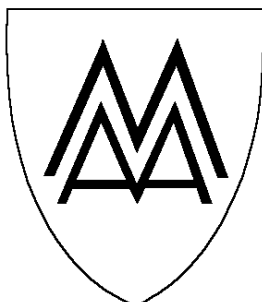


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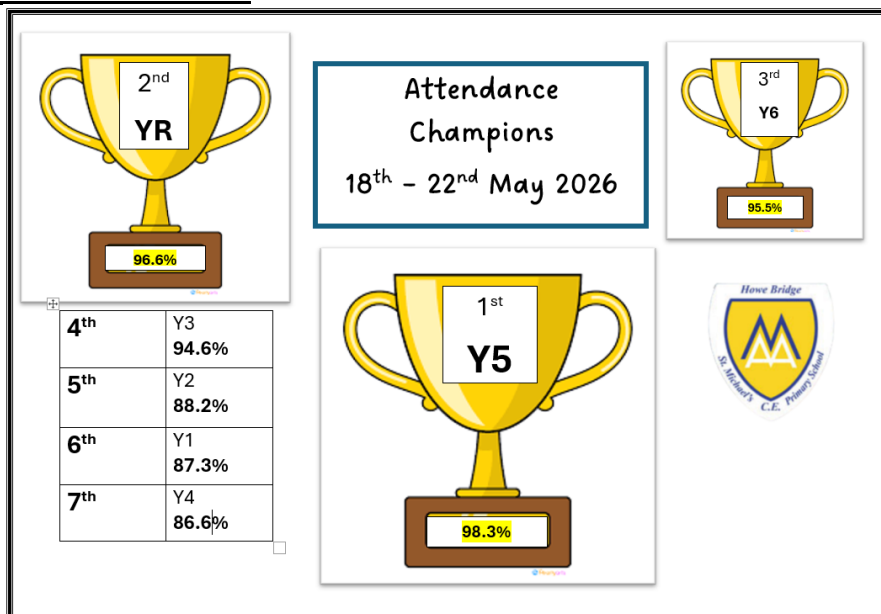
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'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'

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Newsletter 5th June 2026

Weekly Class Attendance



Lateness –Please could you make sure that you arrive on time for school. After 9.15 this is treated as an unauthorised absence. Missing minutes causes missing learning.

Minutes late per day	Missed learning in the year
5 minutes	3.4 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks
30 minutes	4 school weeks

Year 6 Transition Info

Transitioning from primary to secondary school can be an exciting and anxious time for both children and parents. New surroundings, new teachers, new friends, new challenges, and new opportunities are all on offer as children head off on the first days of their new school.

YC5 in Transit has been further developed by Merseyside Youth Association to help parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health, wellbeing and resilience whilst specifically transitioning from primary to secondary school.

Course held at Family Hub at Leigh Walmesley Road, Leigh, WN7 1XL.

Date 11th June 2026

Time 12.30pm to 2.30pm

TO BOOK A PLACE ON THIS COURSE PLEASE EMAIL

Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk



YOUTH CONNECT 5 A FREE, FIVE-WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Youth Connect 5 gives you the knowledge, skills and understanding to help your children develop strong emotional wellbeing.

You'll learn about resilience techniques that will strengthen your child's ability to deal with adversity, threats or even significant sources of stress - skills that will remain with them into adulthood.

As parents, we can't always control life's situations, but being able to handle these challenges comes from having strong skills of resilience - we like to think of it as being able to bounce back when life gets tough.

iRock Spaces

SPACES NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER! At iRock, children experience the excitement of being in a real band, learning instruments, playing songs they love and building confidence through music. Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, our fun and inclusive in-school sessions help children develop teamwork, resilience and musical skills in a supportive environment. Every term ends with a live concert performance for family and friends, giving children the chance to shine like real rockstars and celebrate everything they've achieved.

JOIN AN iROCK BAND THIS SEPTEMBER

New spaces now open!
Choose your instrument today.

[DISCOVER MORE](#) [ENROL NOW](#)

Enrol Online
www.rockschool.com/enrol

We're here to help
0330 174 2655
info@rockschool.com

iRock

As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock Journey.

Free School Meal Entitlement

🔔 From September 2026, the Department for Education has made some changes to the way that Free School Meals are allocated. All families and children will need to be rechecked to ascertain whether they can still receive this entitlement.

Please select the link below. This will take you to an online form where you can enter your details which will enable a check to take place. You will need to enter your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance details.

<https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

The earlier that this is completed, the sooner we can advise you of your child's entitlement for 2026/2027 academic year.

🔒 We strongly advise everyone completing this form.

Star of the Week

Rec – Hannah F

Year 1 – Lana B

Year 2 – Delilah W



Year 3 – George W

Year 4 – Aiva E

Year 5 – Hansen D

Year 6 – Abbie M

Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
8 th June				
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 Little Angels Play Group 9am – 10:30am Y3 indoor PE	Drums Violin	ABC childcare New Reception Parents Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm
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)

Sunday 14 th June	 Atherton CARNIVAL Sunday 14 th June 12:00 - 5:00pm
23 rd June	New Reception Children Welcome Event 4pm – 5pm
26 th June	Choir Concert – Ticketed Event 6PM – 8PM
29 th June – 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential trip
29 th June	iRock concert 2:45pm
30 th June	New Reception Stay and Play Session 1 1:30pm – 2:30pm
6 th July	Year 1 Bring Yer Wellies trip Year 6 Lion King Performance 2pm
7 th July	Sports Day (AM only) New Reception Stay and Play Session 2 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 th July	Year 2 to Kenyon Hall Farm Year 6 Lion King Performance 10am Year 5 to Manchester Museum
9 th July	 Turn Wigan Purple July 9, 2026  Wigan & Leigh Hospice Year 6 Leavers Disco 5:30pm–7:00pm
10 th July	Reserve Sports Day
13 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
15 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:10am
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
4 th September	Year 5 First Swimming session
9 th September	Rock Kidz 🖐️🎸
10 th November	Flu Vaccination
27 th November	Flu Catch up session
1 st December	KS1 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
7 th December	KS2 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
12 th -14 th April	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood

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/>