

St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

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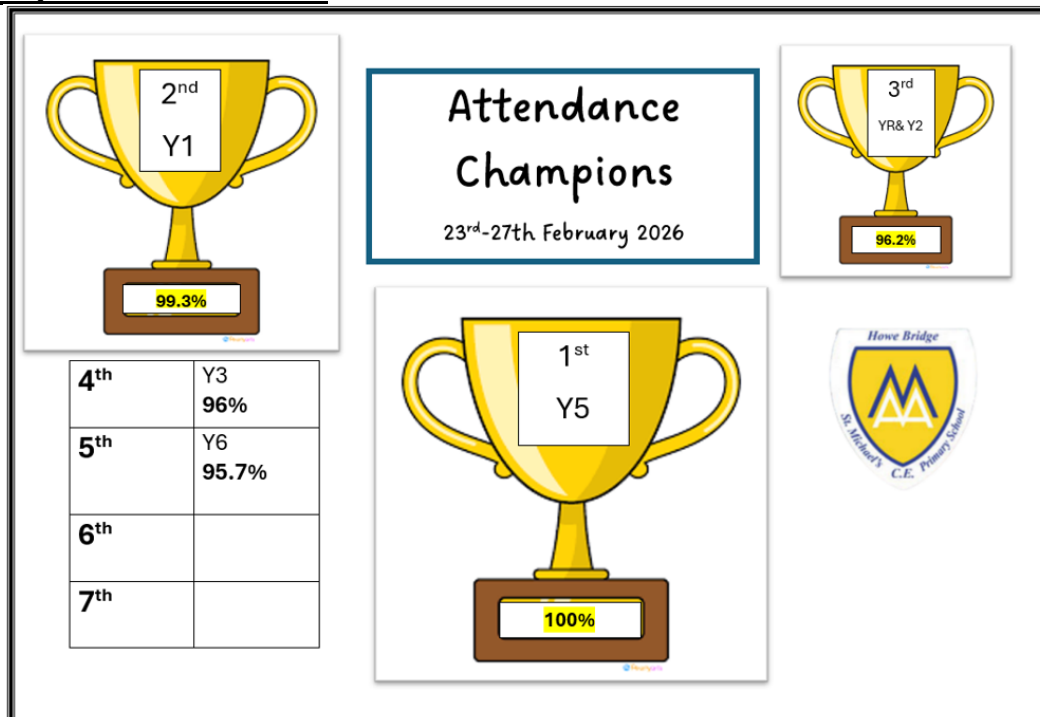
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'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'

Love, Respect, Kindness, Faith, Honesty and Courage

Newsletter 6th March 2026

Weekly Class Attendance



Mother's Day Breakfast Invitation 🌸

Reception mums are warmly invited to join us for a Mother's Day Breakfast 🌸

📅 Wednesday 12th March

🕒 9:00am

📍 School Hall

We hope you can join us for a special morning with your child.

All Angels Playgroup is Back! ☀️

We are delighted to share that **All Angels Playgroup** will be returning this spring, and we would love to welcome families from our community to join us.

📅 Every Tuesday

🕒 9:00am – 10:30am

📍 St Michael's C.E. Primary School

▶ Starting Tuesday 21st April 2026

The playgroup offers a friendly and relaxed environment for young children and their grown-ups to enjoy time together. Activities will include:

🎵 Singing

🎨 Arts and crafts

🧸 Sensory activities

📖 Storytime

👥 Social time for children and parents

💷 £4 for one child

💷 £5 for a family

☕ Tea/coffee and biscuits for adults are included.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families, enjoy fun activities, and spend time playing and learning together.

We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

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Brew and biscuits for adults included!

Every Tuesday 9am -10.30am at
St Michael's CE Primary School
starting from Tuesday 21st
April 2026.

Easter Creations 🐣 🐰

This year, we are excited to offer every pupil the chance to take part in our Easter Creations celebrations, featuring both our 'Eggs' static Competition and 'Bonnet Bonanza!'

🌸 What's happening?

- Key Stage 1 – (Rec, Y1 & Y2)
Children are invited to create and parade their very own 'Eggs'tra special handmade **Easter bonnet**.
- Key Stage 2 – (Y3 – Y6)
Pupils will be showcasing their creativity with 'Eggs'traordinary Easter creations, designed and made at home.

🏆 Judging

Winning masterpieces will be selected based on:

- Originality
- Craftsmanship
- Effort

 Important information


- Entries must be completed and brought into school no earlier than **Thursday 2nd April**
- Judging and prizes will take place on the same day
- All entries will be sent home that day


We can't wait to see the fantastic creativity.



Atherton Carnival 2026 🎉


We are excited to share that Atherton Carnival will be taking place this summer, and families are warmly invited to attend this fantastic community event.

 Sunday 14th June 2026

 12:00pm – 5:00pm

 Meadowbank Playing Field, Formby Avenue, Atherton (M46 0HX)

The day promises lots of fun for the whole family with plenty to see and do, including:

-  Walking Parade
-  Fairground rides
-  Live bands
-  Cake stall
-  School café
-  FREE arts and crafts
-  Information stalls
-  Tombola

There will be a lively carnival atmosphere with entertainment throughout the afternoon.

 *Please note: charges may apply for some activities on the day.*

This is always a brilliant community event, and we hope many of our families will be able to come along and enjoy the celebrations! 🎉



Lovers' Lane Mining Disaster Commemoration Service

Members of our community are invited to attend a special commemorative service to remember those who lost their lives in the Lovers' Lane Mining Disaster.

