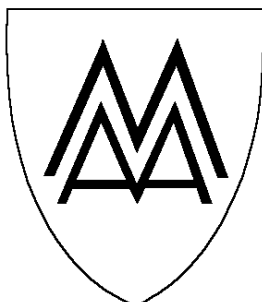


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Newsletter 12th September 2025

Weekly Class Attendance

Our class attendance for the week beginning 2nd September is as follows:

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 99.55%

Year 2: 96.55%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 98.33%

Year 5: 95.97%

Year 6: 97.08%

Whole school: 97.99%

Lateness –Please could you make sure that you arrive on time for school. After 9.15 this is treated as an unauthorised absence. Missing minutes causes missing learning.

Minutes late per day	Missed learning in the year
5 minutes	3.4 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks
30 minutes	4 school weeks

Staff Communication - Class Dojo

To help support staff wellbeing, we are introducing a small change to how Class Dojo messages and other correspondence are managed.

Staff correspondence will be monitored between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

You are still very welcome to send messages at any time, but please be aware that replies will be made during these hours.

Our staff are wonderfully dedicated and often reply late into the evening, but having clear communication hours will allow them to maintain a healthy balance and continue giving their very best to your children each day.



ClassDojo

School Picture Day

On **Tuesday 30th September** it is school photo day. Please could all children come into school in their full uniform, **not P.E Kits**, even if it is their PE day. We ask that all our children bring their biggest smiles with them.



Panto

This Christmas the whole school will be going to watch Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at Victoria Hall. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be going on the morning of **1st December** and our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 classes will be attending on the morning of the **8th December**. The cost for this trip is **£13 per child** and this covers the admission ticket, an ice-cream and also the coach travel.

We have managed to keep the cost at the same as last year and this is available to be paid on your child's **Arbor account**, the option to pay in installments has also been made. The deadline for payment and consent is Monday 24th November.



Published Author

We are super proud to say our wonderful Year 3 teacher, Mr Berrisford had his book published on Wednesday!

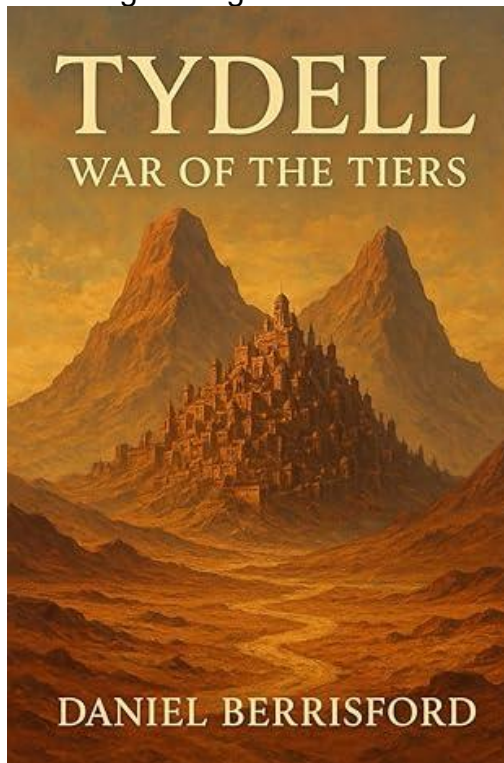
What an inspiration to us all to have our very own author in school.

We can't wait to get our hands on a copy which is available to purchase on Amazon.

We might even have to arrange a little book signing.

Well Done Mr B!

*Please note this book has an age rating of 12+



Fish Tank

We are hoping to rehome 4 of our marine fish from the fish tank in the reception area. If anyone is interested in these fish then please contact the school office and we can arrange collection from school with Mr Hamer.



Flu Vaccination

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link below to complete an online consent form. If you wish to decline, please still complete the form to indicate your decision.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/b669d507>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on 26th September 2025.

The link will close on 21st September 2025

If your child has already received the flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete the form and select 'No' to consent.

If you experience any issues accessing the link, please contact us on 0333 358 3397, selecting the appropriate options.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Secondary School Open Evening

Please see the information below for a couple of our local Secondary Schools, Atherton High and Bedford High and their scheduled open evenings.



ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for our
Open Evening
Wednesday 8th October 2025
3.45 - 7.15pm (doors close at 6.45 for last entry)

We are delighted to invite you to attend a tour of our school during our Open Evening. Join us for the evening and discover all you need to know about life as an Atherton High pupil:

- Welcome from the Headteacher
- Guided tour of our facilities
- Curriculum information
- Learn about life at Atherton High School
- Meet our staff and pupils
- Take away the latest news and information for Year 6 pupils and families
- See the school in action!

We are extremely proud of the first-class education we deliver for our pupils and staff. Please join us on Wednesday 8th October to experience our Open Evening and visit www.athertonhigh.com to find out more. We would love you to join us at Atherton High School for your next stage in education.

