

St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

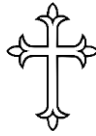
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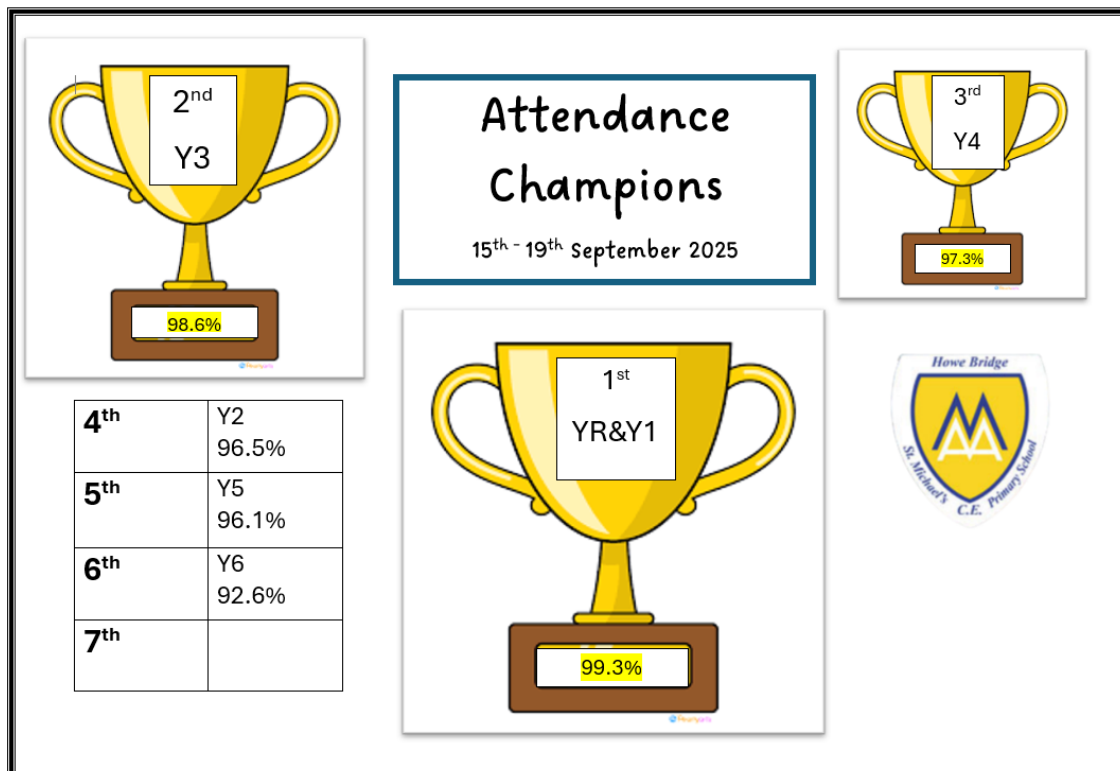
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'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'

Love, Respect, Kindness, Faith, Honesty and Courage

Newsletter 26th September 2025

Weekly Class Attendance



National Celebration and Thanks for Teaching Assistants

Friday 26th September is National teaching assistants' day. We absolutely could not run the school without our Teaching assistants. We are so lucky to have such

amazing teaching assistants who go above and beyond for the children in their care. We celebrated our fabulous TAs with a token of gratitude 😊
A massive thank you to our amazing staff.



Children's Mental Health

We invite all children to wear **Yellow** on Friday 10th October to help raise awareness for **World Mental Health Day**. Donations of £1 would be gratefully appreciated and will be donated from school.

Online donations are also welcomed using the following link

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/beccyharvey/hello-yellow>

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow
FRIDAY 10 OCT**

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please join us in the school hall on Friday 10th October from 9am for our annual coffee morning in support of the amazing MacMillan cancer support. There will be lots of delicious refreshments and a raffle with lots of nice prizes.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Howe Bridge Michaelmas Festival

🎉 Get ready for an amazing Michaelmas Festival celebration! 🎊
Join us for four days of fantastic fun at St Michael and All Angels Howe Bridge Church! ✨

🎰 Kick off with Prize Bingo at St Michael's School Hall (Sept 25, 1-3PM) - £2.50 gets you book, book draw, raffle, flyer houses and Jo 90, and more! Enjoy a cuppa and cake while trying your luck!

🧩 Test your knowledge at Val's Annual Quiz (Sept 26, 7PM) - £5 entry. Bring your favorite drinks and snacks for a brilliant evening of brain-teasers! 🏆 Prize for the winning team and a raffle during the interval.