Saturday 28th March 2026

2:00pm

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Howe Bridge

The service will begin at 2pm in the church and will be followed by the unveiling of a permanent memorial at Colliers' Corner, Leigh Road / Lovers' Lane junction, Howe Bridge.

This event offers an important opportunity for the community to come together to reflect, remember, and honour the miners who lost their lives in this tragic event in Atherton's history.

All are welcome to attend and pay their respects.

YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND

**The Lovers' Lane Mining Disaster
Commemoration Service**

Saturday 28th March 2026
2pm at St Michael & All Angels' Church
Howe Bridge

IN MEMORY OF THE MINERS
WHO SUFFERED DEATH BY ACCIDENTS WITH THE
COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT ATHERTON,
ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH 1852.

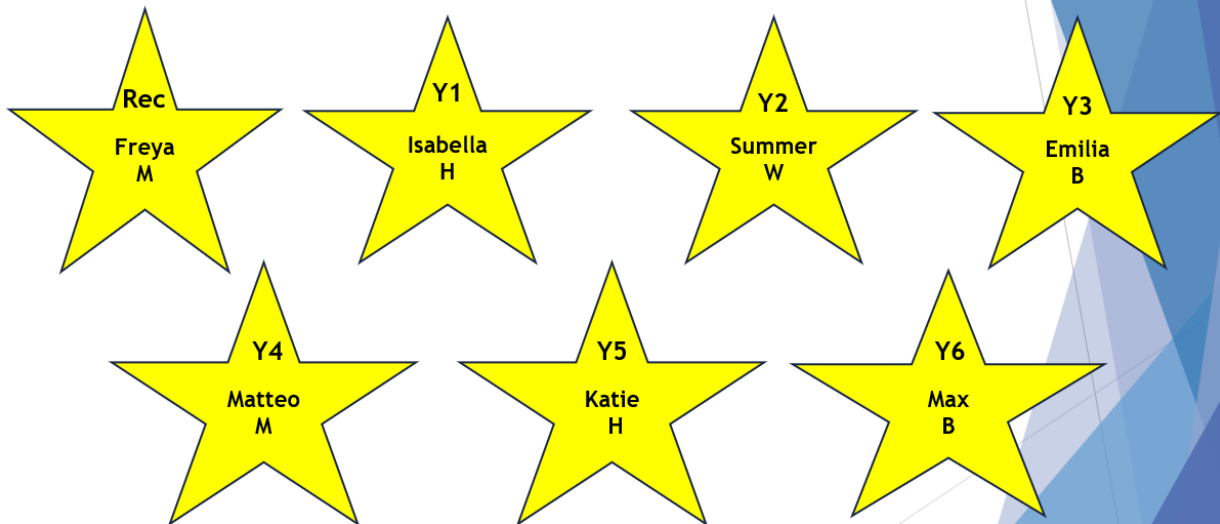
THOMAS YORRIS, Atherton.	JAMES DILL, Atherton.
RALPH HOWCHOFF, Atherton.	JAMES ROTHWELL, Atherton.
LEIGH BASHFORTH, Westleigh.	THOMAS WELLS, Atherton.
WILLIAM GREGORY, Atherton.	THOMAS HANLOW, Atherton.
ROBERT STANW, Atherton.	JOSSEPH PALLIOTT, Atherton.
THOMAS PRESSON, Atherton.	PETER PEMBERTON, Westleigh.
JOHN HEDDERLEY, Atherton.	JAMES HEDDERLEY, Westleigh.
THOMAS WALKER, Atherton.	WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN, Westleigh.
JAMES NORTHAMPTON, Atherton.	JAMES FARRINGTON, Westleigh.
THOMAS HUNT, Atherton.	JOHN LEE, Westleigh.
GEORGE HUNT, Atherton.	JOHN GREENSHIRE, Westleigh.
THOMAS WITTELL, Atherton.	THOMAS SCOTT, Westleigh.
PETER HALLWELL, Atherton.	ROBERT SMITH, Westleigh.
ALEX HOWCHOFF, Atherton.	

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH"

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Howe Bridge

Stars of the Week

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House points



House Points Overall:



Owls 648	Eagles 1114	Kingfishers 751
Robins 778		

Points this week:			
Owls	Eagles	Kingfishers	Robins
82	164	78	138

Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
9 th March				
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 indoor PE	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Reception Mums Breakfast – School Hall Rec indoor PE Year 5 indoor PE		ABC childcare
Thursday	Breakfast club	Class Worship Rec outdoor PE Y5 outdoor PE Y6 indoor PE Year 2 indoor PE		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship Year 2 outdoor PE Year 6 outdoor PE Year 1 indoor PE Year 4 indoor PE	Keyboard	ABC childcare

Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

16 th March	IRock Concert 2:45pm (Parents of band members only)
17 th March	Year 3 to Sea Life & Lego Discovery
23 rd March – 25 th March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
24 th March	Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip
27 th March	PTA Easter Bingo
31 st March	Parents Evening
1 st April	Easter Service in Church (pupils only) Parents Evening
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 – 29 th May	Half Term
26 th June	Choir Concert – Ticketed Event 6PM – 8PM
29 th June – 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential trip
6 th July	Year 1 Bring Yer Wellies trip
8 th July	Year 2 to Kenyon Hall Farm
9 th July	 
13 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church

	2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
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 🍷 🎸
1 st December	KS1 Panto
7 th December	KS2 Panto

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

Samaritans 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)

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/>