



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 30th January 2026

Art Exhibition

After the success and popularity of last year's Art Exhibition, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting the event again this year. Each year group will be focusing on a different traditional artist and creating artwork inspired by their style. The children's masterpieces will be beautifully framed and displayed in the hall, with artwork available to purchase after the exhibition at the cost of £5.00. We are so excited to run this event to showcase the incredible artistic talents of our children at "**The Same but Different**" Art Exhibition", which will take place on **Thursday 5th February**. Parents are warmly invited to attend from **8:30am–9:30am** and **2:30pm–3:30pm** in the hall.

Y2 Family Worship

Year 2 led a wonderful Family Worship on Wednesday, focusing on our Christian Value of Friendship. It was fantastic to see so many families joining us for this special worship, and we were incredibly impressed by the children's confidence, clear speaking, and engaging performances, as well as their amazing singing. The children truly shone as they shared their important message with such enthusiasm. Well done Y2!

Number Day

Next **Friday, 6th February** is National Number Day, and to celebrate this special day we are inviting children to come into school wearing something with a number. This could be a sports kit or a onesie, and we especially look forward to seeing homemade number outfits. Please bear in mind that if your child has PE on this day, their outfits should still allow them to take part in lessons both comfortably and safely

Spring Disco

We are excited for our Spring Disco, happening on Thursday **12th February 2025**. The cost for entry is £5.00, which includes the disco, a hot dog, and a drink. A tuck shop will also be available for children who would like to bring a small amount of money for additional treats. KS1 including Y3 will be from 3:15 – 4:15pm and KS2 will be from 4:20-5:20pm. To help us place an accurate food order, please sign up on Arbor by **6th February 2025**. We cannot wait to see everyone there for a fantastic time

Dress to Express

As part of Mental Health Week, this year's Dress to Express Day will take place on **Friday, 13th February 2026**. We invite all children to come to school dressed in an outfit that reflects something unique about themselves—whether it is their favourite colour, a hobby they enjoy, or something that showcases their individuality. This day is all about celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of each child in our school community. Please remember, if your child has a PE lesson on this day, they will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to participate comfortably and safely in their lesson. We look forward to seeing the wonderful ways our children choose to express themselves!

No Dogs on Site

Please can we remind parents and relatives that no dogs are allowed on the school site, this includes dogs being carried onto site. Please ensure that you do not bring any animals to school pick up, and if you do, that someone is left to hold them outside of the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emails

Please can we remind parents not to send emails directly to members of staff. We have seen an increasing number of emails being sent straight to teachers, and all communication should instead be sent to the school office email address. This ensures that messages are not missed if a teacher is absent, leaves the school, or if staff roles change. The office email is constantly monitored, and messages will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 come to the office for an application form.

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

- Ava (Y2) for impressive work in her homework book including extra work about the Big Bird Watch – Miss Wilson ❤
- Zac, Amelia, Nathaniel, and Phoebe for being brave and confident in delivering important messages during their winter safety presentation – Miss Willson
- Heidi blew me away with her kindness towards one of her friends at lunchtime – Miss B 😊
- George and Roman for showing kindness to younger children at lunchtime – Miss B ❤
- Kirstie, George, Ethan, Freya, Mary-Rose and Roman for getting all green on their TTR heatmaps – Miss McMullen
- Y2 Bobby for being a brilliant helper ❤
- Zac and James (Y6) for helping a Reception child learn to skip – Mrs Hughes ❤
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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 Feb – Art Exhibition
- 6th Feb – Number Day
- 12th Feb – Spring Disco
- 13th Feb – Dress to Express Day (***please note change of date***)
- 13th Feb – End of term
- 23rd Feb – School Reopens
- 26th Feb – Y2 Martin Mere Trip
- 26th Feb – Y4 Swimming
- 27th Feb – Non-Uniform day for Easter Egg donations

Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.