🏠 Don't miss our Family Fun Day (Sept 27, 1PM) - Free children's entertainment galore! 🎭 Face painting, disco, games, and treats await! Plus amazing stalls packed with goodies and surprises! ☔ (Don't worry - we've got indoor backup if it rains!)

🏰 Round off the celebrations with our special Benefice Service to celebrate the feast of St Michael (Sept 28, 10AM) - Join Bishop Matthew of Bolton as we welcome autumn and give thanks for our wonderful community! 🍁

Free parking available at church grounds! 🚗 Come be part of this joyful celebration! ✨

Scholastic Book Fair

A massive thank you to the families who have visited and supported our book fair this week. We hope the children enjoy the books that have been purchased and don't worry to anyone who missed out, we will be having the book fair again at some point in the future as we move into 2026 which is the national year of reading. 😊 📖

Scholastic Book Fair



Wigan Healthy Schools



September 2025
For parents & Carers

Anna Freud – Supporting children’s transition to secondary school: Guidance for parents and carers.

This short guide provides tips about how children preparing for, or going through, the transition to secondary school can best be supported by their parents and carers.

It includes guidance which explains why the transition can be difficult for some children, and practical advice such as talking and connecting with the new school, as well as suggested resources that children and parents and carers may find useful.

[Visit Anna Freud’s resource pack here.](#)

Month of Hope, 10th September – 10th October 2025

You’re not alone. Support is available. There is always hope.

Whether it’s you or someone you care about, if someone is struggling it’s important to know what help is available:

- NHS 111 – Option 2: For urgent mental health help
- Samaritans: Available 24/7, 365 days a year – call 116 123
- EPIC HOPE CIC: Visit one of the welcoming harbours across Wigan borough for a safe space and support.

You can also explore a wide range of mental health resources and useful contacts by [visiting Wigan councils website here.](#)

Mental Health Support Team – Understanding Anxiety & Low Mood workshops.

As part of the Family Hub offer, the Mental Health Support Team in Schools are offering a series of parent/carer workshops to provide psychoeducation and support around anxiety and low mood during the October half term across each of our Family Hubs.

Invite open to all families and [booking is essential.](#)

The workshops will outline what anxiety or low mood is, the symptoms, and how this impacts children and young people. We will provide support strategies to help manage the physical and emotional feelings of anxiety and low mood.

Workshops are 60 minutes long and will be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team in Schools as part of the Wigan Borough Family Hub offer. If your child is struggling with anxiety or low mood or preparing for transition, this will be a useful, informative workshop for you!

[You can book any of the session via visiting the Eventbrite link here.](#)

Be Part of Research



Be Part of Research is a free service which makes it easy to find and take part in vital health and care research across the UK.

Simply tell us which health conditions you’re interested in. We’ll match you to suitable studies and send you information on how to take part.

[You can find out more information via watching the NIHR video.](#)

Rebuild with Hope Wigan



Looking for a way to express yourself, try something new, and connect with others? Our Building Opportunities creative workshops offer just that — a safe and welcoming space to explore your creativity alongside like-minded people.

[Book your slot via Eventbrite.](#)



Healthy Schools Newsletter

Stars of the Week

Star of the Week



Next week at a glance

Week beginning 29 th Sept	Before school	During the school day 	Music tuition	After school
Monday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Whole school worship singing worship Y3 outdoor PE Y4 Wigan Music Service *SCHOOL* PICTURE *DAY* 	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Class Worship Y6 indoor PE Rec indoor PE		ABC childcare
Thursday	Breakfast club	Worship with Rev. Hannah Rec indoor PE Y5 indoor PE Year 1 outdoor PE Year 2 outdoor PE		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective 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 th October	Y6 SATs meeting
10 th October	World Mental Health Day Children invited to wear yellow with a £1 recommended donation MACMILLIAN Coffee Morning School Hall



16 th October	Y4 Multiplication meeting
23 rd October	Y1 Phonics screening meeting
27 th October – 31 st October	Half Term
4 th November	Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30
11 th & 12 th November	Parents evening
1 st December	KS1 Panto
8 th December	KS2 Panto
19 th December	Finish for Christmas Break at 3:30pm
5 th January	Inset day – Staff only
6 th January	Children return to school at 8:50am
5 th February	Young Voices
16 th February – 20 th February	Half Term
23 rd March – 25 th March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
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 May – 29 th May	Half Term
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 🙌🎸

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

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/>