St Michael's CE Primary School

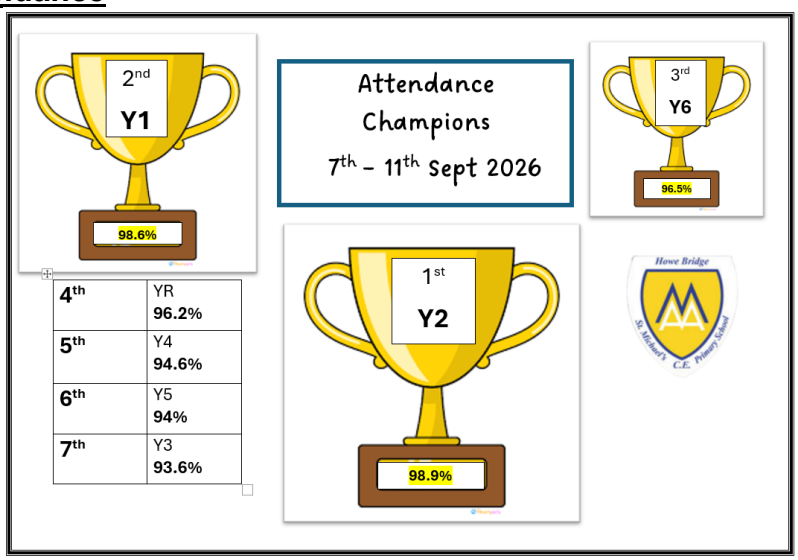
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Inspired by our heritage and the teachings of Jesus St Michael's is a community of love where everyone belongs, is nurtured and is empowered to flourish.

Mission, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, Appreciation, Encouragement, Love

Newsletter
18th September 2026

Weekly Attendance



4th	YR 96.2%
5th	Y4 94.6%
6th	Y5 94%
7th	Y3 93.6%

2027 Reception Starters Open Evening

Please share our Open Evening with anyone who you know who might want their child to join our St Michael's family next September.

🗓️ Tuesday 3rd November

⏰ 4.30pm

Come along, meet our teachers and discover all that St Michael's has to offer.

We'd love to welcome you and your little ones! 🏫✨



School Dinner Reminder 🍽️

A little reminder to all parents and carers that school dinners should be ordered before your child comes to school using the **School Grid app**.
Ordering in advance ensures that your child can receive the lunch they would like and also allows our kitchen staff to prepare the correct number of meals for the day.
You can order your child's lunch up until 9:00am on the day they would like a school dinner, or you can bulk order meals in advance for the days ahead.
Thank you for your continued support in helping our lunchtime arrangements run smoothly.

SchoolGrid
School Food, it's in our System

Harvest Festival – Helping our Community 💛🌾

This year, we are delighted to be collecting donations for Atherton and Leigh Foodbank, working together with our church to support local families in need.
The Foodbank has shared a list of items they are particularly short of and would be grateful to receive:

- 🧴 Shower gel and shampoo
- 🧴 Men's and ladies' deodorant
- 🪥 Toothbrushes
- 🥫 Tinned or packet soup
- 🍝 Pasta sauce
- 🍮 Rice pudding and custard
- 🍪 Biscuits
- 🥛 Long-life milk
- 🧃 Small bottles of cordial/juice
- 🍜 Noodles
- ⛪ OUR HARVEST SERVICE

The children will attend a special Harvest Service at church during the school day on Friday 2nd October.
As part of the service, each child will have the opportunity to carry their own donation to church and donate it themselves. This is a lovely way for the children to see how their kindness can make a difference to others in our community. 💛
IMPORTANT REMINDER:
If you wish to donate, please ensure your child only brings their donation to school on Friday 2nd October. Unfortunately, we do not have storage space in school for donations before this date.
Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a difference this Harvest.

Atherton & Leigh foodbank

HARVEST 2026

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Pantomime 🐻🎭

We are delighted to announce that payment is now available on Arbor for our upcoming trip to see the pantomime **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** at Victoria Hall! 🎭✨

Key Stage 1 – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

🗓️ Tuesday 1st December

Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

🗓️ Monday 7th December

The cost is **£13.50 per child**, which includes:

🚌 Coach travel

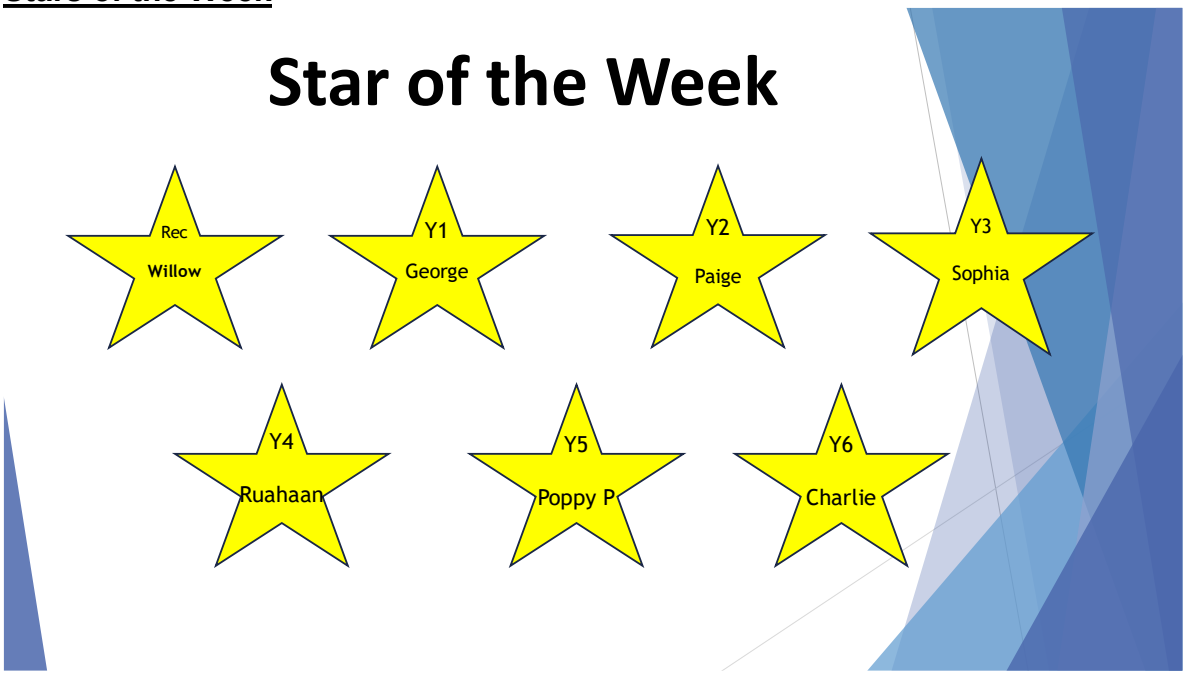
🍦 An ice cream (dietary requirements can be accommodated)

Payment is available in the Trips section of Arbor and can be paid in instalments. Please note that your child's place will only be confirmed once the full payment of £13.50 has been received.

We are looking forward to another fabulous pantomime experience! 🎭🐻💙💛



Stars of the Week



Church Events



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
HOWE BRIDGE
MICHAELMAS WEEKEND 2026

PRIZE BINGO

Thursday 24th September
1-3pm in the Church Vestry
Entrance £2.50 includes book & refreshments
Raffle; Flyer houses; Jo90, Book draw

VAL'S QUIZ

Friday 25th September in St Michael's School Hall
7pm Entry £5 per person + Raffle
Bring your own refreshments

MICHAELMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 27th September
9AM MORNING WORSHIP IN CHURCH
12 - 3pm in the Church grounds
Cafe; Cake sale; Chocolate Heaven; Tombola's;
Face painting; Music; dancing with The Twirls
And much more
COME AND CELEBRATE MICHAELMAS WITH US
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU

Next Week

Week beginning 21st Sept	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship **PE Sessions** Year R Year 5 Year 4 Year 6	Guitar	
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Class Worship Little Angels Play Group 9am – 10:30am  Year 4 Wider Opps Music **PE Sessions** Year 2	Drums Violin	
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship **PE Sessions** Year 6 Year 3 Year 1		
Thursday	Breakfast club	Singing Worship **PE Sessions** Year 2	Keyboard	

		Year 3 Year 4		
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship **PE Sessions** Year R Year 1 Year 5 (swimming)		Reception Phonics meeting for parents 3:30pm 3:30-4:30

Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

29th September	School Photo Day All Children in full school uniform (Not PE Kit) Y4 Wigan Museum Workshop
7th October	Colour Run
8th October	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 3:30pm
9th October	Yellow Day for Children's Mental Health Children can wear Yellow
15th October	Rec & Year 1 Autumn Walk Y4 Multiplication meeting for parents 3:30pm
22nd October	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents 3:30pm
23rd October	Break up for Half Term 3:30pm Inter-house Competition – Spelling Bee
2nd November	Children Return to school 8:50am
3rd November	Open Evening for Prospective Reception Applicants 2028
10th November	Flu Vaccination Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Parent's Evening
11th November	Parent's Evening
20th November	Children in Need Own clothes donations of £1
27th November	Flu Catch up session
1st December	KS1 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
4th December	Christmas Coffee Morning
7th December	KS2 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
10th December	Christmas Jumper, Dash & Dinner Day
11th December	Interhouse Competition – New Age Kurling
15th December	KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30am
16th December	KS1 Nativity Performance 2:15pm
17th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert in Church 2pm

18th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays 3:30pm
5th January	INSET DAY – Staff only
6th January	Children return to school 8:50 am
12th -14th April	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood

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
School Payment for trips and clubs - https://eduspot.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
www.howebridgestmichaels.co.uk

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

Local High School 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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FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Belonging, Engaging, Succeeding Together



Wednesday 23rd September 2026
4:30pm - 8:00pm




St. Mary's
Catholic High School
and Sixth Form College
OPEN
EVENING
Thursday 24th September 2026
5.00pm - 7.45pm


Open Evening 2026
Wednesday 23rd Sept
4.00pm - 7.30pm
Welcome talks are
4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm
For full details visit
westhoughton-high.org