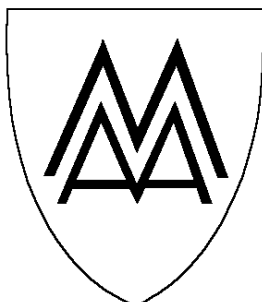


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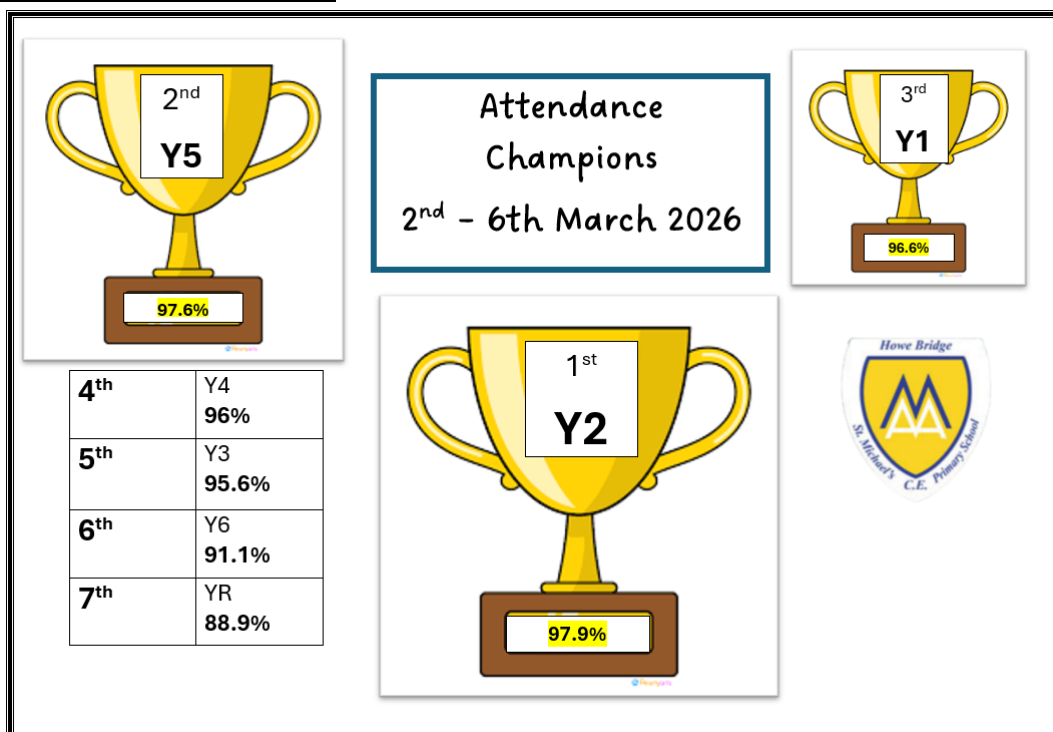
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Weekly Class Attendance



Nut Aware School 🥜

At St Michael's we are a Nut Aware School. This helps us keep all of our children safe, particularly those with nut allergies.

We kindly ask parents and carers not to send foods containing nuts in packed lunches or snacks. This includes items such as peanut butter, hazelnut spread and any foods that contain nuts.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safe environment for everyone by remaining nut aware. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Trip Reminders 🚌

Before a scheduled class trip please check your child's Arbor account to make sure the trip has been paid in full.

Payment gives consent for your child to attend the trip.

🍔 **School packed lunch:** Order in advance on SchoolGrid.

🍎 **Packed lunch from home:** Please send it in a clearly labelled disposable bag that can be thrown away after eating. Children will be responsible for carrying their own lunch and drink.

👕 **Uniform:** Children should wear full school uniform, unless their class teacher says otherwise.

Thank you for your support in helping our trips run smoothly.

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'tatic 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.



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.

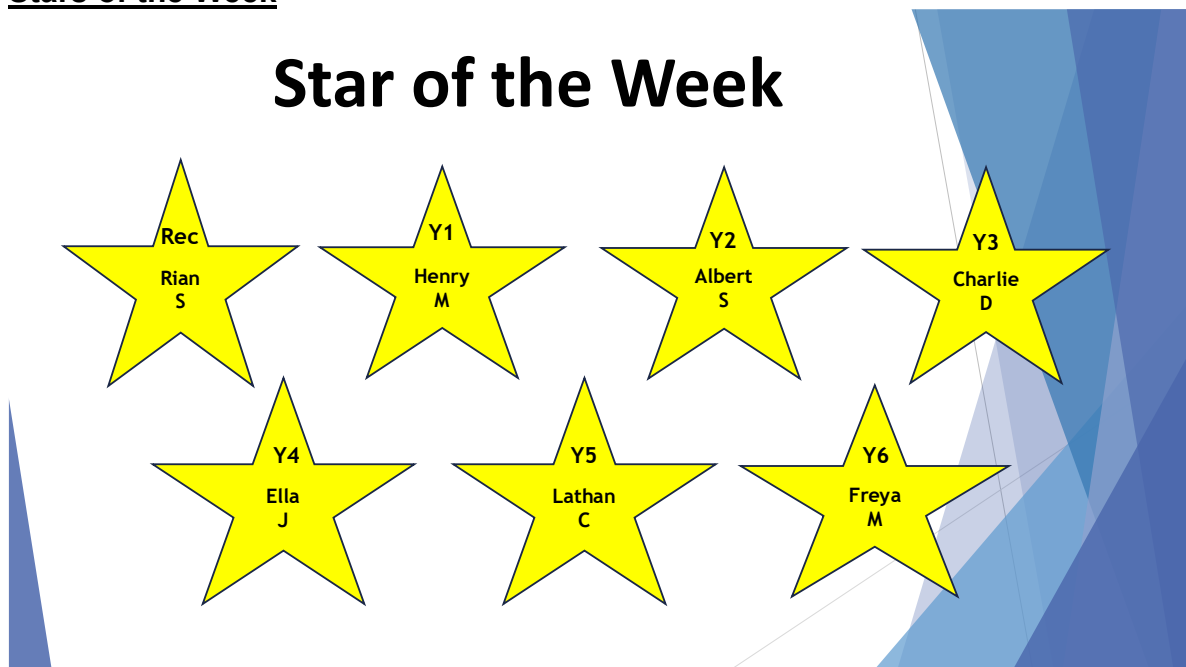
This event offers an important opportunity for the community to come together to reflect, remember, and honour the miners who lost their lives in this tragic event in Atherton's history.

All are welcome to attend and pay their respects. 🌿





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
16th March				
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE IRock Concert 2:45pm (Parents of band members only) 	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Whole school singing worship Y3 indoor PE Year 3 to Sea Life & Lego Discovery	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship 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)

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	Year 5 to Manchester Museum  Turn Wigan Purple July 9, 2026  Wigan & Leigh Hospice
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/>