



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

*Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

### **Clothes Collection Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

You will have received a Sammy's Project Collection bag this week, and I hope you can support this wonderful initiative. We would really appreciate it if you could fill your bag or bags and return them on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July 2025. This collection helps us raise vital funds for our school while supporting Sammy's project – a cause that truly makes a difference. Our Year 6 pupils will be on hand to give out special stickers to all children who return their filled bags, adding a lovely touch of recognition to their contribution.

### **Assessment Week**

Well done to all our children following their recent assessment week. Every child demonstrated remarkable dedication and effort throughout this important period, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment. We cannot wait to celebrate their successes and look forward to sharing their reports with you soon. Well done to each and every one of them.

### **Transition**

Monday 7th July is transition day, which gives all pupils an opportunity to get to know their new teacher and to help them feel settled in their new environment. It also gives the staff important time to work with the children and find out exactly where they are up to in different subjects ready for September. Please look out for the dates for September Meet the Teacher sessions for parents which will take place in September, where you can come and meet the new class teacher and find out key information about the year ahead.

### **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 thank you in advance for all your support in making our events a success!

### **Non-Uniform Days**

**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**

### **Volunteers**

We are reaching out for volunteers who can help us with our fun day, setting up stalls and games in the morning and to run stalls in the afternoon – lots of tea and coffee provided!

### **Uniform**

As we approach the end of our school year, I want to remind everyone about maintaining our high standards of uniform. It remains important that pupils continue to arrive at school looking smart and wearing the correct uniform. These expectations support our children in taking pride in their appearance and belonging to our school community. Thank you for your continued support in upholding these standards.

## Uniform Swap Shop



We invite all parents to join us during Fun Day to browse and collect "like new" and gently used school uniform items that are in great condition. It's a great way to save on costs for the new school year while helping reduce waste by giving these items a second life instead of sending them to landfill. We also gratefully accept donations of school uniforms in like new or used condition—your contributions help other families and support a more sustainable school community. Don't forget, our uniform Swop Shop is open all year round, so you can top up on any items whenever needed!


### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- 2nd July – Sammys Project Clothes Collection Day (before 9:30am)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y3/Y4 Rock and River Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Non-Uniform day, sweet donations
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Week
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Imagine That! Y1 and Y2
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 Greek Day
- 11th July – Non-Uniform Day Bottles for Tombola
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Fun Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Ready for Reception Drop In
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Reception Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – School closes 3:15pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Inset Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Inset Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – School Opens

***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:**

- Year 6 (too many to mention) for helping lead singing worship – Mrs Hogan
- Alfie (Rec) for helping Miss Lucas tidy up the quiet area
- Leighton (Y3) for lovely greetings every day, and for constantly giving kind compliments and encouragement to everyone in class. You make us all smile! – Miss T
- Whole of Year 3 for maturity and excellent participation during whole school Eucharist – Mrs Fisher
- Whole of Reception for taking wonderful care of our chicks – Mrs Fisher
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# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Hope

*"We believe anything is possible"*



## 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 28: Every child has the right to an education*

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 – Elliott for fantastic participation during the Eucharist

Y1 – Emmie for always trying really hard with her reading and phonics

Y2 – Grace for being a super role model to all who came to church!

Y3 – Leighton for always saying "Good Morning" and "Good Afternoon"

Y4 – Bobby for making amazing progress in your reading!

Y5 – Joshua for trying hard to improve presentation

Y6 – Archie M for brilliant effort in his presentation 😊

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec – Niamh

Y1 – Thea

Y2 – Harrison

Y3 – Ronnie

Y4 – Bobby

Y5 – Baillie

Y6 – Lizzie

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance – this week:

93.1%

Class attendance winner:

96.5% - Y2

Class Attendance:

Rec – 89.1%

Y1 – 85.2%

Y2 – 96.5%

Y3 – 95.8%

Y4 – 94.7%

Y5 – 93.2%

Y6 – 95.4%



## 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





Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

**"Faith can move mountains," Matthew 17:20**

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09-06-25

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this message finds you well.

As you are aware, the school day now begins with registration at **8:45am**. This means that any child not in class by 8.45am is marked as late. Since the introduction of this new start time, we have seen a noticeable increase in late arrivals, despite opening the doors at 8.35am to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to be in school on time. We understand that adjusting to new routines can take time, which is why we have allowed a period of flexibility over the summer term for families to make the necessary changes. However, as punctuality is crucial to a successful start to the school day and to minimise disruption to learning, we need to ensure that from the start of next term this routine is in place.

**From September, all children arriving after 8:45am will need to be signed in by a parent or carer at the main entrance.**

Late arrivals can be very disruptive—not only for the child who is arriving late, but also for the rest of the class. All of our lessons start at 8.45am, meaning that key learning is taking place from that time. Children who arrive after lessons have begun often miss important instructions and can feel unsettled or embarrassed walking into an already-started classroom. Additionally, the interruption can disturb the focus and flow of the class, affecting the learning of others.

We encourage all parents to regularly monitor their child's attendance and punctuality through the Arbor system, where you can view the number of late marks and absences recorded. If you need any support with improving attendance, punctuality, or accessing Arbor, please don't hesitate to contact the school—we are here to help.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,

Miss M Slingsby  
Headteacher

# SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2025

 Bargain Lovers and Deals ©

**M&S**

20% off all uniforms. Predicted Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Aldi**

£5 uniform bundle confirmed. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Tesco**

25% off all uniform. Predicted Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Sainsburys**

25% off all uniform. Predicted Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Asda**

20% off all uniform. Predicted Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June.