



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

*Newsletter – Friday 29th November 2024*

### **Christmas Dinner and Panto Day Numbers**

With Christmas Dinner and Party Food Day fast approaching, we are busy making plans to ensure everything runs smoothly. To help us with our preparations, please look out for a letter that will be sent home with your child next week. The letter will ask you to indicate whether your child will be having the Christmas dinner and party food, or if they will be bringing their own packed lunch on those days. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the slip and return it to us by Wednesday of next week. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Breakfast with Santa Reminder**

We are excited to announce that we have a special visitor coming to school for breakfast! Santa will be joining us from 8:00am on **16th December** for Reception and Year 1, and on **17th December** for Year 2 and Year 3. If you would like your child to take part in this magical event, please log on to Arbor to give your consent and make the payment. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive breakfast and meet Santa in person. We look forward to celebrating the season with you all!

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

Please be reminded to book a Pupil Progress Meeting with your child's class teacher. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any next steps in their learning journey. We encourage all parents to log into Arbor and select a time that works best for you. It is an important chance to celebrate your child's achievements and address any areas for further development. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's continued success.

### **Sleep and Screen Time**

The Heath Improvement Team are holding an online session supporting families with sleep and screen time.

#### **Workshop Details:**

**Title:** Supporting Sleep and Managing Screen Time

**Date:** Thursday 5th December

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**Location:** Online - TEAMS

#### **What you will learn:**

- How screens can impact children's sleep and overall well-being.
- The science behind screen addiction and its effects on the brain.
- Practical strategies for managing screen time and improving sleep.
- Confidence in setting boundaries that work for their family.

Book your free place on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-with-sleep-and-screen-time-tickets-925925547237?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Inappropriate Language**

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that some parents have been using inappropriate or offensive language while waiting to collect their children from class. This language is not something we would want our children to hear, and we kindly remind all parents and guardians to be respectful in their choice of words when on school grounds. Our goal is to maintain a positive and respectful environment for both pupils and families, and your cooperation is essential in achieving this. Thank you for your understanding, consideration, and support in fostering a welcoming and respectful atmosphere in our school.

### **Children in Need**

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to our coin spiral for Children in Need. Not only did our children have a great time creating the spiral, but together, we raised an incredible **£184** for this fantastic charity. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated, and we are so proud of the effort everyone put in to make this such a success. Thank you for helping us make a real difference!

### **Tesco Community Grant**

We are in the big Tesco in Widnes! If you or your family are shopping in Tesco, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point, your votes could help us win £1500 for the school.

### **Y5 Family Worship**

A big thank you to Year 5 for a beautiful Advent worship and to all the parents who were able to join us. It was a truly special occasion for our school community to come together and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Through heartfelt prayers and uplifting songs, Year 5 reminded us of the hope, peace, and joy that the Christmas message brings. It was a wonderful time of reflection and celebration, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make this meaningful moment possible. Thank you for sharing in this special time with us!

### **Cold Season**

As the cold season settles in, we understand that many children may experience symptoms like a cough or a sniffly nose. While your child may feel a little unwell, we encourage you to continue sending them to school. Over-the-counter medications can help manage their symptoms, and we will monitor them closely throughout the day. If your child is feeling under the weather, please let us know at the front door so we can keep track of their condition and contact you if necessary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school environment running smoothly.



### **Congratulations Annie**

A huge congratulations to Annie in Year 5 for her outstanding achievement in the Halton Christmas Card Competition! Annie's beautiful and creative Christmas card design stood out among many entries, earning her first place. Her artistic talent and hard work truly shone through in her design, capturing the festive spirit in a unique and inspiring way. We are incredibly proud of her and thrilled to see her work celebrated. Well done, Annie – you have spread a little extra holiday cheer with your amazing artwork!

## Looking Ahead:

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

- 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 school finishes at 3:15pm no afterschool wraparound care or sports club
- 6<sup>th</sup> January – **School Opens**
- 13<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Insight Session
- 14<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 Parent Insight Session
- 15<sup>th</sup> January – Y3 Family Worship – Wide Awake to the World
- 15<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Parent Insight Session
- 16<sup>th</sup> January – Y1 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 20<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y3 Parent Insight Session – Maths
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Whole School Eucharist
- 27<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Parent Insight – Maths
- 28<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training, Choir and Afterschool Wraparound Care cancelled
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Family Worship - Friendship

*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 6: Every child has the right to Life, Survival and Development

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:

- Ryan Y4 for moving around school so safely and respectfully – Mrs Worrall
- Zac Y5 for politely offering me biscuits when I visited choir – Miss Bates
- Evie (Rec) for showing kindness during lunch break when another child was upset – Miss Barnett
- Annie for helping the Reception children at lunchtime – Mrs Fisher
- Zac, Arthur, Carter and Y5 boys for singing so beautifully and so bravely bringing a tear to my eye! Mrs Worrall
- Lizzie Y6 for going above and beyond yet again to make sure that she is respectfully helping the whole school – Mrs Worrall
- Aiden for holding the door open for everyone
- Grace & Izzy for practising so beautifully for their nativity during Breakfast Club

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec – Niamh for 100% effort across all subjects

Y1 – Paul for being a positive role model this week!

