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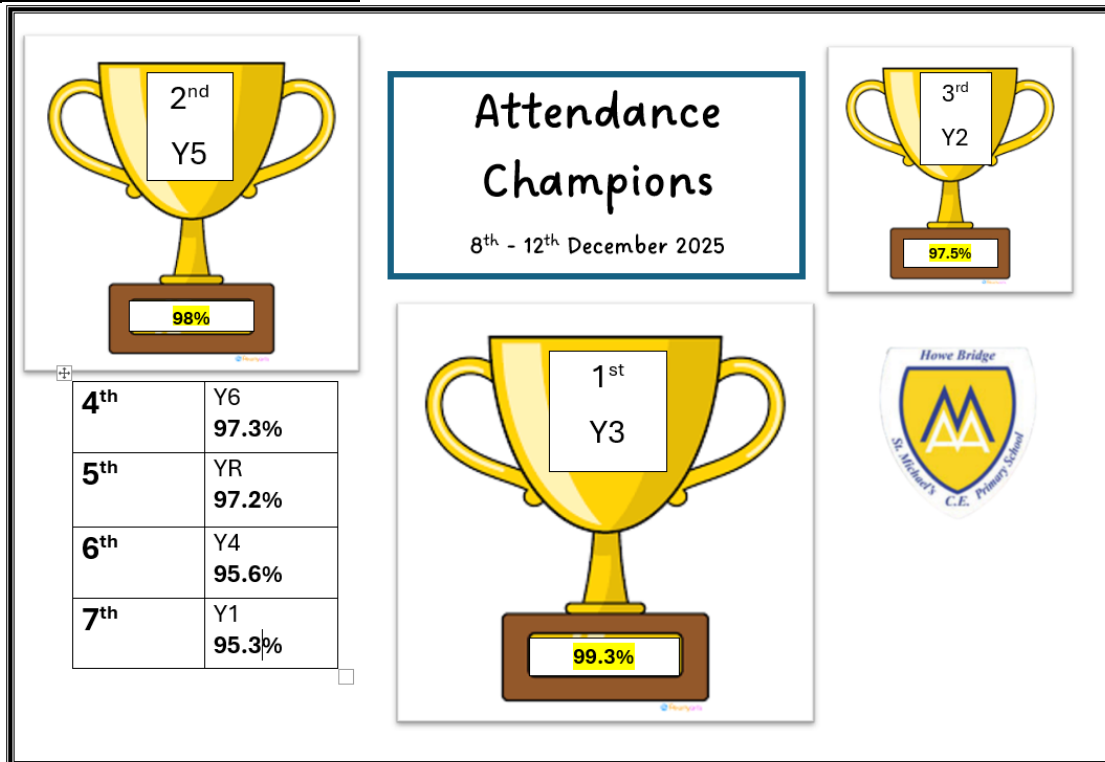
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'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'

Love, Respect, Kindness, Faith, Honesty and Courage

Newsletter 19th December 2025

Weekly Class Attendance



Exciting Job Opportunity! ☀

Join Our Team at a Lovely, Friendly School.

We are delighted to announce a vacancy for a **Welfare Assistant (6.25 hours per week)**. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who is caring, enthusiastic, and committed to supporting children during the school day.

Why Join Us?

- ◆ Warm, welcoming school community
- ◆ Supportive staff team
- ◆ A chance to make a real difference to our children
- ◆ Perfect for someone looking for a rewarding part-time role

If you are friendly, reliable, and enjoy working with children, we would love to hear from you!

For further details please follow the link [Teaching Assistant Level 1 — greater.jobs Wigan](#)

Christmas Jumper Dash Day 🎄

Last Thursday, our children enjoyed a super festive day as we celebrated **Christmas Jumper Dash Day**, with lots of colour, cheer, and smiles all round! We are absolutely delighted to share that, as a school, we raised an incredible **£1764.10**. A huge thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Marsh, who works with Barclays, for kindly securing £1,000 in match funding.

This brings our grand total to a staggering **£2764.10**, which will make a real difference to our school.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. The children had such a fantastic day, and it was wonderful to see so many festive jumpers bringing extra Christmas cheer to our school! 🎄 ✨



A Huge Well Done and Heartfelt Thank You 🌲 ⭐

A massive **well done to all of our children and staff** for the wonderful Nativity performances this week. The children were truly fantastic, performing with confidence, joy and festive spirit, and making everyone incredibly proud. We would also like to say a huge **thank you to our dedicated staff**, whose hard work, care and commitment behind the scenes made these performances so special.

