

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

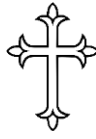
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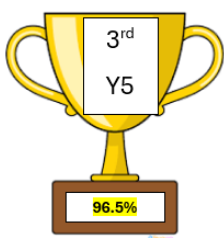


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*'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'*

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## Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Weekly Class Attendance

	<b>Attendance Champions</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026													
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### Say It Better

Wigan Council Early Help & Prevention team have a *Say It Better* course starting on Saturday 7 February, from 10:00–12:00, at Clifton Street Family Hub.

This is a three-week course for couples, designed to support parents to communicate more positively, strengthen their relationship, and create a calmer home environment. It is particularly helpful for parents who are experiencing everyday stress or who are simply looking to reconnect. The course offers practical tools and supportive guidance to help reduce the negative impact of parental conflict on families.

Parents can self-refer by emailing [Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk).



### **Residentials / School Trips**

If your child is attending one of our residential trips this year (**Year 4 or Year 6**), we kindly remind you to continue making payments towards the cost. Payment plans are available and can be accessed on **Arbor**, allowing you to make instalment payments to help spread the cost.

We also currently have school trips scheduled for **Year 1** and **Year 2**, which are open on Arbor and can also be paid for in instalments. We are also planning a trip for our **Year 3** class which will be available to pay as early as next week.



### **Parent Workshop – Emotionally Regulation** 🌈

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Parent Workshop: Emotional regulation, led by the TESS Team (Targeted Education Support for Schools) on **Friday 27th February 9:15am – 11:15am**

This informative session will focus on emotional regulation, helping families better understand how children with autism experience and manage their emotions within the school environment. The workshop will also explore practical strategies used in school to support emotional wellbeing and positive behaviour.

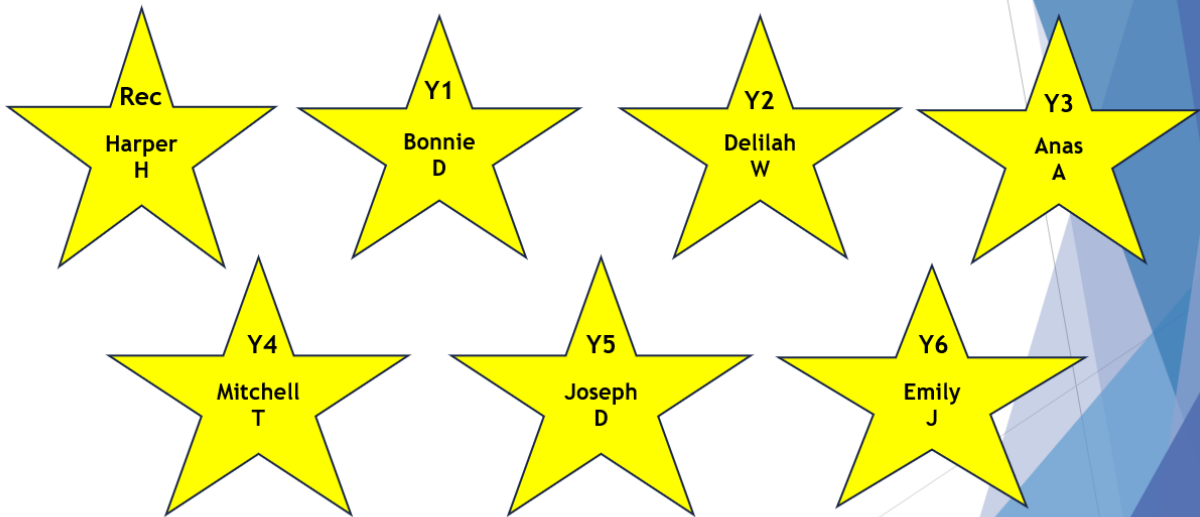
It's a great opportunity to:

- Learn more about autism and emotional regulation
- Gain useful strategies to support your child at home and in school
- Ask questions and share experiences in a supportive setting



We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support our children's emotional wellbeing 🍀

**Stars of the Week**

# Star of the Week



**Next week at a glance**

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb				
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 outdoor PE Y6 indoor PE Year 2 outdoor PE		ABC childcare

		Young Voices		
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)**

9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Service in school (pupils only - for Ash Wednesday)
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Workshop on Autism Emotional Regulation led by TESS team 9:15-11.15am  PTA Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
16 <sup>th</sup> March	IRock Concert 2:45pm (Parents of band members only)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Bingo
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Service in Church (pupils only)  Parents Evening
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
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Kenyon Hall Farm
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>
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
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>

**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/>