St Michael's CE Primary School

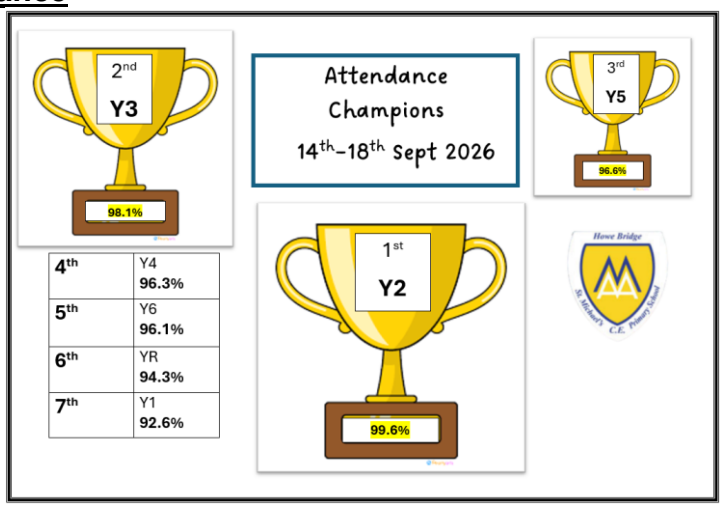
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Inspired by our heritage and the teachings of Jesus St Michael's is a community of love where everyone belongs, is nurtured and is empowered to flourish.

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

Newsletter
25th September 2026

Weekly Attendance



Free School Meal Entitlement

📢From September 2026, the Department for Education has made some changes to the way that Free School Meals are allocated. All families and children will need to be rechecked to ascertain whether they can still receive this entitlement.
Please select the link below. This will take you to an online form where you can enter your details which will enable a check to take place. You will need to enter your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance details.
https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750
The earlier that this is completed, the sooner we can advise you of your child's entitlement for 2026/2027 academic year.
🚨 **We strongly advise everyone completing this form ASAP.**

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.





Site Manager Vacancy

The Governors of St Michael's CE Primary School are looking to appoint a dedicated, reliable and enthusiastic Site Manager to join our friendly and caring school team. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who takes pride in creating a safe, welcoming and well-maintained environment in which our children, staff and families can thrive.

We are looking for someone who:

Is reliable, responsible and takes pride in their work.

Has a practical, hands-on approach and is able to undertake general maintenance and minor repairs.

Can identify and respond appropriately to health and safety, security and maintenance issues.

Is well organised and able to work independently, using their own initiative.

Has good communication skills and is able to work positively with staff, contractors, visitors and the wider school community.

Is committed to maintaining high standards across the school site and grounds.

Has a flexible and positive approach to the varied demands of a busy school environment.

Understands the importance of safeguarding, health and safety and maintaining a secure school environment.

Previous experience of working in a school or similar environment would be desirable, although we would welcome applications from candidates who can demonstrate the practical skills, reliability and commitment required for the role.

Hours: 30 hours per week, term-time plus 5 weeks

Working pattern: Split shift – 7.00am–9.00am and 2.30pm–6.30pm

Start date: January 2027

Interested in finding out more about the role? If you would like to apply, please pop into the school office to collect an application pack, or email enquiries@admin.howebridge.wigan.sch.uk and we will be happy to send one to you.

We are also holding a school visit on Monday 12th October at 4.00pm, and prospective applicants are warmly welcome to come along, meet us and have a look around the school. If you would like to attend the visit, please call 01942 883118 to book your place.
Deadline for applications is 30th October 2026
We look forward to hearing from you! 😊



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! 🏫✨



Children, Famlies and Education Wigan Council
We have been asked to share the following courses by Wigan Council
Youth Connect 5
Start Date – Tuesday 10/11/26
Start Time – 9.30am to 11.30am

Venue – Family Hub at Leigh, Walmesley Road, Leigh, WN7 1XL.

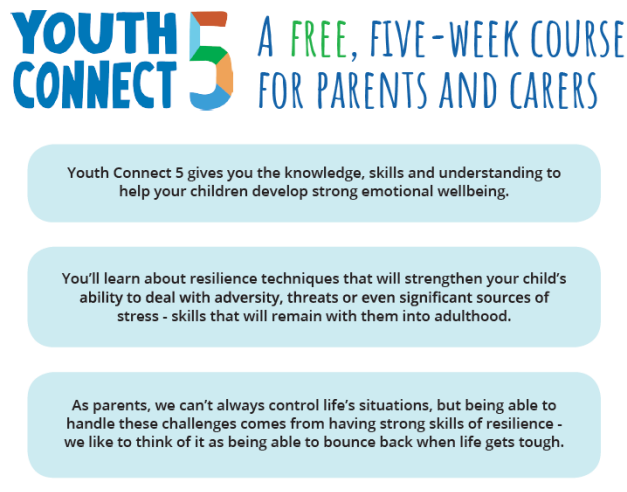
Say it Better

Time and date to be confirmed

Please contact to register your interest and we will be in touch

This will be an online programme for 3 weeks

For more information and to book a place please contact the Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk





Wigan Council Pre-School Drop In



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

Wigan Warriors Rugby League Camp

Taking place during October half term from Tuesday 27th October to Friday 30th October 2026.
The camp will be Rugby League World Cup themed, with each day focusing on a different country. Children will take part in rugby league skills, tournament-style games, fun challenges, and activities, all delivered by our experienced coaches. The camp is open to all abilities, whether children are completely new to rugby league or already enjoy playing.

Camp details:

- 🗓️ Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th October 2026
- 💷 £59 for the full week
- 💷 £19 for individual days
- 🏉 Rugby League World Cup theme
- 🥾 Please bring both boots and trainers for indoor and outdoor activities
- 🎃 **Halloween Friday:** Children are welcome to come to camp in Halloween fancy dress!
- 📺 On Friday, children also can watch England's World Cup game against PNG on the big screen at Robin Park Arena

Next Week

Week beginning 28th 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  School Photo Day **All Children in full school uniform (Not PE Kit)** Y4 Wigan Museum Workshop 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 Year 3 Year 4	Keyboard	
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship **PE Sessions**		Mad Science

		Year R Year 1 Year 5 (swimming) Harvest Donations  		3:30-4:30

Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

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/