St Michael's CE Primary School

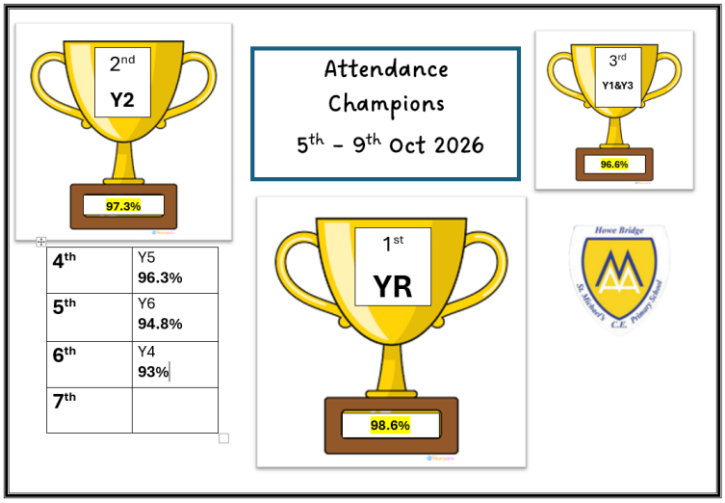
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Inspired by our heritage and the teachings of Jesus St Michael's is a community of love where everyone belongs, is nurtured and is empowered to flourish.

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

Newsletter
16th October 2026

Weekly Attendance



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! 🏫✨



Planned Roadworks – Half-Term Reminder 🚧

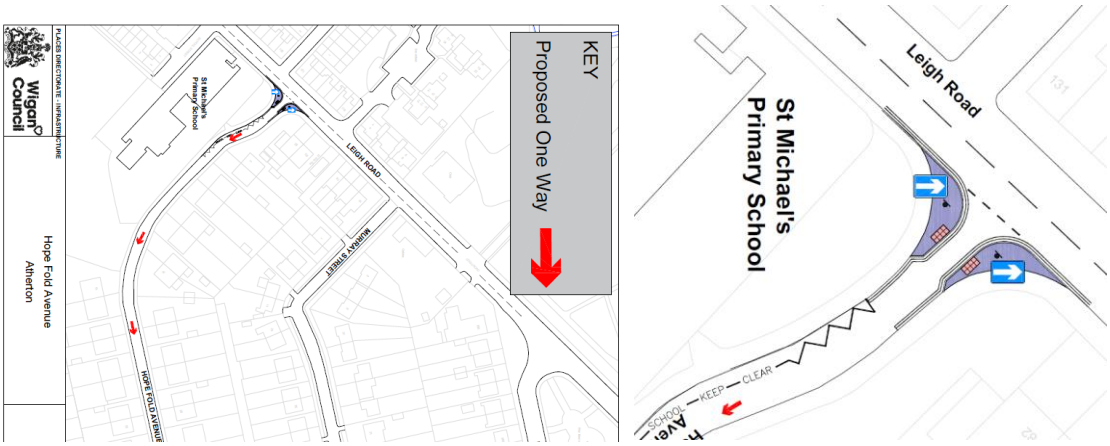
We would like to make parents and carers aware that the planned road safety works around St Michael's C.E. Primary School are going ahead during the half-term holiday.

The works will involve making Hope Fold Avenue a one-way road, with the aim of improving road safety for our children, families and local residents.

The work is scheduled to take place over half term to help minimise disruption to the school community.

Please take a look at the plan above to see the proposed changes and be mindful of any temporary traffic restrictions or changes to access in the area while the work is taking place.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as these changes are introduced to help make the roads around our school safer for everyone.



Making a Difference Together 💛💙

We are incredibly proud to share that, working together with our church community, we have collected an amazing 210 kilos of food for the local foodbank! 🥫💙

This wonderful achievement highlights the kindness, generosity and community spirit that makes St Michael's so special. A huge thank you to all our families, children, staff and church members who contributed to this fantastic collection. Every donation makes a difference and helps support local families who may be facing difficult times.

Together, we are putting our Christian values of love, kindness and compassion into action. Thank you for helping us make a real difference in our community!

Atherton & Leigh Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Year 6 High School Applications – Deadline Reminder 📢

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline to complete your child's high school application form is **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

Please ensure you have submitted your application before the deadline to avoid missing out. If you have not yet completed your application, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Christmas Movie Nights 🎄 🎬

Get ready for a little Christmas mischief! 💚 We're inviting all our children to join us for a festive movie afternoon featuring The Polar Express for KS1 & The Grinch (Animated) for KS2.