Leanne Turner, Headteacher

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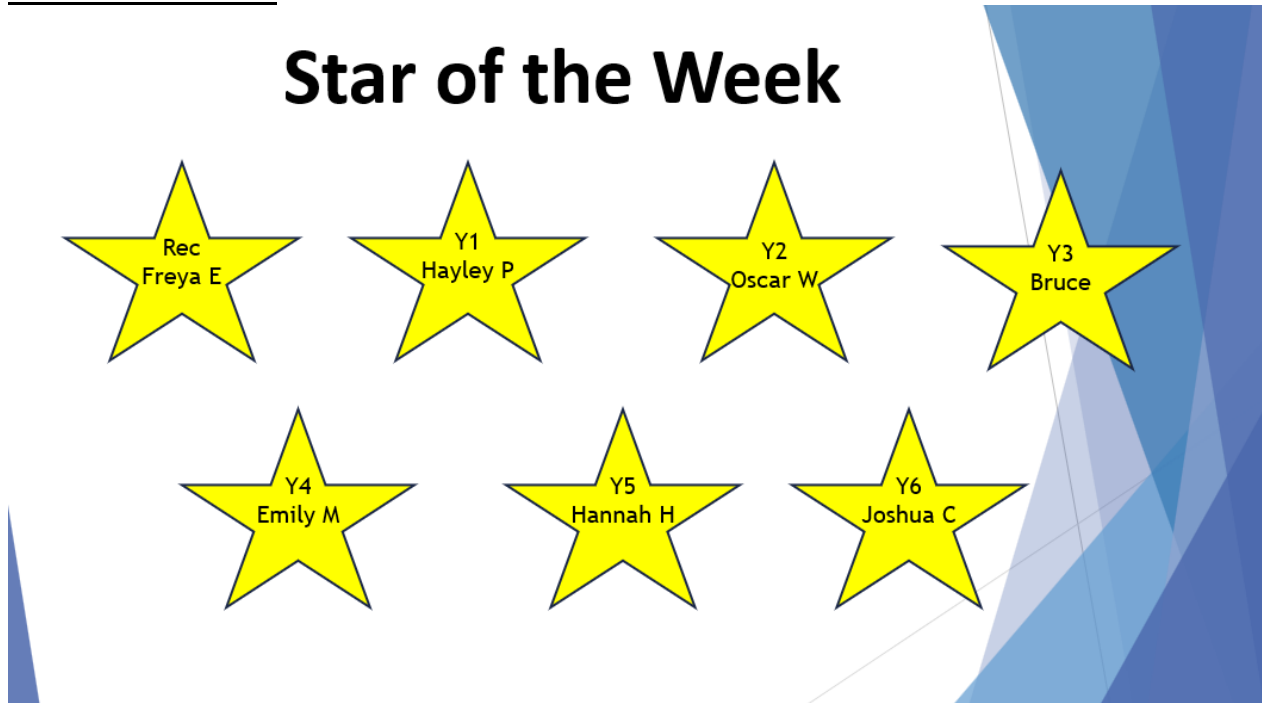
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OPEN EVENING 2025
THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
5pm to 7.30pm – Headteacher talks at 6.15pm and 6.45pm

Stars of the Week

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Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
15 th Sept				
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Whole school worship singing worship Y3 outdoor PE Y4 Wigan Music Service	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Class Worship Y6 indoor PE Rec indoor PE		ABC childcare
Thursday	Breakfast club	Worship with Rev. Hannah Rec indoor PE Y5 indoor PE Year 1 outdoor PE Year 2 outdoor PE		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 5 Swimming	Keyboard	ABC childcare

		Year 2 outdoor PE Year 6 outdoor PE Year 4 indoor PE		
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Future dates for your diary
(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

23 rd September - 27 th September	School Book Fair
26 th September	Flu immunisation
30 th September	School Picture Day
10 th October	World Mental Health Day Children invited to wear yellow with a £1 recommended donation
27 th October – 31 st October	Half Term
1 st December	KS1 Panto
8 th December	KS2 Panto
19 th December	Finish for Christmas Break at 3:30pm
5 th January	Inset day – Staff only
6 th January	Children return to school at 8:50am
5 th February	Young Voices
16 th February – 20 th February	Half Term
23 rd March – 25 th March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
Thursday 2 nd April	Finish for Easter Break at 3:30pm
20 th April	Children return to school at 8:50am
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 th May – 29 th May	Half Term
16 th July	Finish for Summer Break at 3:30pm
17 th July	Inset day – Staff only
1 st September	Inset day – Staff only
2 nd September	Children return to school at 8:50am

Useful Links

School Instagram Account <https://www.instagram.com/st.michaelsceprimaryschool/>
School Facebook Account <https://www.facebook.com/HoweBridgeStMichaelsPrimary>
School Lunches to be ordered on <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk>
Internet Safety Links: [Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
Mental Health and wellbeing details – www.actionforhappiness.org
Samaritans 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)
Mind - www.mind.org.uk

Online resources

For parents:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

For children:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>