



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2026

Parent Forum Invitation

We would love to invite you to join our wonderful Parent Forum! Your thoughts, ideas and experiences are so important to us and really help shape the decisions we make. Our Parent Forum is a friendly, welcoming space where we come together to chat about how we can make our school community even better, gain parent views and insights on different topics. We are always excited to hear fresh perspectives and new ideas from our families.

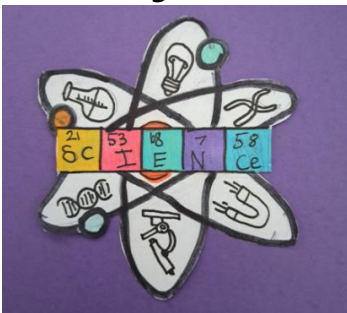
Ideally, we would like a nominee from every class. The Parent Forum will meet with Miss Slingsby each term for an hour, from 3:30-4:30pm (coffee, cakes and free afterschool club provided!)

If you would like to get involved and be part of this lovely group, please email the office and we will send you further information and dates. Together, we can continue creating the very best learning environment for all our children.

Congratulations Max!

We are sure you would all like to join us in congratulating Max in Y3, who has achieved something absolutely amazing! Last year, Max attended the Science Jamboree with 10th Widnes Scouts, and following the event, an art competition was announced to design a badge for this year's Science Jamboree, being held at the University of Liverpool. Max designed his own badge and sent his entry off in November last year, and today we received the fantastic news that **Max has won the competition!** His design will now be turned into an official badge and given to everyone attending the 2026 Science Jamboree. That means approximately 150 Cubs/Brownies and 200 Beavers/Rainbows — around 350 children in total — will be wearing a badge designed by our very own Max! As an extra bonus, all of the 10th Widnes Beavers will get to attend this year's event **free of charge** as part of Max's troop. What an incredible achievement, Max — we couldn't be prouder! 💖

Max's Design



And the finished Badge



School Lunches

Please can we remind parents we are a nut free school and that any grapes sent into school need to be cut in half. Thank you for your support

Chester Zoo Assembly

The whole school enjoyed a fun, interactive and educational assembly delivered by Chester Zoo as part of their **"Save the Rainforest"** project. The children became part of the rainforest themselves, standing up and acting as trees while passing an orangutan toy from one child to another as it swung through the "trees". As the children gradually sat down to represent trees being lost, it became increasingly difficult for the orangutan to swing from tree to tree, providing a fun and memorable demonstration of the impact of deforestation on orangutans and their rainforest habitat. Following the assembly, children in Years 1–6 began their workshop journey, taking part in the first of their four exciting and educational workshops, where they continued to explore the importance of protecting our rainforests and the wildlife that depends on them.

Water Bottles

Following feedback from our parent and pupil voice, we have been pleased to allow children to bring their own water bottles into school. However, we are now finding that an increasing number of children are not bringing their bottles in, and we have unfortunately reached a point where we no longer have spare bottles available in school. **Please ensure that your child brings their class water bottle into school every day.** This should be a **clear water bottle** and should be clearly named. We will be ordering a new batch of water bottles for our Reception children this year. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to ensure that all children have access to water throughout the school day.

Reception Open Evening – September 2027

Even though our new Reception class has only just started, we are already looking ahead at next year and we would like to invite families of children starting School in September to our annual Open Evenings. The Open Evenings are for any children who will be starting school in September 2027. Please support us in promoting our event by sharing our advert on our social media and with family, friends, sports clubs and local group pages etc to get the word out to as many families as possible about our amazing school. Open Evenings will be held on **15th October and 3rd December at 3:30pm and 5:30pm.**

Celebrating Via's Kindness and Generosity

We are so proud and impressed by the generosity and kindness of Via in Year 3, who, over the holidays, organised a toy and lemonade stand outside her home and raised an amazing £75! Via has very kindly chosen to donate £30 of her money to St Michael with St Thomas Church, showing such wonderful thoughtfulness and care for others. We are incredibly proud of Via for thinking of others and putting her entrepreneurial spirit to such a fantastic cause. Well done, Via, and thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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

- Via (Y3) for being a great friend and being very helpful at lunchtime – Miss B 😊
- Alfie (Y1) for being a superstar at lunch – Miss Green
- Izzy (Y4) for being a super friend to the new Y1's during break – Miss Mason
- Savannah (Y6) for being a wonderfully kind and caring helper during Pupil leadership 😊
- Eva (Y4) for showing great resilience and perseverance when feeling unwell! Mrs Worrall 💖
- Frankie (Y2) for being a superstar at lunch and helping the new reception children – Miss Green
- The fantastic Y6 children who helped the Y1's with their laptops! – Miss McMullen
- Lucian & Ariana (Y1) for being fantastic helpers for Mrs Hughes, bringing the lunch box trolley at the end of the day – 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:

- 15h Sept – National Fitness Day
- 24th Sept – Whole School Eucharist (9:15am)
- 25th Sept – Y4 Clonter Theatre Trip
- 28th Sept – Y4 Bikeability
- 29th Sept – Y5 Bikeability (3 days)
- 1st Oct – Flu Vaccinations
- 5th Oct – Reception Parent Insight
- 6th Oct – Y1 – Y6 Chester Zoo Trip
- 7th Oct – Y1 Parent Insight – Phonics
- 8th Oct – Y5 Harvest Service at Church
- 8th Oct – Y6 Parent Insight – Reading
- 12th Oct – Y3 Parent Insight – Reading
- 13th Oct – Individual School Photos
- 13th Oct – Y4 Parent Insight
- 15th Oct – Y5 Parent Insight
- 15th Oct – Reception Open Evening
- 19th Oct – Y2 Parent Insight
- 22nd Oct – Reception Welcome Worship

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

Different
Passions
Brighter
Futures

Our Amazing Children

BEYOND SCHOOL

Same
Brilliant
Children

This page celebrates the fantastic achievements of our children outside of school. Whether it's sports, arts, music, volunteering, clubs, hobbies or any other interests, we're so proud of you!