This year's Nativity was **dedicated to the late Annette Scholes**, a much-loved teacher at St Michael's and our very own Nativity Queen. We are incredibly grateful to our families for their kind and generous donations to Christie's, given in Annette's memory. Your support has helped us honour her legacy in a truly meaningful way.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported this special celebration. ⭐



Emergency Numbers Over Christmas

Local Emergency Contact Numbers

Council out of hours emergencies, (for genuine emergencies concerning drainage, flooding, street lighting, building and electrical repairs, highways)
01942 404040

Emergency repairs to council houses 01942 489005

Emergency Heating repairs for Council Houses PH Jones 01942 502082
Adult social care 01942 828777

Children's First Partnership Hub 01942 828300

Out of Hours GP Wigan GP Alliance 01942 482848

Mental Health 0800 051 3253

Wigan Mental Health Urgent Response Team 24/7 0800 051 3253

Wigan Welfare Support 01942 705221

Urgent Dental care Service 0333 332 3800

DIAS (Domestic Abuse Support, closed bank holidays) 01942 495230

With you (Drug and Alcohol support, closed bank holidays) 01942 827979

Beacon (Gambling) 0151 226 0696

Homeless www.wigan.gov.uk/homelessness

National Emergency Contact Numbers

NHS Helpline 111

Fire, police, ambulance emergencies 999 or 112

Greater Manchester Police 0161 872 5050 or 101

Gas emergencies (National Grid) 0800 111999

Electricity emergencies (Electricity North West) 0800 195 4141

To report power cuts or damage to power lines or substations 105

Water emergencies (United utilities)

No water supply or discoloured water 0345 672 3723

Problems with drains and sewers 0845 602 0406

Pollution 0800 015 1230

Leaks 0800 330033

Samaritans 08457 909090

Citizen's Advice (closed bank holidays) 0808 2787 801

During the festive period, you can also seek support from:

Family Hub at the Meadows, Ridyard Street, Wigan, WN5 9RQ 01942 488000

Leigh Family Hub, Westleigh Lane, Leigh, WN7 5NJ 01942 777705

Open Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Monday 29th,

Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st December and Friday 2nd January 9:00 -

4:00pm

All Family Hub's reopen on Monday 5th January 9:00am

Stars of the Week

KS1: The Whole Key Stage– For fantastic nativity Performances

KS2: The Whole Key Stage – For a fantastic Christmas carol concert

End of Term Awards

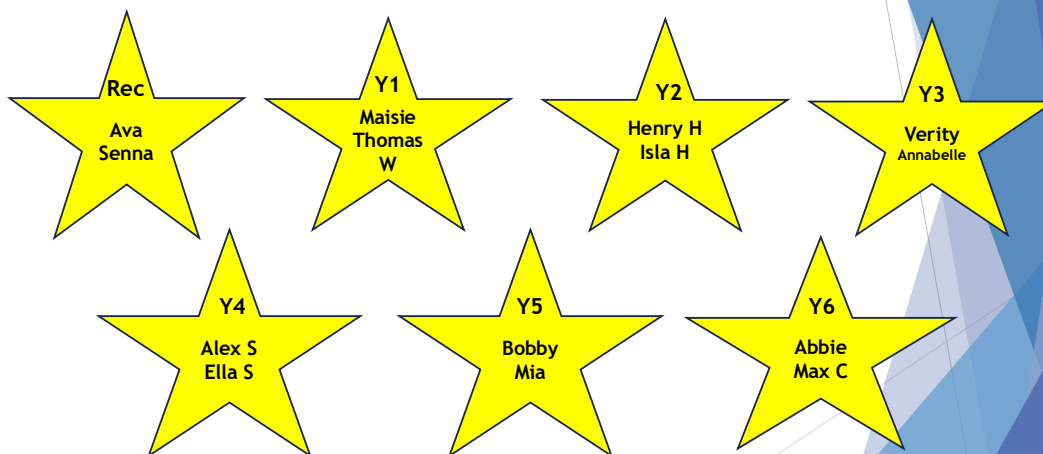
Writing Champions



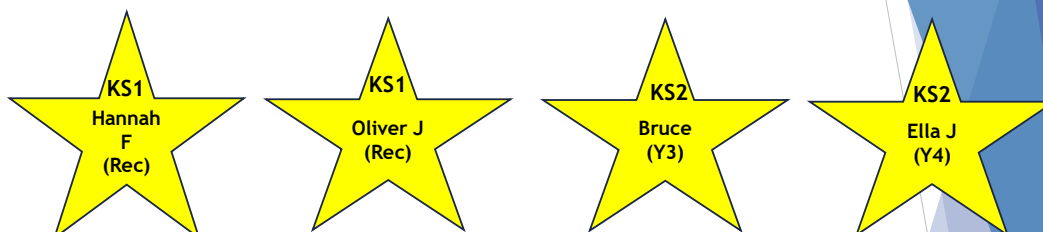
Maths Champions



Reading Champions



Headteacher Awards



Consultation on admission arrangements 2027/28

Some Wigan schools are consulting on their admission arrangements for admission to reception class and year 7 for the academic year 2027/28.

The web address is –

www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations

Season's Greetings from St Michael's 🌟 🎄


On behalf of everyone at St Michael's, we would like to wish all our children, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we come to the end of a wonderful term, we want to say a huge thank you for your continued support, kindness and smiles throughout the year. Our school has been filled with laughter, learning and lots of festive cheer!

We hope the holidays bring you joy, rest and special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for more fun and learning together.


🎅 🎁 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the St Michael's Team! 🎁 🎅

Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
5 th Jan				
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE INSET DAY FOR STAFF ONLY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Whole school singing worship Y3 outdoor PE	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Rec indoor PE Year 1 outdoor PE		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)

24 th December	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS HOWE BRIDGE  CHRISTINGLE CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30PM ALL WELCOME <i>*Joy to the world*</i>
12 th January	First IRock band practise

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

Samaritans 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)

Consultation admission arrangements 2027/28 - www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations

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>

For children:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

