



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

*Newsletter – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025*

### **Half Term**

As we approach the half-term holidays, we are all hoping for some sunny days to brighten our break! We would like to remind everyone to stay safe during this time off. Whether you are planning outdoor activities or simply relaxing at home, please take care of yourselves and each other. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on **Wednesday 4th June**, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the academic year. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

### **Sports Day**

What a fantastic time we had on sports day! We were so impressed with the children who showed great skill and sportsmanship working in their house teams. Thank you to all the families who came to support the children creating such a brilliant atmosphere. We are particularly grateful to those parents who embraced the spirit of the day by participating in the parent race – your involvement made the event even more special and enjoyable for all! A big thank you goes to our Sports Coach, Mr Wortley, for his invaluable help in organising and ensuring the day's success and to Miss Ashton for working so hard to make this a memorable experience for all involved. We are eagerly anticipating the announcement of the winning team. Stay tuned for this exciting reveal!

### **Change4Life Week Highlights!**

This week, we were thrilled to host Change4Life Week at our school—a fantastic initiative focused on promoting healthy lifestyles. The children enthusiastically took part in a variety of activities, including sports workshops, friendly competitions, mindfulness sessions, and healthy snack tastings. They also learned about the many ways we can look after our physical and mental health. Every year group embraced the opportunities with great enthusiasm, and we are incredibly proud of the positive energy and engagement from all involved. A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff and particularly Miss Ashton for organising such a fun and meaningful week for the children. We would also like to give a special thank you to Matt Fiddes Martial Arts for delivering a fantastic, fun-filled day. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and gained valuable insights along the way! We hope that the children not only enjoyed the week but also feel inspired to continue making healthy choices at home. Don't forget—children can bring in their Healthy Eating Challenge sheets for the chance to receive a prize! We look forward to seeing how they have taken on the challenge and continued their journey toward a healthier lifestyle.

### **Pupil Leadership Afternoon**

This week, our school buzzed with excitement as we held our Pupil Leadership afternoon. It was lovely to see our children working together in groups alongside their Key Leaders, making a positive impact not only within our school walls but also reaching to our local community. At St Michael with St Thomas, we take great pride in our pupil leadership groups. These young leaders play a crucial role in shaping our school, acting as the voice of their peers and organising projects that enhance various aspects of our school life. It is wonderful to see the maturity, proactivity, and passion our pupil leaders bring to their roles.

### **Uniform Swap Shop**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our Uniform Swap Shop. This is a great way to reduce, recycle and reuse. We have many new and nearly new items available and are happy to accept any uniform in good, clean condition including shoes, coats, and PE kits. If you are interested and would like to receive or donate any uniform, please contact the office, or complete the contact form on our school website. Thank you for supporting both our school community and the environment.

### **Fun Day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Plans are already underway for our annual Fun Day, and we are hoping this will be the best one yet! As usual we will be holding non-uniform days for prizes, please see below, and we appreciate your support as always with this. We will also be having a cake stall and will be accepting home-baked goods on the day if any of our families would like to donate cakes or biscuits to sell (full recipes will need to be provided for allergy information) - please let us know in advance of the Fun Day if you are planning to send in cakes and bakes so we can plan for adequate space for the stall.

If you or your family members have businesses that can help with raffle prizes, please contact the office. We are also reaching out for volunteers who can help on the day setting up stalls and games in the morning and to run stalls in the afternoon – lots of tea and coffee provided! We thank you in advance for all your support in making our events a success!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Non-Uniform for Tombola Prizes (toiletries, small toys and gifts, candles etc)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Non-Uniform day for sweet donations

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Non-Uniform day bottles for the tombola

### **Admittance to Holy Communion**

We are delighted to share an important upcoming event with you. Our Year 4 Admittance to Holy Communion will take place on 13th June 2025 at 1:30pm in the Church, led by the Archdeacon. This special occasion is not limited to Year 4 pupils; any Year 5 or Year 6 pupils who have not yet had communion are also welcome to participate. If you wish for your child to take part, please ensure you give consent on Arbour. This promises to be a meaningful experience for our pupils.

### **Beautiful Girl**

One of our parents has asked us to share a special project that they have been working on:

This Friday I will be releasing a track called Beautiful Girl. It is a track about wishing she could see herself the way I do. It's uplifting, emotional and sends a message - A reminder that we're all worthy of love just as we are. Any money made from the track will go toward helping my daughter access the best therapy and support. I hope it resonates with anyone who's ever struggled with self-worth or watched someone they love go through it. It's not just about raising money for the best therapy, but also about raising awareness. So many people struggle to see themselves the way those who love them do — and this song is for them too. It'll be available on iTunes for just 59p. You will also be able to listen on streaming platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music. Every single download helps us raise awareness — and who knows, it may even get charted. Links below.

