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
23rd October 2026



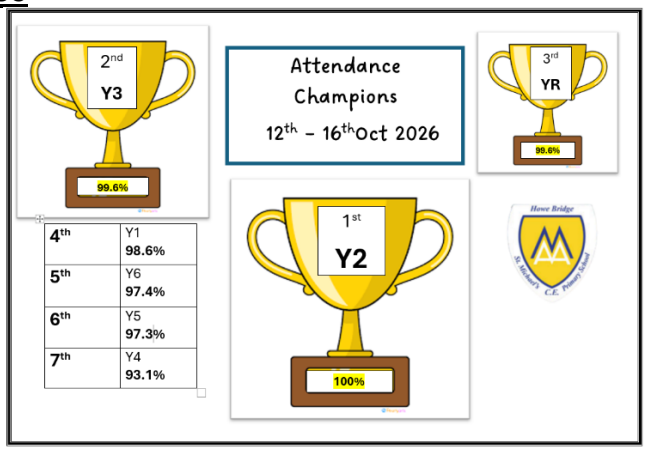
Remembrance Sunday Service – Sunday 8th November 2026

This year's Remembrance Service will take place at St Michael's and All Angels Church at 9:00am. The church service will last approximately 1.5 hours, after which we will join the parade to the Cenotaph for a further service.
We would love to see as many children as possible, particularly junior children, at the service. The full service and parade may be too long for our youngest children. Alternatively, you may wish to join us directly at the Cenotaph at 10:50am.
Important information for parents:

- Parents must stay with their child and walk with them to the Cenotaph for health and safety reasons.
- Some children will also be attending in Brownie or Cub uniforms — it's always wonderful to see them representing their groups.
- Children attending the church service should arrive by 9:00am in full school uniform.
- Children joining at the Cenotaph should arrive by 10:50am.
- Please ensure your child is dressed warmly — coat, gloves, and hat are recommended as it can be very cold outdoors.

We hope to see as many families as possible representing St Michael's CE Primary School at this important event.

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! 🏫✨



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This week, all parents should have received an email from **Vaccinations in Schools** regarding consent for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccination in school on **Tuesday 10th November**.

If you have not received an email and would like to give consent for your child to be vaccinated, please contact the vaccination team directly at **wiganimms@intrahealth.co.uk** for further information.

Please note that the vaccination programme is organised by the vaccination team, and school is simply providing the venue for the vaccinations to take place. We are unable to manage consent forms or answer specific queries regarding the vaccination process.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 🌺

When we return after half term, Poppies will be on sale throughout school. Some of our Year 6 pupils will visit each class each day after lunch to offer items for purchase.

Please ensure your child brings the **correct change**, as no change will be available. All money collected will go **directly into the Poppy Box** to support this important cause.

Each item has a **minimum suggested donation**:

- 🌺 Paper Poppy – 20p
- ✨ Reflector Poppy – 50p
- 🎗️ Wristband – £1.00
- 💫 Snap Band – £1.50

These items have been extremely popular in previous years, and we expect them to sell out quickly again this time. The Poppy Appeal have kindly issued us an extra box, so hopefully everyone will have the chance to get what they'd like.
Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause. ❤️‍🩹



Panto Trip Payment Reminder ✨🎭

We're so excited for our upcoming Panto trip, it's going to be a magical experience for the children!
A huge thank you to everyone who has already made their **£13.50 payment** via Arbor we really appreciate it!
If you haven't yet paid, please do so **by Monday 23rd November**. Unfortunately, the trip may have to be cancelled if payments aren't received in time, and we'd love every child to join in the festive fun.
Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful outing for all our students.



