

# St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

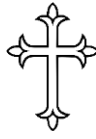
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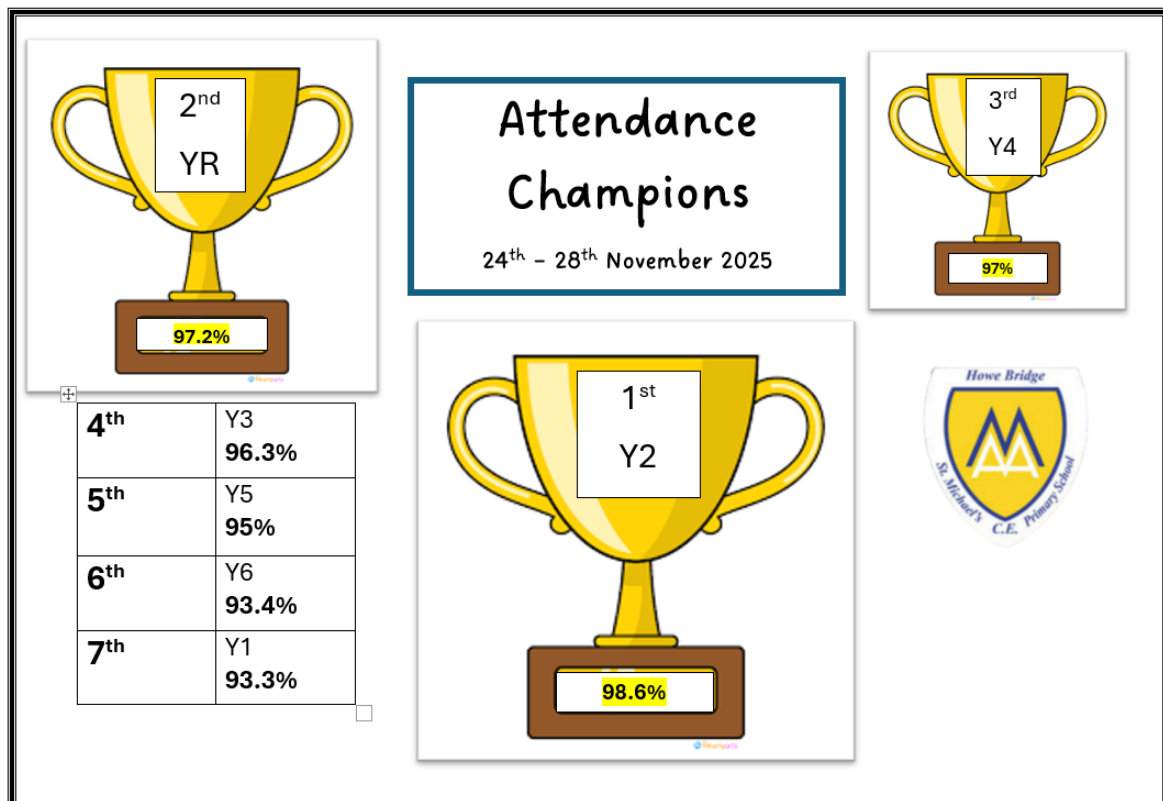
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*'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'*

*Love, Respect, Kindness, Faith, Honesty and Courage*

## Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Weekly Class Attendance



### 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.



### **A New Christmas Tradition at St Michael's** 🎄

We were delighted to introduce a brand-new Christmas tradition at St Michael's this week. Every child in school created their own Christmas tree decoration, and together we held a special Christmas Tree Decorating Service to celebrate the start of the festive season.

During the service, our teachers shared the story of the birth of Jesus, and we sang Christmas carols as each class came forward to hang their decorations on the tree. A special thank you to our beautiful soloist, Poppy, whose performance was so moving.

We were also incredibly grateful to one of our lovely grandparents, who kindly donated the beautiful Christmas tree that formed the heart of our celebration.

To make the moment even more magical, the lights were switched on by our youngest and eldest children in school, marking the official start of our Christmas celebrations.

The result? A truly stunning tree that reflects the creativity and joy of every child at St Michael's. ✨

We hope you agree—it looks wonderful! 🎄 🎁



## A Fond Farewell to Two Long-Serving Members of Our Team 🧡

We are sad to say that we will be losing two of our long-serving Welfare Assistants after Christmas — **Mrs McCall** and **Mrs Reynolds**.

Both have been dedicated members of our school community for many years, always offering care, kindness, and support to our children. They will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work, commitment, and the positive impact they have made on so many children during their time with us. We wish them every success and happiness in their next chapters.

## Winter Holiday Camp – Fun, Active & Worry-Free!

We have been asked to share the following from Smart Body Sports.

Give your child an unforgettable winter break at our Winter Holiday Camp, where every day is packed with excitement, creativity, and new adventures.

Children will enjoy a mix of multi-sports, enrichment activities, and imaginative play, all designed to keep them active, engaged, and inspired during the holidays.

To keep everyone fuelled throughout the day, we provide a free nutritious lunch and healthy snacks—so there's one less thing for you to worry about.

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our top priority.

That's why our entire team is fully qualified, experienced, and DBS checked, ensuring a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for all campers.

Join us for a winter of fun, friendship, and fantastic memories!