<https://music.apple.com/gb/album/beautiful-girl-radio-edit-single/1815011935>

### **Matt Fiddes Martial Arts**

Our children enjoyed an amazing Martial Arts lesson from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts during Change 4 Life week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their lesson, and we would recommend Matt Fiddes should children want to explore those classes, please see the leaflets below for more information.

### **Y6 Leavers Service**

We are looking forward to the Y6 Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Please be reminded due to the number of schools participating the event is for children only and children will need to wear their winter uniform with a school jumper or cardigan, not their leavers hoodies.


## Looking Ahead:

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Inset Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> June – School Opens
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Pentecost Worship (9am Parents Invited)
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Services Liverpool Cathedral (children only)
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Admittance to Holy Communion 1:30pm at church
- 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 London Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Eucharist (Trust and Parents Invited)
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Non-Uniform day for tombola prizes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y3/Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Non-Uniform day, sweet donations

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

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

- Aren (Y3) for being a fantastic team player – Miss T
- Harrison, Lottie, Emmy-Lou (Y5) for a lovely conversation in Eco Group – Miss Bates
- Phoebe, Skylar and Lyla (Y4) for bringing brilliant ideas along to pupil leadership – so imaginative! ★'s - Mrs Worrall
- Harrison, Lola-Rae (Y5) for helping me with jobs – Miss Bates
- Miss Ashton and Mr Wortley for organising a super sports day! From Y4 and Miss Sutton
- Charlotte and Bailie (Y5) for helping tidy the quiet area – Miss Middleton
- James and Y5 for helping Charlotte – Miss Lavery
- Alfie (Y2) for always being so polite – Miss Middleton
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# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

**Trust**

*"We trust in God, each other and ourselves"*



## 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 15: You have the right to meet friends and join groups as long as it is safe*

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 – Wilson for excellent participation outside

Y1 – Sophia for always being so smiley and positive in Year 1 😊

Y2 – Joshua for trying hard to improve handwriting and behaviours for learning

Y3 – Bobby for trying hard to be independent with his work

Y4 – Bobby for being a superstar reader this week!

Y5 – Henry for wonderful contributions in RE!

Y6 – Alfie for showing great enthusiasm in our computing topic and even practising in his free time! 😊

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Logan

Y1 – Lewis

Y2 – Skylar

Y3 – Evie

Y4 – Skylar

Y5 – Zac

Y6 – Amelia O



# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.4%

Whole school attendance – this week:

94.5%

Class attendance winner:

98.1% - Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 97.1%

Y1 – 92.4%

Y2 – 97%

Y3 – 96.1%

Y4 – 98.1%

Y5 – 92.5%

Y6 – 88%



## 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

## Halton Libraries

There is lots going on at the library this **half term** – please see poster below. There are inhouse sessions as well as 2 special sessions with Digital Arts Box.

# EXPLORE & DISCOVER

this May half term at Halton Libraries

**NO NEED TO BOOK  
DROP IN ANYTIME**

**Tuesday 27th May**  
*Space – the final frontier!* – arts and crafts that are out of this world 11-12:30 at WIDNES library  
*Rhymetime* 11-11:45 at DITTON and RUNCORN libraries  
*Lego Club* 3-5 at WIDNES and HALTON LEA libraries

**Wednesday 28th May**  
*Dinos and Fossils* – prehistoric arts and crafts 11-12 at HALTON LEA library  
*Rhymetime* 11-11:45 at WIDNES library  
**FREE packed lunches** 12-1 at HALTON LEA AND WIDNES libraries

**Thursday 29th May**  
*Rhymetime* 11-11:45 at HALTON LEA library  
*Brilliant Builds* 3-5 at HALTON LEA, DITTON and WIDNES libraries  
*Lego Club* 3-5 at RUNCORN library

**Friday 30th May**  
*Hide and Seek: Rainforest craft activity* 11-12:30 at DITTON library  
*Rotten Romans Mosaics (Horrible Histories)* 11-12:30 at HALTON LEA library  
*Rhymetime* 11-11:45 at WIDNES library  
*Commotion in the Ocean* – collage activity 2-3 at WIDNES library

**Saturday 31st May**  
*Saturday Stories* 11-11:45 at WIDNES and HALTON LEA library

**And join us on Tuesday at Halton lea and Thursday at Widnes for a special session with Digital Arts Box. For more details see: [library.haltonbc.info](http://library.haltonbc.info)**

[www.halton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.halton.gov.uk/libraries)

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# digital arts get together

These **FREE** half-term sessions for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

## dates + locations: times:

Tuesday 27th May - Halton Lea Library Runcorn

10:30 am

Thursday 29th May - Widnes Library, Widnes

- 12:30 pm

## sign up now:

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