Y2 – Freddie for practising non-stop for the Nativity!

Y3 – Dylan for working hard in his maths

Y4 – Aria for a great attitude towards assessments this week!

Y5 – Ruby for amazing determination in maths

Y6 – Faith for superb resilience and effort in all our assessments this week!

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

Rec – Alfie

Y1 – Paul

Y2 – Grace

Y3 – Roman

Y4 – Olivia

Y5 – Sonny

Y6 – Archie



# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

Whole School Attendance – this year:

95.7%

Whole school attendance – this week:

91.9%

Class attendance winner:

94.4% - Y1 & Y4

Class Attendance:

Rec – 90.8%

Y1 – 94.4%

Y2 – 89.2%

Y3 – 90.8%

Y4 – 94.4%

Y5 – 91.0%

Y6 – 92.3%

## When should my child return to school?

NHS

<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*	



  
 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# Advent Service


**Wednesday 4th December 2024**  
**4:30 - 5:30pm**  
 School hall, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic High School

Join us for an intimate gathering of  
 our school community to celebrate  
 Advent and prepare for Christmas


Featuring a special performance by the P&P Choir



Design by Isla B, Year 8




## WIDNES MONDAYS



5:00pm till 6:00pm  
Aimed at Years 1-4

6:00pm-7:00pm  
Year 5/6/7/8/9 +  
7 aside training and Match Play



ENHANCED DBS  
 PEDIATRIC FIRST AID TRAINED

**LEVEL 2 COACHES**

EMAIL  
[NELLIESNETBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NELLIESNETBALL@GMAIL.COM)

# 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)

  
 SCAN ME



# Christmas

## BINGO

**Friday 22nd November**

**7.00pm**

Hough Green Social Club.

Great Prizes to be Won!

Children's Bingo too!

Family event!





# Family Hub Christmas 2024 Timetable

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable for	Notes
Thursday 28th November	10.00-2.00	MEGA Swap Shop	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Lots of preloved clothes, toys and equipment perfect for the festive season.
	9.30-11.30	Health Visitor Clinic	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Monday 2nd December	10.00-11.30	Baby's First Christmas	Kingsway Family Hub	Families with baby's under 1	Book on. Make precious keepsakes and memories of your baby's first Christmas. Call 0151 5116222
Tuesday 3rd December	10.00-1.00	Christmas Crafts	The Glasshouse at Victoria Park	Families	Drop in for craft and festive fun
	1.00-3.00	Breastfeeding Group	Ditton Library	Breastfeeding mums & mum's to be	Drop in for information and support for any stage of your feeding journey. The opportunity to meet other mums and babies.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Clinic	Ditton Library	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Wednesday 4th December	10.00-11.00	Party! Under 1's only	Halton Stadium	Under 1's	Book on from 25th November. Call 0151 4244686
	12.00-2.00	Party! Under 5's only	Halton Stadium	Under 5's	Book on from 2th November. Call 0151 4244686
	4.00-6.00	Family Party!	Halton Stadium	Families	Book on from 25th November. Call 0151 4244686. Family must have at least 1 child under 5 years old.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Clinic	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Thursday 5th December	9.30-11.30	Health Visitor Clinic	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
	10.00-11.00	Merry Messy Play	Ditton Family Hub	Families with Children under 5	Drop in for our Christmas themed Messy Play. Please wear suitable clothes, you will get messy!
	1.00-2.30	Baby's First Christmas	Upton Children's Centre	Families with baby's under 1	Book on. Make precious keepsakes and memories of your baby's first Christmas. Call 0151 4205482
Friday 6th December	10.00-11.00	Breakfast with Santa	Ditton Family Hub	Families with Children under 5	Book on from 25th November. Call 0151 4205482

Tuesday 10th December	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Clinic	Ditton Library	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
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Wednesday 11th December	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Clinic	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Thursday 12th December	9.30-11.30	Health Visitor Clinic	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Monday 16th December	10.00-11.00	Merry Messy Play	Kingsway Family Hub	Families with Children under 5	Drop in for our Christmas themed Messy Play. Please wear suitable clothes, you will get messy!
Tuesday 17th December	10.00-11.30	Baby's First Christmas	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families with babies under 1	Book on. Make precious keepsakes and memories of your baby's first Christmas. Call 0151 4244686
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Wednesday 18th December	10.00-11.00	Festive Musical Mayhem	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in. Come and sing and dance to all our favourite Christmas songs.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Clinic	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Thursday 19th December	1.00-2.00	Afternoon Tea with Santa	Kingsway Family Hub	Families	Book on from 25th November. Call 0151 4205482
	9.30-11.30	Health Visitor Clinic	Warrington Road Family Hub	Families	Drop in for Baby Weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Friday 20th December	10.00-11.30	Baby's First Christmas	Ditton Family Hub	Families with baby's under 1	Book on. Make precious keepsakes and memories of your baby's first Christmas. Call 0151 4205482

To make it fair, we can only book families on to either a party or a breakfast/afternoon tea with Santa. We would like to wish our families a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!