Monday 22nd Dec 8.45am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd Dec 8.45am - 3.30pm

Monday 29th Dec 8.45am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 30th Dec 8.45am - 3.30pm

[St Thomas Primary Leigh Winter Camp | Smart Body Sports](#)

**MAGICAL XMAS FUN!**

Activities: XMAS GAMES, SNOWFLAKE SHUFFLE DANCE PARTY, LETTERS TO SANTA, ELF TRAINING SCHOOL, FESTIVE CRAFTS

**BOOK NOW**

**MULTI-SPORT, IMAGINATIVE PLAY & ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

Monday 22nd December  
Tuesday 23rd December  
Monday 29th December  
Tuesday 30th December

8:45am to 3:30pm  
Ages 5 - 11 **£18 PER DAY!**

**LIMITED PLACES!**  
**BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!**

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## Exciting News for Wigan Parents & Carers

Listening to feedback from parents and carers about awareness of the local offer and how to access it, we have set up the Wigan Children's SEND Local Offer Newsletter to share what is going on in Wigan for young people with SEND and their families. We hope it will be your go-to source for the latest updates, events, and information to support children, young people and their families with special

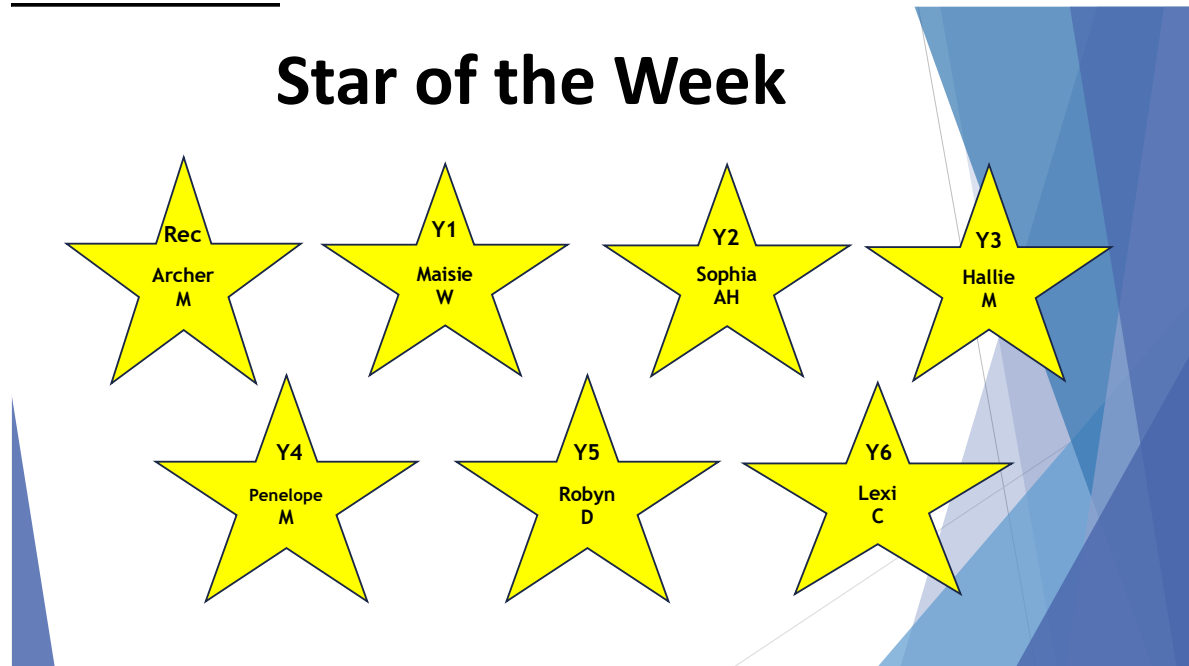
educational needs and disabilities. We know that there is lot's going on, but we want to share as much as we can to benefit you.

By signing up, you'll:


- ✔ Get updates and highlights straight to your inbox
- ✔ Discover local services and opportunities
- ✔ Stay informed about important SEND news and events



## Stars of the Week

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## Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec				
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 <b>outdoor PE</b> Year 4 <b>outdoor PE</b> Year 3 <b>indoor PE</b>	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	<b>KS2 Panto</b> 🎄 Whole school singing worship Y3 <b>outdoor PE</b>	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship  Rec <b>indoor PE</b> Year 1 <b>outdoor PE</b>		ABC childcare

		<p>Little Barn Mobile Farm Visit (consent required on Arbor)</p> 		
Thursday	Breakfast club	<p>Class Worship</p> <p>Rec indoor PE Y5 indoor PE Y6 indoor PE Year 2 outdoor PE</p> <p>Reception &amp; Y6 Health check with School Nurse</p> <p>Christmas Jumper dash day</p> <p>Christmas Dinner Day</p>		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	<p>Whole school Celebration Worship</p> <p>Year 5 Swimming Year 2 outdoor PE Year 6 outdoor PE Year 4 indoor PE</p> 	Keyboard	ABC childcare

### Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December 16 <sup>th</sup> (9.30am) 17 <sup>th</sup> (2.30pm)	KS1 Nativity Performances <b>Ticketed event - £2.50 per ticket now available on Arbor</b>
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 IRock 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/>