KS1 Movie Night – The Polar Express

🗓️ **Date:** Wednesday 2nd December
🎥 **Film starts:** 3:30pm
🏠 **Collection:** 5:00pm
🎟️ **Tickets:** £5 per child

KS2 Movie Night – The Grinch

🗓️ **Date:** Wednesday 9th December
🎥 **Film starts:** 3:30pm
🏠 **Collection:** 5:00pm
🎟️ **Tickets:** £5 per child

Children are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas to get cosy and enjoy the festive fun!

Tickets are available to purchase on Arbor in the **School Shop Section.**

We look forward to fun-filled afternoon with our children! 💙 💛





iRock Year 2 and Year 6 parents

If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6, they have the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised music qualification through in-school iRock band lessons this academic year.

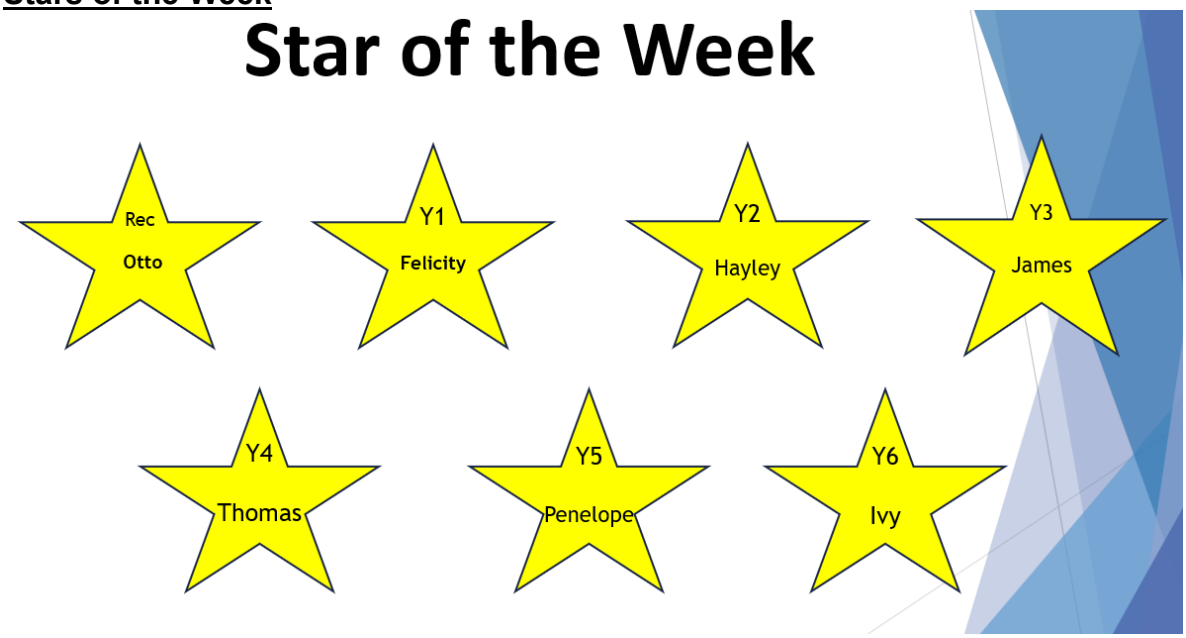
To be eligible to achieve the qualification this year, your child must be enrolled with iRock by Friday 6 November 2026.

Enrol your child with iRock

If your child is already enrolled with iRock and is in Year 2 or Year 6, no further action is needed. They will be automatically included in this year's qualification pathway.

The qualification is awarded by RSL Awards, which is regulated by Ofqual, and recognises the musical and wider skills children develop through playing as part of a band.
There is no separate exam day or added pressure. Children are assessed naturally through their weekly iRock lessons and termly performances.
In the 2025/26 academic year, 97% of iRockers working towards their RSL Awards qualification successfully achieved it.
To find out more about the qualification, how children are assessed and what they will work towards throughout the year:
Find out more about the qualification
If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.

Stars of the Week



Next Week

Week beginning 19th Oct	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 iRock Lessons	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 Year 3 Year 4 Rec & Year 1 Autumn Walk	Keyboard	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents 3:30pm
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship **PE Sessions** Year R Year 1 Year 5 (swimming) Inter-house Competition – Spelling Bee		Mad Science 3:30-4:30 Choir Break up for Half Term 3:30pm

Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

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
2ND December	KS1 PJ Christmas Movie Night Ticketed Event 3:30-5pm
4th December	Christmas Coffee Morning
7th December	KS2 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
9th December	KS2 PJ Christmas Movie Night Ticketed Event 3:30-5pm
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/