



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

*Newsletter – Thursday 21st November 2024*

### **Festive Events**

As we approach December, we are excited to share some of the festive events we have planned for the holiday season! On **12th December**, we will be celebrating Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day, where everyone is encouraged to wear their favourite festive jumper. Reception and Year 1 children can look forward to **Breakfast with Santa** on **16th December**, followed by Year 2 and Year 3 enjoying their own **Breakfast with Santa** on **17th December**. Please make sure to submit your payments via Arbor for these events. Additionally, KS1 Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be heading to The Brindley Theatre to watch the pantomime *Aladdin* on **17th December** followed by their class Christmas party, while KS2 will enjoy their own trip to the pantomime and party on **18th December**. Payments and consent for these trips can also be made through Arbor. We look forward to celebrating a joyful and festive end to the term with our children!

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

We are pleased to invite all parents to book a Pupil Progress Meeting with their child's class teacher. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the latest assessment week and any next steps in their learning journey. We encourage you to log into Arbor and select a time that works best for you. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's achievements and progress.

### **Bikeability**

Despite the icy conditions on Tuesday, Reception class showed great determination and successfully completed their balance bike course, while Year 4 braved the chill to finish their Level 1 course. Unfortunately, the icy roads meant Year 5 completed only half of their Level 2 course before it had to be abandoned. The remaining sessions for Year 5 have been rescheduled for December 9th, where we hope for better conditions. Well done to all students for their perseverance and enthusiasm in such challenging weather!

### **Y4 Family Worship**

Year 4 truly shone with their inspiring class worship this week, sharing beautiful messages that encouraged us all to reflect on the importance of gratitude and appreciate the little things in life. Their worship taught us the true meaning of thankfulness, reminding us to acknowledge all that we have to be grateful for. Their delightful singing added an extra layer of warmth and joy to the experience. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of reflection and the spirit of thankfulness—thank you, Year 4, for such an uplifting and heartfelt worship!

### **Centre of Excellence**

We're so excited to be recognized as a Centre of Excellence for financial education! This award celebrates all the hard work we've put into helping our pupils learn the skills they need to manage money confidently and make smart financial decisions. It's not just about what we're doing in our school—it's about sharing what we've learned with other schools too, so more children can benefit. We're proud to be part of something that's making a real difference and can't wait to keep building on this success!

### **Headteacher and Lunchtime Awards**

This week's Celebration Assembly will take place on Monday, where we will recognize and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our children. Certificates will be awarded to those who have demonstrated exceptional effort, progress, and attitude in their learning. It's always a special moment to come together as a school community to acknowledge the accomplishments of our pupils, and we look forward to celebrating their successes.

## Looking Ahead:

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

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – School closed to pupils INSET day
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Family Worship – Advent 9:00am
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Opening Evening 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nativity (Y1 and Y2 Parents)
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Rec/Y1 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Christingle
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Bikeability
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Bikeability
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/Y6 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y2/Y3/Y4 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper and dinner day
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Enterprise Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa (EYFS and Y1)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa (Y2 and Y3)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Panto and Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Panto and Party
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term
- 6<sup>th</sup> January – School Opens

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

# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Thankfulness

*"We appreciate everything we have; family, friends our home 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 Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full

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!

## 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



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

## Safe



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

- Charlotte Y5 for being a kind and considerate friend – Mrs Hughes
- Alife and Archie for helping Y4 with their worship – Miss Smith
- Aren & Harry for playing a super game of chess in breakfast club – Miss Sutton
- Aren for being very polite! – Miss Ashton
- Lizzie Y6 for being an absolutely outstanding role model and ambassador for our school on our trip to the museum
- Y4 for the most inspiring class worship with beautiful messages for us all – I will make a huge effort to reflect and be thankful for all the little things – Mrs Worrall
- All of Year 4 for a delightful worship that taught us the true meaning of thankfulness and all that we could be thankful for. Beautiful singing! – Mrs Hogan

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

- Rec – Hunter for some fantastic child initiated writing
- Y1 – Hattie for being a learning superstar this week!
- Y2 – Reuben for having a bright and bubbly week!
- Y3 – Stevie for trying so hard to work independently
- Y4 – Phoebe for having a super week and a great attitude
- Y5 – Ben for being curious and positive during our trip
- Y6 – Holly for showing such wonderful knowledge & enthusiasm during our Ancient Egyptian Trip

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

- Rec – Evie
- Y1 – Ava
- Y2 – Faith
- Y3 – Evie
- Y4 – Lyla
- Y5 – Jessica
- Y6 – Molly

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

96.1%

Whole school attendance - this week:

95.9%

Class attendance winner:

100% -

Class Attendance:

Rec - 91.3%

Y1 - 96.3%

Y2 - 98.1%

Y3 - 96.7%

Y4 - 100%

Y5 - 91.2%

Y6 - 97.2%



St. Michael with St Thomas CE Primary School

### Open Evenings 2024



**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3:30pm & 5:30pm**  
**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm & 5:30pm**

We are open to all parents & carers of children whose **birthday falls between 1/09/2020 and 31/08/2021** and are therefore eligible for a Reception class place in September 2025

HOUGH GREEN SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2024

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER | ENTRY £1.50 | 6.00 - 8.30PM

STALLS - CAKES - RAFFLE - FOOD - FATHER CHRISTMAS' GROTTO

SCOUT HUT, HALL AVE.

## Upton Community Centre

### Children's Christmas Party

with Stardust Entertainments  
Tuesday 17th December 2024  
3.30pm-5.30pm

**Tickets £3**

Tickets available from Upton Community Centre

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Upton Community Centre, Hough Green Road, Widnes, WA8 4PF.  
[www.haltoncommunitycentres.co.uk](http://www.haltoncommunitycentres.co.uk)

# Christmas BINGO

Friday 22nd November  
7.00pm

Hough Green Social Club.

**Great Prizes to be Won!**

Children's Bingo too!

**Family event!**