



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

*Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

### **Art Exhibition**

We are excited to share that this year, we will be running an Art Exhibition. Each year group will be focusing on a different traditional Artist and create some artwork based on their work. The children's masterpieces will be displayed in frames in the hall and will be available for you to purchase. We are so excited to run this event to show everyone the artistic talents of our children. The Art Exhibition will take place on Friday 14th February at 3:30pm in the Hall.

### **Dress to Express**

As part of Mental Health Week, this year's Dress to Express Day will take place on Friday, 7th February 2025. 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!

### **Whole School Eucharist**

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Whole School Eucharist on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, sharing in this special occasion with us. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Reverend Linda for leading such a lovely service and delivering a meaningful message. A special mention to the ethos team, who truly went above and beyond in making the worship extra special. Your presence and support truly made the event even more memorable, and we are grateful for the sense of community it fostered. Thank you again for being part of this special time!

### **Parking**

We kindly remind all parents to park safely, legally, and considerately around the school, to avoid double parking and blocking driveways. It is important for everyone's safety that the "School Keep Clear" markings outside the school remain clear of vehicles during school hours. These markings are in place to ensure the safety of our children and other pedestrians, so we ask that you please refrain from stopping or parking on them. Your cooperation helps create a safer environment for everyone, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

### **Y3 Family Worship**

On Thursday, Y3 hosted a beautiful "Wide Awake to the World" family worship, and it was lovely to see so many parents joining us for the event. We also want to highlight the children who stepped in last minute to fill in for those who were absent – their enthusiasm and teamwork was amazing. It was a wonderful display of community and togetherness! We are now looking forward to next week's Year 2 family worship and hope you can join us.

## Looking Ahead:

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Parent Insight – Maths (Parents)
- 28<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training, Choir and Afterschool Wraparound Care cancelled
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Family Worship – Friendship (Y2 Parents)
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – Dress to Express Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Art Exhibition 3:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – School Reopens
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 Swimming
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Clonter Opera Trip (tbc)
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Crosby Beach Y4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Service Y4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Bingo (Children only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School Reopens
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Y3 Swimming
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Blue Planet Aquarium Trip – Reception
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photographs
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Family Worship 9am (Parents invited)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs all week
- 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Pettypool Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Eucharist
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 London Trip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y3 and Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 and Y2 Imagine That Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents invited)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Term

*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:

## Friendship

*"We look after each other and always try to 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 15: Every child has the right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs*

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



## Safe



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

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

- Bella – Rec for her lovely smiles as she passes me in the corridor – Miss McGawley
- Ashton Y3, fantastic singing during Mr Mannings assembly – Miss Barnett
- Y3 for a fantastic family worship. You have been doing some amazing work – Miss Ashton
- Y3 for singing beautifully during your family worship, well done from Miss Sutton
- Reception for wonderful singing in the Eucharist – Mrs Hogan
- Kirsty Y3 for being a kind and caring friend with our younger children at lunchtime – Mrs Hughes

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Eleanor for a significant improvement in behaviour at school

Y1 – Emmie for being a maths superstar this week!

Y2 – Heidi for always following school rules

Y3 – Evie for a fantastic effort in maths this week

Y4 – Jacob for showing great perseverance

Y5 – Ruby for magnificent contribution in all lessons

Y6 – Archi H for being such a responsible, hardworking role model for everyone!

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

Rec – Elliott

Y1 – Freddie

Y2 – Stanley

Y3 – George

Y4 – Ollie

Y5 – Louie

Y6 – Megan

# Attendance Counts!

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Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.5%

Whole school attendance – this week:

95.8%

Class attendance winner:

98.2% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 95.2%

Y1 – 95.8%

Y2 – 98.2%

Y3 – 91.9%

Y4 – 96.7%

Y5 – 97.5%

Y6 – 94.4%



"I've learned to listen to myself and not expect to be a superhero... Thank you very much for a very helpful class and giving me plenty to go away and think about"



# NEW DAD WORKSHOP

Join Dad Matters for a **FREE** online Workshop  
For Expecting and New Dads with Babies  
under 12 weeks old



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During these online video workshops, we will talk about three key topics; Attachment and Bonding, Mum and Dads Mental Health and Wellbeing, and Access to Appropriate Services. We will also cover Labour, Birth and Beyond from a Dad's Perspective.



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