



St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 25th 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.

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 2026 and 3rd December 2026 at 3:30pm and 5:30pm.**

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to this year's Harvest Festival, led by Y5, which will be held at the church on **Thursday 8th October**, starting at **9:30am**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest. We will be accepting donations from **Monday 28th September** up until the service. Please see the shopping list of suggested items from Widnes Foodbank below. If you would like to join us on our walk to the church, please contact the school office. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Worship

We had a wonderful Y3 Family Worship this week, when our fantastic Y3 children led their Wide Awake to the World worship, exploring the important themes of equality and equity. It was an engaging, thoughtful and refreshing part of their learning and a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their understanding with our school community. It has also been wonderful to see so many parents joining us this week for Family Worship, as well as for our Whole School Eucharist, led by Rev. Linda. Your continued support, encouragement and engagement with our school community is always greatly appreciated.

Clonter Theatre

Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic day at Clonter Opera Theatre in Cheshire! They dove into an incredible world of theatre, exploring stage design and performance. They worked alongside opera professionals and even composed their very own musical piece. The set design workshop was a particular highlight, with pupils discovering the magical art of creating theatrical set designs for the real stage. These experiences are not just fun – they are helping our pupils work towards their arts award and develop skills that go far beyond the classroom. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and we are so proud of how our pupils embraced this incredible learning opportunity!

Acorn and Oak Newsletter

We are excited to be adding an additional **Acorn and Oak** page to our Newsletter. This will give us an opportunity to share all the exciting activities the children have been enjoying, as well as highlight any upcoming dates, trips and special events. We look forward to sharing more of their wonderful experiences and achievements with you each week!

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are incredibly proud to announce this year's Head Girl Phoebe, Head Boy Nathaniel, Deputy Head Girl Erin and Deputy Head Boy Kian! We are sure you will all join us in congratulating them on this wonderful achievement. They are fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to seeing them represent our school community with pride, kindness and enthusiasm throughout the year. We are certain they will be wonderful role models and make a positive contribution to our school family.

Car Park Barrier

To help keep our children safe in the car park, we are restricting vehicle access between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. We also kindly ask that, when the barrier is raised, children and parents do not walk underneath it and instead use the designated pedestrian pathway. Your cooperation and support with these safety measures are greatly appreciated and will help us ensure that our children remain safe at busy drop-off and collection times. Thank you for your understanding, help and continued support in keeping our children safe.

Planned Trips

We are always looking for volunteers to join us on our school trips. If you are available and would like to come along, please contact the school office to register your interest.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
Tue, 06 Oct 2026	Chester Zoo Y1-6	Year Y1, Year Y2, Year Y4, Year Y5, Year Y6 and Y3	28 Sep 2026
Thu, 22 Oct 2026	KS1 Autumn Disco	Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2, Y3	16 Oct 2026
Thu, 22 Oct 2026	KS2 Autumn Disco	Year Y4, Year Y5, Year Y6	16 Oct 2026
Tue, 10 Nov 2026	Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip	Year Y6	10 Oct 2026
Tue, 10 Nov 2026	Y5 Ancient Greeks and Romans Trip	Year Y5	10 Oct 2026
Mon, 14 Dec 2026	Rec & Y1 Breakfast with Santa	Year R and Year Y1	04 Dec 2026
Mon, 14 Dec 2026	KS1 Panto and Party Food	Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2 and Y3 Trips	30 Oct 2026
Tue, 15 Dec 2026	Y2 & Y3 Breakfast with Santa	Year Y2 and Y3 Trips	04 Dec 2026
Tue, 15 Dec 2026	KS2 Panto and Party Food	Year Y4, Year Y5 and Year Y6	30 Oct 2026
Mon, 07 Jun 2027 - Tue, 08 Jun 2027	Y5 Pettypool	Year Y5	Deposit by 20 th Oct 2026
Thu, 24 Jun 2027 -Fri, 25 Jun 2027	Y6 London Residential Trip	Year Y6	Deposit by 30 Sep 2026

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

- Aiden, Ethan and Ronnie (Y5) for excellent behaviour during worship with Rev. Linda – Mrs Worrall 😊
- Joseph (Y4) for fantastic singing during Thursdays Worship
- Jacob W (Y6) amazing positivity and can-do attitude this week -Mrs Worrall
- Ryan (Y6) for amazing maths work all week! – Miss Case 😊
- ❤️
- Spencer (Y6) for making more positive choices! Mrs Worrall
- Harper-Rose (Y2) for amazing singing in our Eucharist assembly Mr East
- Joe (Y4) Absolutely breathtaking singing in Worship – Miss Mason 😊
- Billy Y1 for always showing all our Christian Values. You work so hard – Miss McMullen ❤️

Parent Dates

Looking Ahead:

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

- 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!

