

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

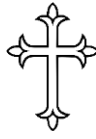
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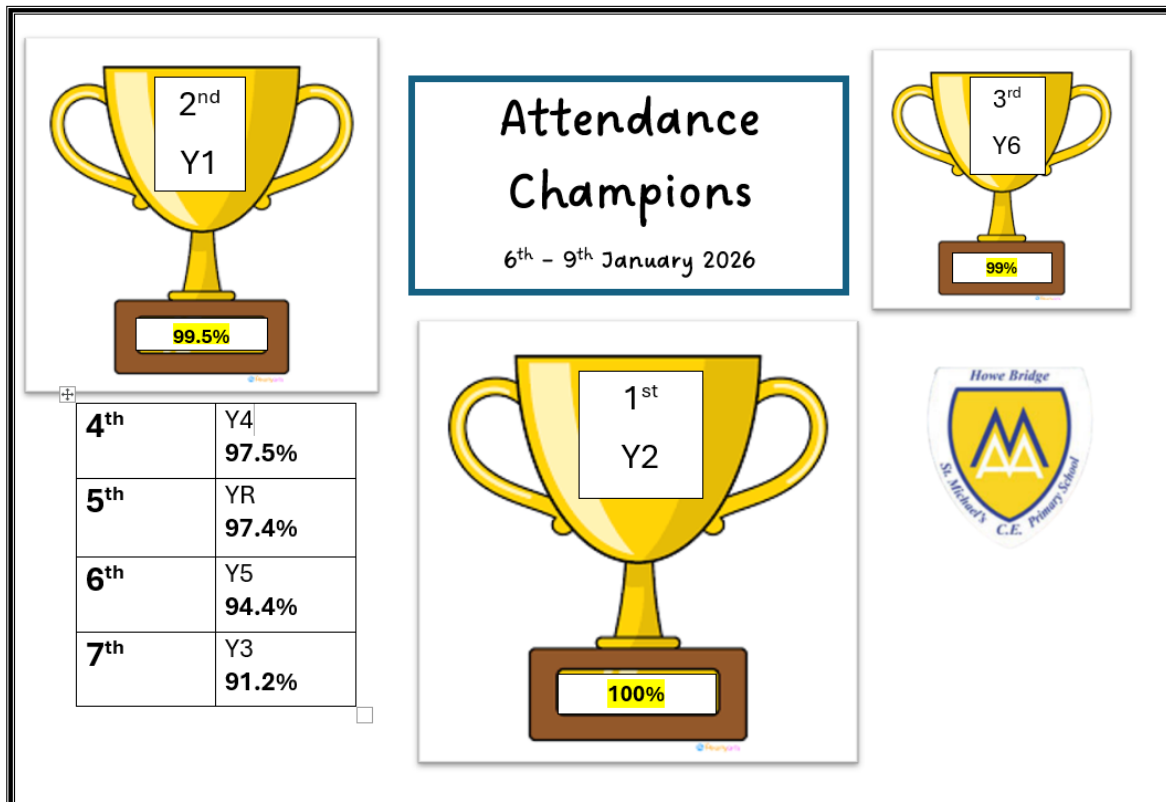
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*'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'*

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

## Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Weekly Class Attendance



### Exciting Job Opportunity – Level 1 Teaching Assistant

We are looking for a friendly and enthusiastic **Level 1 Teaching Assistant** to join our school team!

- **Hours:** 17.5 hours per week, **9:30am – 1:00pm**

- **Role:** Classroom and welfare support

If you are passionate about supporting children and making a difference in their learning and wellbeing, we would love to hear from you!

**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!

Apply from Monday via the Greater Jobs website.

### **Wigan Athletic Community Trust - Football Holiday Camps**

Wigan Athletic Community Trust will be running Football Holiday Camps during February Half Term, offering children the opportunity to stay active and engaged throughout the school holidays.

The camps provide:

- 🏆 Fun and structured football sessions delivered by qualified coaches
- 😊 A positive environment where children can build confidence and make new friends
- 🏃 An active and healthy way to spend the school break
- Open to boys and girls aged 5–12 of all abilities

We would be grateful if you could share the attached flyer with parents and carers.