Planned Roadworks – Half-Term Reminder 🚧

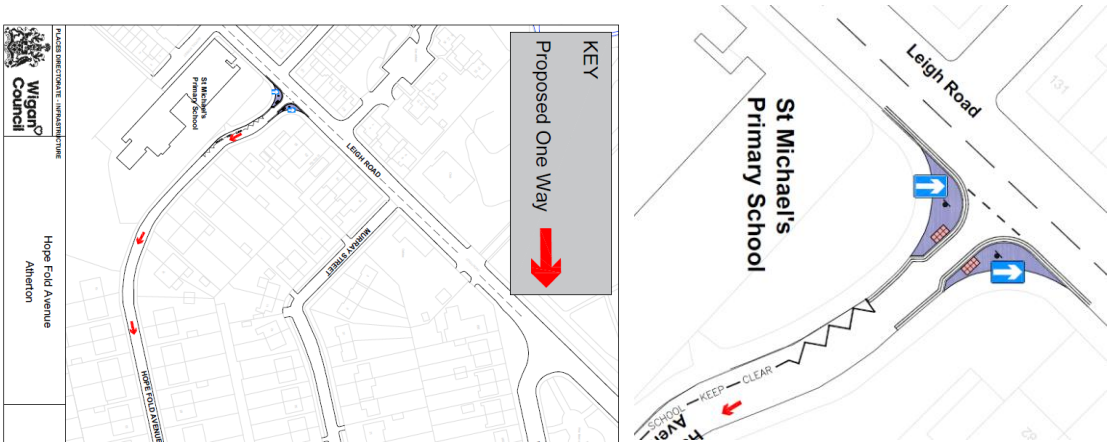
We would like to make parents and carers aware that the planned road safety works around St Michael's C.E. Primary School are going ahead during the half-term holiday.

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.

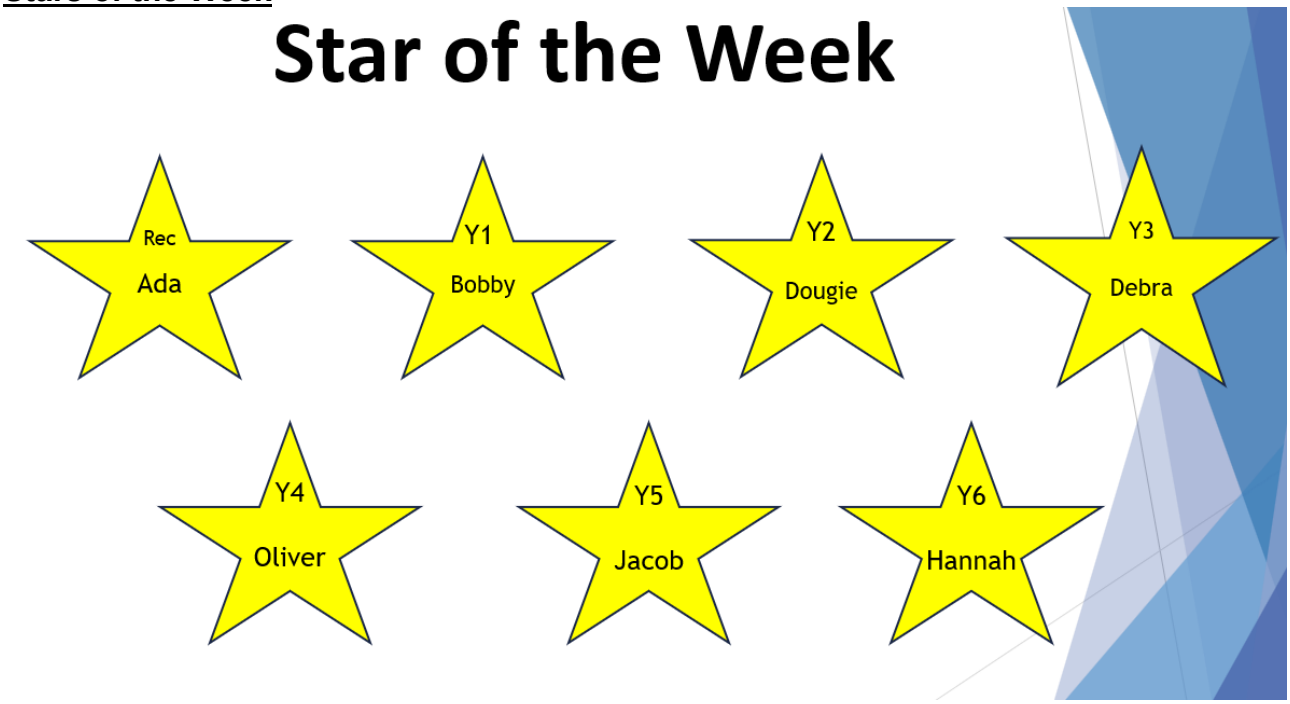
The work is scheduled to take place over half term to help minimise disruption to the school community.

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.



Stars of the Week



Half Term Update 🌟

We hope everyone has a safe and restful half term.

We are so proud of all the children for settling in so well in their new year groups, it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hard work.

Enjoy your break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 2nd November at 8:50am ready for the exciting weeks ahead.



Next Week

Week beginning 2nd Nov	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
Monday **Children Return at 8:50am**	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**	Drums Violin	Open Evening for Prospective Reception Applicants 2028 at 4:30pm 

		Year 2		
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		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)

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/