Jacob Y4

Every day around our school, we see children demonstrating kindness, friendship and encouragement towards one another, but it is particularly lovely when a parent takes the time to recognise just how fantastic our children are. This week, a parent called into the office after noticing Jacob from Year 4 offering support and reassurance to a younger child who was feeling upset and nervous during worship. Jacob showed great empathy and friendship and later sought the younger child out at playtime to check in with them and spend time playing together. We are incredibly proud of Jacob and all our children as they put our Christian values into practice and demonstrate what a wonderful school family we have. Jacob is a true credit to our school and a fantastic role model for our younger children.

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 27: All children have the right to food, clothing and a safe home*

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 – Miles for a brilliant and positive attitude to his learning this week

Y1 – Rex for super work and having such a beautiful attitude!

Y2 – Elliott for his fantastic listening and hard work

Y3 – Elijah for focused careful work in maths and becoming more confident when asking for help

Y4 – Joseph for showing so much dedication and perseverance the whole week

Y5 – Emily for some amazing typography artwork and a great start at your new school

Y6 – Mason for a brilliant, positive attitude to all of his learning 😊

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 - Daniel

Rec – Tilly

Y1 – Amelia

Y2 – Oakley

Y3 – Charlotte

Y4 – Lillie

Y5 – George

Y6 – Spencer

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

97%

Whole school attendance – this week:

97.1%

Class attendance winner:

99.5% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 98.6%

Y1 – 98.9%

Y2 – 99.5%

Y3 – 97.5%

Y4 – 92.1%

Y5 – 96.3%

Y6 – 98.3%



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that, starting next week, **Acorn and Oak Class** will have our very own **one-page newsletter**, which will be sent alongside the main school letter each week.

As we are very much part of the wider school community, we want to make sure you continue to receive all the important whole-school information, while also having a little extra insight into life in Acorn and Oak.

Our weekly page will help to keep you **updated and informed** about everything happening within our classes. It will include what we have been up to during the week, messages and notices, trip information, important dates, reminders and anything else we think you need to know.

As you know, Acorn and Oak follow a **different curriculum and daily schedule**, so our newsletter will give us the opportunity to share more of what this looks like and celebrate the learning, experiences and achievements taking place each week.

We will also be introducing our own **parent insight and feedback opportunities**. These will look slightly different from those across the main school, as we want them to be meaningful and appropriate for our children, families and provision. **We really value your views and insight**, and we will be in touch over the next few weeks with more information about how you can get involved.

For now, please keep an eye out for our
first Acorn & Oak one-page news
next Friday, 2nd October!

We hope this will be a lovely way of keeping you connected with what is happening in Acorn and Oak, and we look forward to sharing more with you each week.

Warm wishes,

The Acorn & Oak Team 

Harvest Festival

We will be accepting donations from **Monday 28th September** up until the service. Please see below the shopping list of suggested items from Widnes Foodbank



Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the weeks leading up to Harvest, Widnes food bank will continue to provide food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of food shortfalls, storing and distributing food.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Tinned Potatoes

Coffee/Tea

1l Milk

Cereal

1l Fruit juice (long-life)

Jam/Biscuits

Soup

Toiletries

0151 422 0031

widnesfoodbank.org.uk

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PARENT FORUM

Your voice matters!

Join the Headteacher and be part of our Parent Forum.

A chance to meet, share your views and work together on key policies and developments in school. Your feedback helps us to continue to be the best we can be for all of our children.



Share your views



Discuss key policies



Help shape the future



Work together for our children



One meeting each term.

All parents and carers are welcome! 



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A haven of inclusivity

– SIAMs 2026



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