Places can be booked through our website "Wigan Athletic Official Soccer Schools"

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/wiganathletic/courses/holiday.html>

Wigan Athletic season ticket holders are eligible for 20% off camp bookings. To access the discount, please email [community@wiganathletic.com](mailto:community@wiganathletic.com)



### **Welcome to our Season Starter Half-Term Camp**

Wigan Warriors Community Foundation are excited to launch a Season Starter Camp which will lead into our Betfred Super League home opener against Hull FC. Taking place at Robin Park Arena from Monday 16 February – Thursday 19 February (9am-3:30pm), our Season Starter Camp is the place to be as Matt Peet's side prepare for the first home match of the 2026 Betfred Super League season.

Open to children aged 5–16 of all ability and experience levels, camp participants will be coached by our Community Foundation team, who will develop core skills and game understanding in a fun, inclusive, and engaging environment.

As the First Team trains for the first home match of the new campaign, our Season Starter Camp will provide young Warriors with a behind-the-scenes opportunity at The Brick Community Stadium, alongside themed activities and prizes to get everyone set for the 80 minutes ahead.

Our Season Starter Camp is priced at £19 for a single day or £59 for the entire week – available to purchase online [HERE](#).

### Important Information:

- Please bring boots and trainers as our camp will have elements of indoor and outdoor activities.
- Bring a packed lunch, large water bottle, and suitable clothing for all weather conditions.
- Notify the Community Foundation of any special requirements prior to the camp starting.
- Parents are not permitted to stay on site to watch.
- We are a nut-free camp, please do not bring products containing nuts to our camp.

Book here at- [WARRIORS SEASON STARTER CAMP - Universe](https://www.warrriors.net/season-camp)



### ATSA Darts Taster Session 🎯

Well done to our two Year 6 pupils, Joe and Alfie, who proudly represented our school at the ATSA Darts Taster Session this week. They were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in what was a great event.

If your child would be interested in taking up darts locally, please see the leaflet below for further information.



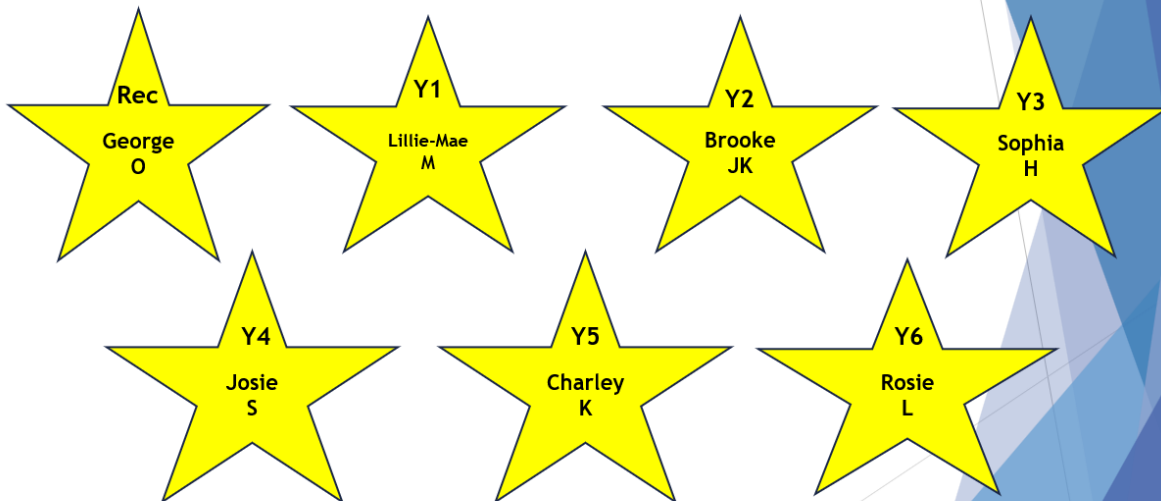
### Try Darts with Greater Manchester Darts Coaching\_ 🎯

Greater Manchester Darts Coaching offers fun, engaging sessions for all abilities. With expert coaching and a supportive environment, players can learn new skills, build confidence, and enjoy the excitement of darts. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve.

🎯 Fun • Friendly • All abilities welcome.

