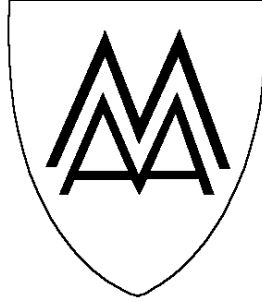


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*'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'*

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## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

### Weekly Class Attendance

										
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### Parent Workshop – Understanding Autism

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a workshop on Autism, led by the TESS Team (Targeted Education Support for Schools).

Date & Time: Thursday 16th January at 9:15am

Location: School Library

This session is a great opportunity to learn more about supporting children with autism and ask any questions you may have.

### A Special Celebration This Weekend 🌟

Last weekend, three of our children were confirmed. The service was led by The Bishop of Bolton, Matthew, who spoke beautifully about courage, commitment, and growing in faith.

We are incredibly proud of our children for the thought, maturity, and reverence they showed as they took this important step in their Faith journey. The children looked beautiful on their special day.

Please join us in congratulating them and keeping them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to grow in strength, kindness, and faith.

Well done to each of them, your school family is cheering you on. 💜



### Operation Christmas Child – Thank You!

A big thank you to one of our fantastic parents, Mrs Taylor for organising the drop-off and collection of shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child UK**.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we have filled **13 shoeboxes**, which will be sent off with many more contributions received from our wider community. Your support has helped bring joy to children in need around the world!



### 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 payment** via Arbor (School Shop section) we really appreciate it! 🙏

If you haven't yet paid, please do so **by Monday 24th 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.



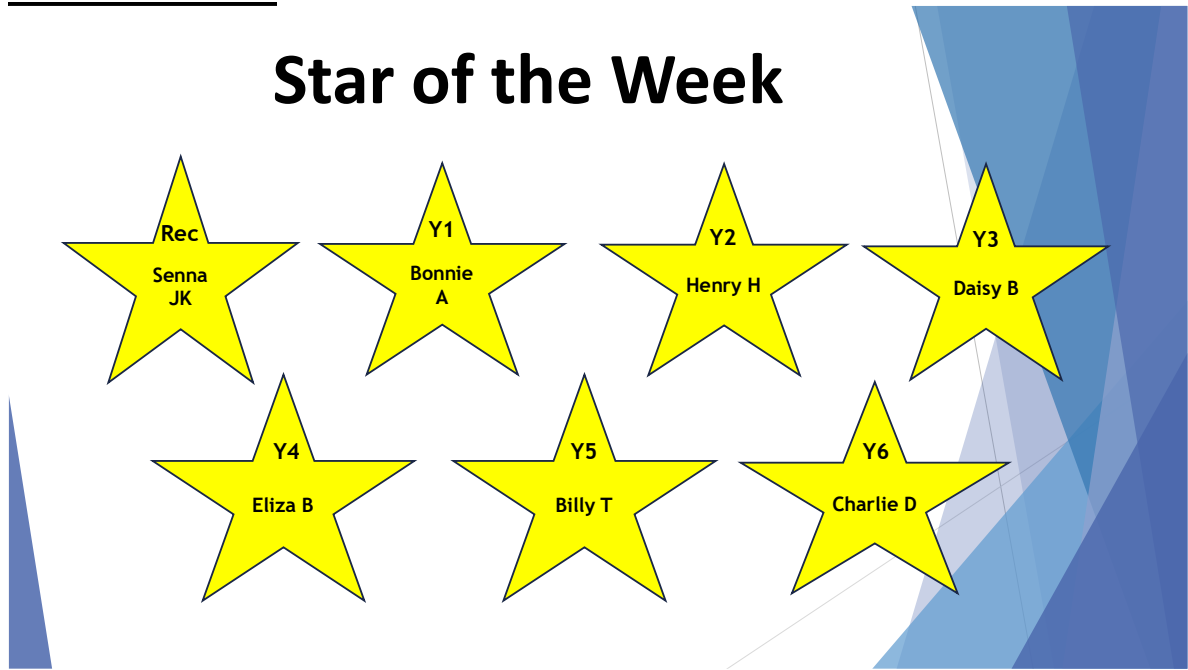
### **Christmas Jumper Dash – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

Children will be bringing a sponsor form for our annual Christmas jumper dash. On this day children can come in their own clothes/Christmas jumpers then they will take part in a festive run! It is always a great event! Please help us to raise as much money for school as we can. Thank you to Mrs Marsh who is working with Barclays to match fund up to £1,000 for us.



**Stars of the Week**

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**House Points**

House Points Overall:



Points this week:			
Owls	Eagles	Kingfishers	Robins
109	128	86	109


**Next week at a glance**  
**Assessment Week**

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov				
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 singing worship Y3 outdoor PE  Y4 Wigan Music Service	Drums  Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship  Rec indoor PE Year 1 outdoor PE  KS2 at St Michaels Church		ABC childcare
Thursday	Breakfast club	Class Worship  Rec indoor PE Y5 indoor PE Y6 indoor PE Year 2 outdoor PE		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship  Year 5 Swimming Year 2 outdoor PE Year 6 outdoor PE Year 4 indoor PE	Keyboard	ABC childcare

**Future dates for your diary**  
**(Please note, these will be added to frequently)**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS1 Panto
5 <sup>th</sup> December	
8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Panto
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Christingle making with parents at 9am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Barn Mobile Farm Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Y6 Health check with School Nurse  Christmas Jumper dash day  Christmas Dinner Day
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December 16 <sup>th</sup> (9.30am) 17 <sup>th</sup> (2.30pm)	KS1 Nativity Performances
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas Break at 3:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle service at St Michael's Church at 3.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day – Staff only
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school at 8:50am

12 <sup>th</sup> January	First I Rock band practise
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Workshop on Autism led by TESS AT 9:15am
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
16 <sup>th</sup> February – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Finish for Easter Break at 3:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school at 8:50am
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential trip
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Bring Yer Wellies trip
9 <sup>th</sup> July	
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for Summer Break at 3:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset day – Staff only
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset day – Staff only
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school at 8:50am
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Rock Kidz 🙌🎸

### **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>

**Apply for Free School Meals** <https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

**Internet Safety Links:** [Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

**Mental Health and wellbeing details** – [www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

**Samaritans** 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)

**Mind** - [www.mind.org.uk](http://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/>