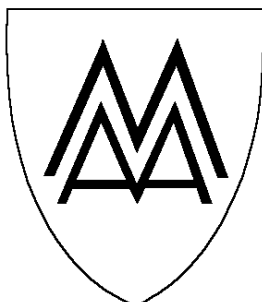


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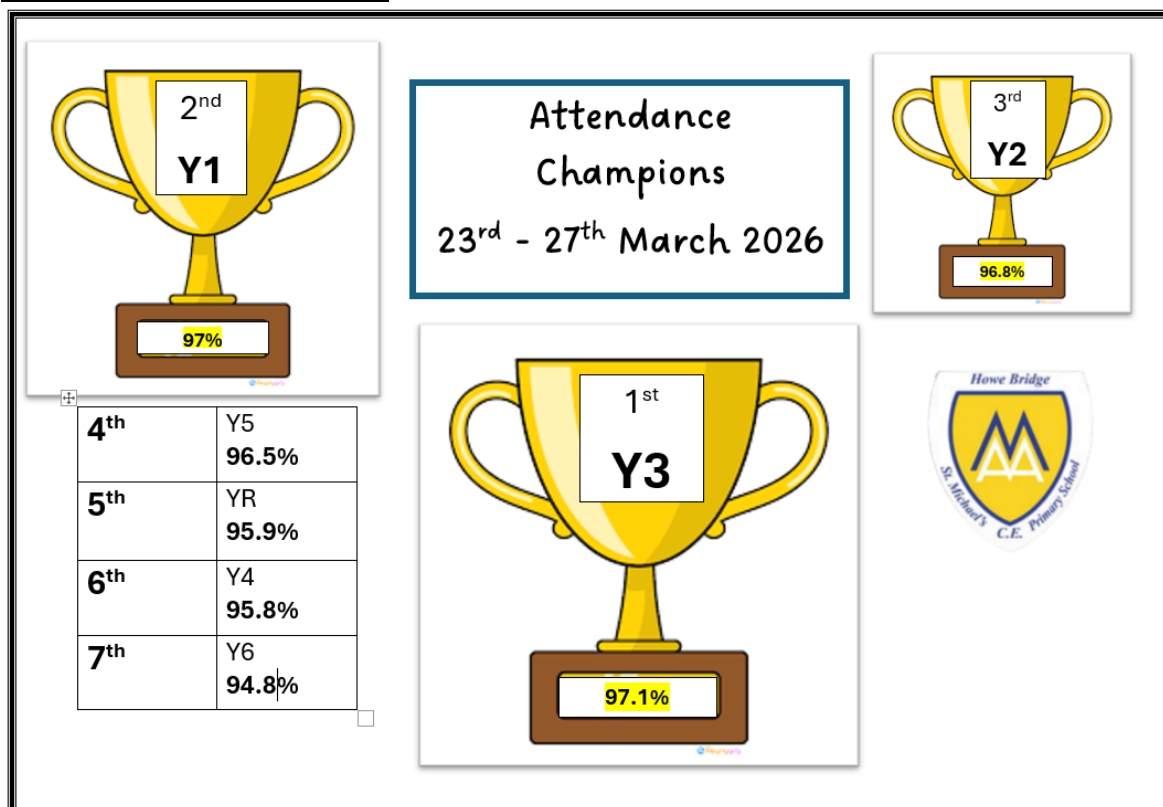
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Weekly Class Attendance



BBC series called *Will You Be My Friend?*

The casting team at Five Mile Films in Bristol are currently casting a warm new BBC series called *Will You Be My Friend?*, about childhood friendships.

They're looking for children aged 5 to 8 who find it hard to make friends - whether that's feeling shy, getting overwhelmed around other children, or struggling in social situations. Across three half-days, child psychologists help each child build confidence and social skills, before they are sensitively matched on a play date with a potential new friend from their local area. Filming will take place during the summer holidays in July and August 2026.



BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about *friendship*.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



School Council

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Jo Platt, to our school today! Our School Council did an outstanding job representing their peers, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that truly impressed.

Jo was full of praise for our children and our beautiful school building, admiring not only its character but also the rich heritage and history it holds within its walls.

We look forward to working together to continue preserving and maintaining our wonderful school building for future generations.



Lovers Lane Pit Disaster Memorial

We are incredibly proud of the children who took part in the Howe Bridge Lovers Lane Pit Disaster memorial service.