We would love to hear about and celebrate all of our children's achievements, both in and out of school. We are incredibly proud of everything our children accomplish and would love the opportunity to share in their successes with our wider school community.

Whether your child has achieved something through sport, music, dance, hobbies, competitions, fundraising or any other activity, please do let us know!

If you would like to share your child's achievements with us, please email the school office so that we can celebrate their wonderful accomplishments together.

Be Proud
Be You
Belong

Big
Achievements
Happen
Everywhere

Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

"We keep trying and never give up"



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 or the child must be top priority in all actions and 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

Acorn/Oak – Ruth for her amazing effort in class – Super Impressed

Rec – All of Reception for settling so well on their first week

Y1 – Thomas for an outstanding effort all week – we are all so proud!

Y2 – Hunter for working extremely hard across all subjects, even though he has two broken wrists!

Y3 – Bobbie-Leigh for a wonderful first week with amazing focus and attitude

Y4 – Iviarna for truly embodying our Christian Value of Perseverance

Y5 – Dylan for a super start to Year 5, always Ready Respectful and safe

Y6 – Ryan for brilliant work all week, especially in maths 😊

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



Safe



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

Lunchtime Superstars

Acorn & Oak - Alfie

Rec – Miles

Y1 – Mia

Y2 – Ava

Y3 – Paul

Y4 – Rosie

Y5 – Carter

Y6 – Tilly

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

96.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

96.7%

Class attendance winner:

99.1% - Y6

Class Attendance:

Acorn – 98%

Oak – 70%

Rec – 95%

Y1 – 95%

Y2 – 93.9%

Y3 – 98.5%

Y4 – 95.4%

Y5 – 99.5%

Y6 – 99.1%



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

Please note some dates may change and dates added

 2026/2027 Autumn Planner			
September	October	November	December
1st Inset Day 2nd Rec Meet the Teacher 3rd Rec Start Date Group 1 4th Rec Start Date Group 2 7th Y5 & Y6 Meet the Teacher 8th Y3 & Y4 Meet the Teacher 9th Y1 & Y2 Meet the Teacher 24th Whole School Eucharist 25th Y4 Clonter Theatre Trip 28th Y4 Bikeability 29th Y5 Bikeability 30th Y5 Bikeability	1st Flu Vaccinations 1st Y5 Bikeability 5th Rec Parent Insight 6th Y1-Y6 Chester Zoo Trip 7th Y1 Parent Insight 8th Y5 Harvest Service @ Church 8th Y6 Parent Insight Reading 12th Y3 Parent Insight 13th School Individual Photos 13th Y4 Parent Insight Reading 15th Y5 Parent Insight Reading 19th Y2 Parent Insight Reading 22nd Reception Welcome Worship 22nd Autumn Disco 23rd Finish for Half Term	2nd Inset Day 3rd Inset Day 4th School Reopens 10th Y6 Museum Trip (TBC) 18th Y4 Family Worship 20th Inset Day 25th Y5 Family Worship	3rd Y6 Christingle at Church 4th Enterprise Fair 7th Rec & Y1 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings 8th Y5 Y Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings 9th Y2, Y3 & Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings 14th Rec & Y1 Breakfast with Santa 14th KS1 Panto 15th Y2 & Y3 Breakfast with Santa 15th KS2 Panto 18th Finish for Half Term

Wade Deacon High School

Upcoming Open Evening on Thursday 17th September from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. I would be extremely grateful if you could forward and share this information with any prospective parents. Last year, we had over 2200 visitors attend so I would encourage those interested to arrive early for what is always a wonderful evening.



A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

WADE DEACON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING 2026

**Thursday 17th
September 2026**
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Executive Principal's Address
5:45pm & 6:45pm

Come and discover why
Wade Deacon High School
is the school of choice for
so many local families.

**A GREAT
PLACE
TO BE A
PART OF**

**MEET
OUR STAFF**

**EXPLORE
OUR CURRICULUM**

**SEE OUR
FANTASTIC FACILITIES**

**FIND OUT ABOUT
OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR
OPPORTUNITIES**

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A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The poster features a blue and white geometric design. It includes the school's crest, which is a shield divided into four quadrants with a central emblem. The crest is surrounded by the text 'Wade Deacon High School' and 'A Commitment to Excellence'. There are three hexagonal images: a smiling girl, a boy in a lab coat, and three students in school uniforms. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title and date prominently displayed at the top. The bottom section contains four icons representing different aspects of the school: staff, curriculum, facilities, and extra-curricular activities.