our police visit 💖

Y1 – Joseph for trying hard to improve presentation

Y2 – Max for an amazing effort on his assessments

Y3 – Evie for always producing fantastic work in all subjects 💖

Y4 – Jesse for his super effort in assessment week

Y5 – Jacob for incredible perseverance & resilience this week! 😊 An inspiration to us all!

Y6 – Lottie for her work with Miss Case in maths

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Tallulah

Y1 – Evie

Y2 – Albie

Y3 – Heidi

Y4 – Ronnie

Y5 – Faith

Y6 – Jessica

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

94.8%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.4%

Class attendance winner:

98.3% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 93.9%

Y1 – 93.7%

Y2 – 98.3%

Y3 – 96.2%

Y4 – 97.7%

Y5 – 96.3%

Y6 – 93%



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

ST MICHAEL WITH ST THOMAS
invite you to attend Reception & Year One's

Breakfast *With Santa*

Monday 15th December 7:50am

[Please book via Arbor](#)



ST MICHAEL WITH ST THOMAS
invite you to attend Year Two & Three's

Breakfast *With Santa*

Tuesday 16th December 7:50am

[Please book via Arbor](#)



SEND Parents

Invitation to parents of SEND children, they don't have to be diagnosed or have an EHCP, it's just a good opportunity for support and information.

SHORT BREAKS COFFEE AFTERNOON

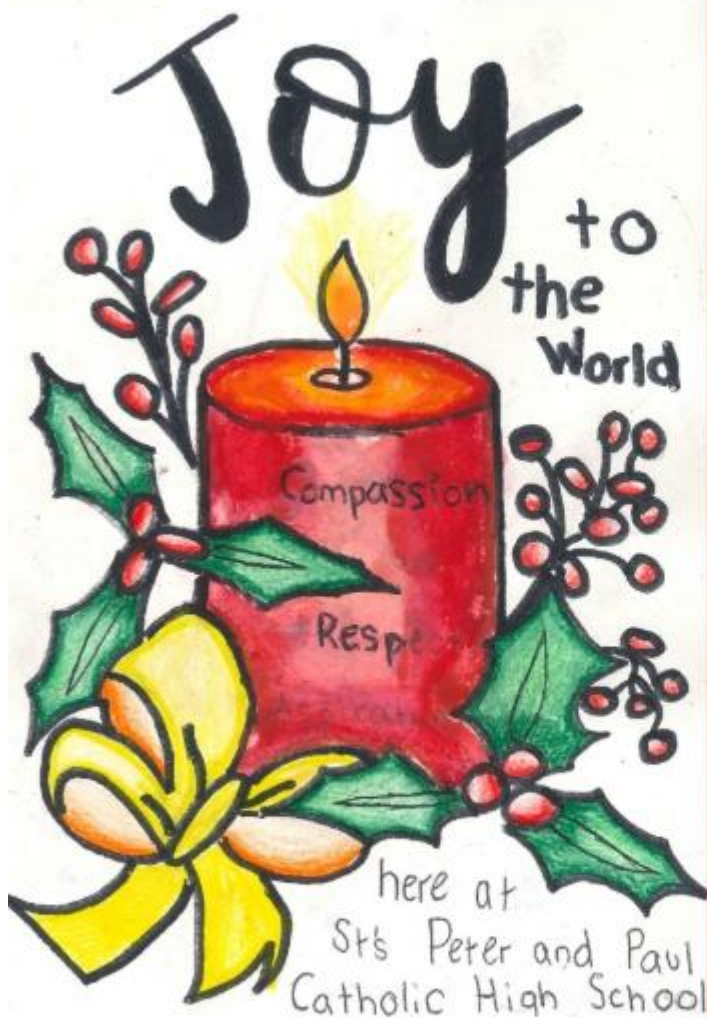
WEDNESDAY
10TH
DECEMBER

KINGSWAY
FAMILY HUB,
WA8 7QY



12-2PM ALL SEND FAMILIES
WELCOME

VISITORS – SEAN BAILEY WELLNESS
& SEND NAVIGATOR RACHEL



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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Community Advent & Carol Service

Wednesday 3rd
December 2025

6:00 - 7:00pm

School hall
Saints Peter & Paul
Catholic High School

Collecting
for

mary's
meals