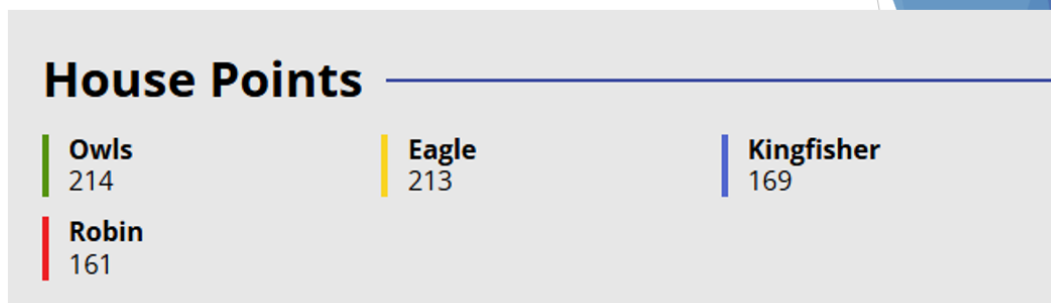
**Stars of the Week**

# Star of the Week




**House Points**


House Points Overall:



Points this week:			
Owls	Eagles	Kingfishers	Robins
146	134	125	99

**Next week at a glance**

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan				
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship  Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE  iRock band practise	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)**

5 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	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	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">           Turn Wigan Purple July 9, 2026           </div>  </div>
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)

## Consultation admission arrangements 2027/28 - [www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations)

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/>

## 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](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations)

### IMPORTANT AND USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

<b>TERRY &amp; PAT DALY</b>	<b>07412 521040</b>
Council Tax	01942 489001
Housing Benefits <a href="mailto:benefits@wigan.gov.uk">benefits@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 489002
Registrar / bereavement services	
<a href="mailto:wiganregisteroffice@wigan.gov.uk">wiganregisteroffice@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 489003
Environmental Services	01942 489004
Housing Register for Housing applications	
<a href="mailto:housereg@wigan.gov.uk">housereg@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 486182
Housing – General	01942 489005
Housing-Homeless	
<a href="mailto:hoac@wigan.gov.uk">hoac@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 487732
Housing-Tenancy Services	
<a href="mailto:myhome@wigan.gov.uk">myhome@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 486353
Rents Team <a href="mailto:myrent@wigan.gov.uk">myrent@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 486865
Blue Badges <a href="mailto:bluebadgeservices@wigan.gov.uk">bluebadgeservices@wigan.gov.uk</a>	
Welfare Support	
<a href="mailto:welfaresupport@wigan.gov.uk">welfaresupport@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 705221
Welfare Rights	
<a href="mailto:welfareriightsadvice@wigan.gov.uk">welfareriightsadvice@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 705221
Licensing <a href="mailto:licensing@wigan.gov.uk">licensing@wigan.gov.uk</a>	
Parking Services – Parking Permits	
<a href="mailto:parking@wigan.gov.uk">parking@wigan.gov.uk</a>	01942 488280
Covid 19 Support Line	01942 489018
Citizens Advice Bureau	0808 278 7801
Department of Work & Pensions	0843 515 8313
Universal Credit – New Claims	0800 328 5644
Be Well Wigan	01942 404220

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT JO PLATT, [jo.platt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jo.platt.mp@parliament.uk)**

### ELECTED COUNCILLORS

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### AWARD WINNING TRADERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

AWARD WINNERS	FROM RECOMMENDATIONS	
Electrician	Jeff Case	07784 328980
Aerials & Satellite,	Lowton	07707 252250
Plumbing	Zest	07857 333304
Drain Services	Atherton,	07733 211719
Tiling Services	Stephen Lyth	01942 791040
Garden Services	MLS	07927 960281
Driving School	GJM	01942 466309
Roof Repairs	Makerfield	07939 771477
Handyman	Leigh	01942 269178
Decorators	SMP, Leigh	07504 861813
Joinery & Building,	A M Joiners	07713 660470
Carpets	Carpet Corner	01942 873580
Signs & Graphics	Nexgen	01942 369905
Locksmith	Train Locksmith	01942 886452
Fencing	Bag Lane	01204 318949
Timber	Aldred` s Timber	01942 873330
Taxi	J R, Leigh	01942 681168
Outside Catering	Market Snack Bar	01942 871481

### ATHERTON / TYLDESLEY EVENTS

**Every Tuesday morning, FREE Coffee Morning at Atherton Chowbent Chapel Hall 10-30 to 12-00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Month, Forgotten Regulars, Dementia Group, Union Arms, Tyldesley, 12-00 to 2-30**

**Last Wednesday in Month, Happy Timers, Tyldesley Methodists, ring Marlene on 07734 070203 to book a place 11-30 to 2-00**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> " WELL BEING INFORMATION EVENT " at Howe Bridge Leisure Centre, 10-00 to 14-00, 25 stalls including Health Checks, Community Services, Volunteering Opportunities, Advise & Information Services.**