Menu Next Week

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:

Friendship

"We look after each other and try to always be kind"



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 5: the direction and guidance parents give their children should reflect the evolving capacities of each child

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 - Zac H for great participation in PSHE with great answers 😊

Y1 - Torvi for trying hard to improve your handwriting 💜

Y2 - Issac for trying very hard to work independently 💜

Y3 - Olivia for persevering in her learning

Y4 - Leighton for being so kind to everyone and a great friend 😊

Y5 - Sophia for always having a positive, can do attitude and brilliant enthusiasm 😊

Y6 - John for his effort and enthusiasm in our fractions lesson

Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Rex

Y1 - Oakley

Y2 - Billy

Y3 - Evie

Y4 - Bobby

Y5 - Libbie

Y6 - Ella

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

95.1%

Whole school attendance - this week:

95.2%

Class attendance winner:

96.9% - Rec

Class Attendance:

Rec - 96.9%

Y1 - 96.6%

Y2 - 96.8%

Y3 - 94.9%

Y4 - 93.6%

Y5 - 93.2%

Y6 - 95.2%



Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

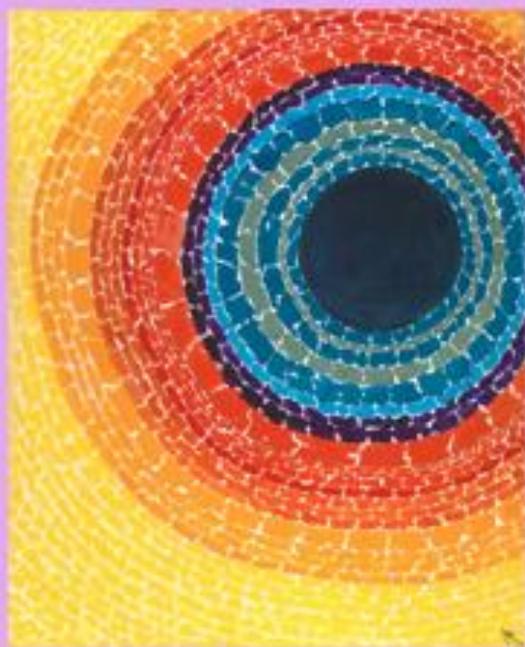
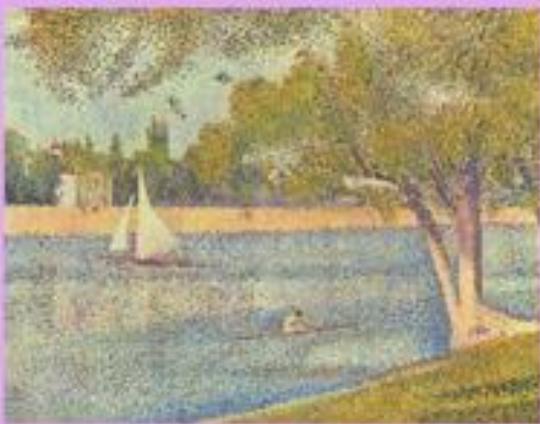
Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

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

SMWST ART EXHIBITION



THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2026
8:30-9:30 AND 2:30-3:30

Festival of Data: Free Public Exhibition for Children, Young People & Families (Sat 7 Feb)

The **Festival of Data** is a free public event celebrating how data, creativity and community ideas are being used to improve everyday life across the Liverpool City Region.

The **Saturday 7 February exhibition day** is open to children, young people and families, with interactive activities, creative workshops and art displays designed to spark curiosity and conversation. Activities are suitable for a wide range of ages and can be enjoyed together by families. Plus face painting, a fire engine, and more!

- ⌚ Saturday 7 February
- 📍 ACC Liverpool, Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront, L3 4FP
- 🕒 Free – booking required
- 👉 Register here: www.festivalofdata.co.uk



The poster features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top left is the logo for 'civic data coop' with a stylized 'S' icon. To its right, the text 'festival of data' is written in a large, bold, pink font, with '5-7 February' in a smaller pink font below it. The website 'www.festivalofdata.co.uk' is also present. The middle section contains event details: '6 February 2026' in pink, 'Conference - Public Service Transformation Through Data' in light blue, and '7 February 2026, 10am' in pink, followed by 'Exhibition of Data, Art & You' in light blue. The bottom half of the poster features a stylized illustration of various people (adults and children) in a city setting with a Ferris wheel and a skyline. Logos for 'supported by' (University of Liverpool, CHIL, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority) and 'funded by' (Metro Mayor Liverpool City Region) are at the bottom.

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*As it's nearly Valentine's Day
our theme will be Love & Thankfulness!*

Kids Church

Let's have some fun!

SUNDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 11.00AM

Free Breakfast from 10.30am.

**There will be Crafts, Story, Songs
and time to play!**