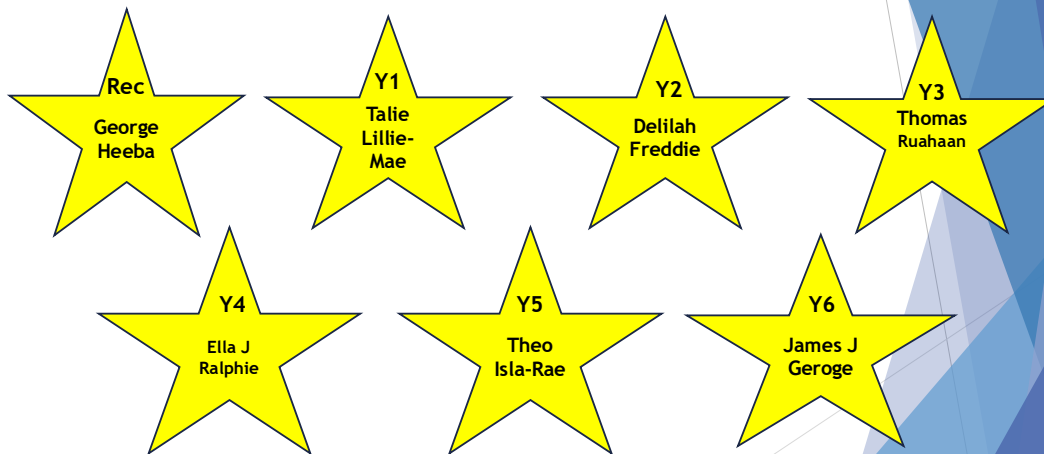
They showed such respect, maturity, and understanding while remembering those who lost their lives. It was moving to see them honour the past with such care and thoughtfulness.

You should all be very proud of yourselves — you did an amazing job ❤️

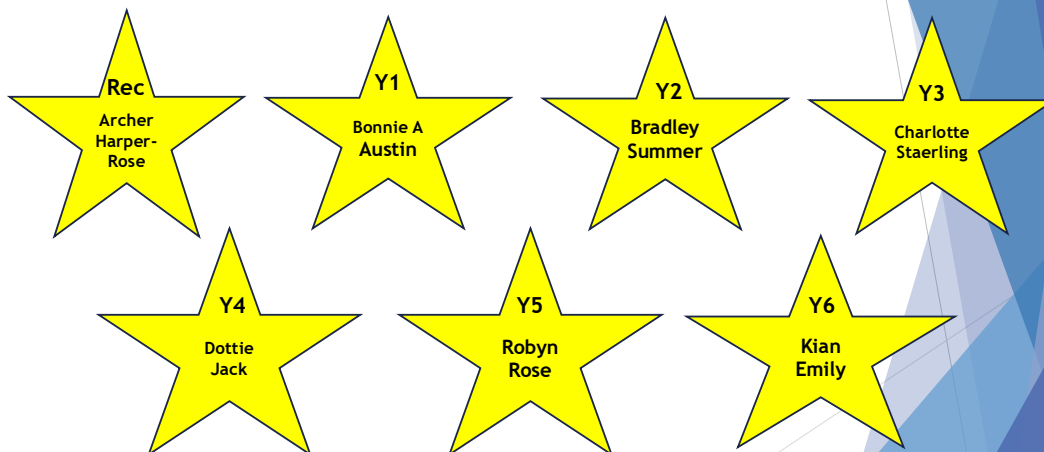


End of Term Awards

Writing Champions



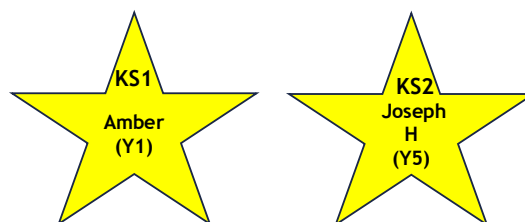
Maths Champions





Reading Champions



Headteacher Awards



Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
20 th April				
Monday Children return to school at 8:50am	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 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)

30 th April	Reception to Smithill's Open Farm
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
Sunday 14 th June	 ATHERTON CARNIVAL Sunday 14 th June 12:00 - 5:00pm
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
13 th July	Turn Wigan Purple  July 9, 2026 Wigan & Leigh Hospice
15 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
16 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
17 th July	Finish for Summer Break at 3:30pm
1 st September	Inset day – Staff only
2 nd September	Inset day – Staff only
4 th September	Children return to school at 8:50am
9 th September	Year 5 First Swimming session
1 st December	Rock Kidz 🎸🎤 KS1 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

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/>