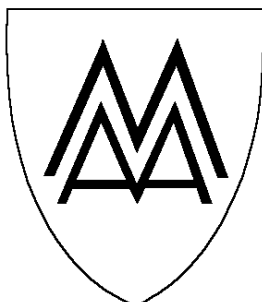


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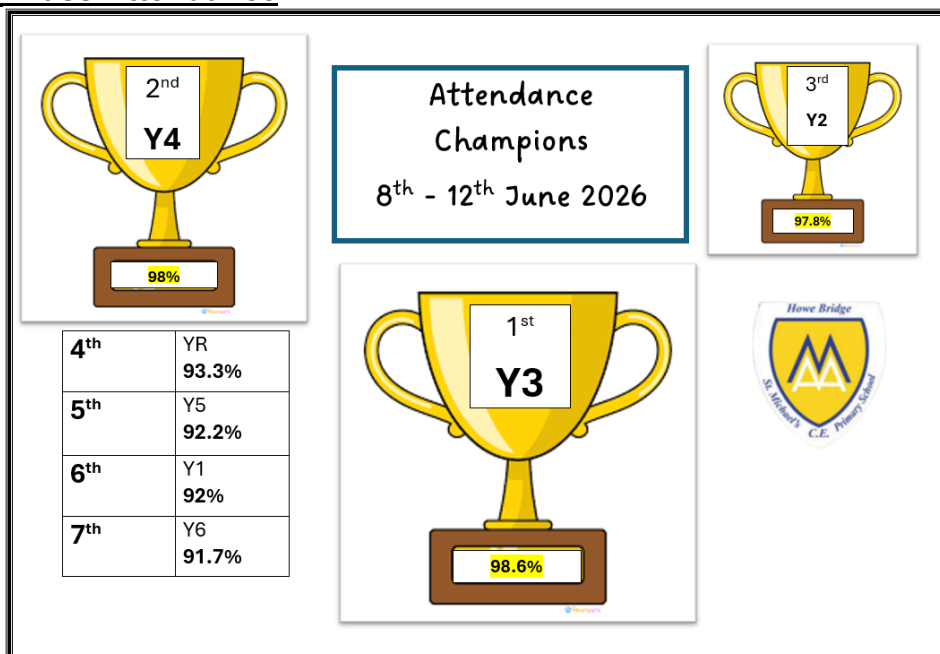
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## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 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

## **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 ASAP.**

## **Staffing Update for September**

We are pleased to share our class teacher arrangements for the next academic year:

- **Reception:** Miss Taylor
- **Year 1:** Miss Lees (returning to a full-time teaching role)
- **Year 2:** Mr Bustard
- **Year 3:** Mr Berrisford
- **Year 4:** Mrs Barker
- **Year 5:** Miss Bennett
- **Year 6:** Miss Chadwick

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Bustard** to our teaching team. Mr Bustard completed his final teacher training placement with us this year and successfully secured a teaching position at the school.

We would also like to let families know that **Miss Clisham** will be leaving us at the end of the academic year as she returns to live in Australia. Miss Clisham will remain with us until we break up for the summer, and we thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to our pupils.

In addition, **Miss McMillan** will be taking on the role of **non-teaching Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO** for the year. This will provide her with additional time to deliver targeted interventions, support early career teachers and lead key school improvement priorities across the school.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to continuing to provide the very best opportunities for all our pupils.

## **Safe Driving Reminder** 🚗

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving around school at drop-off and collection times. Today, a parent was witnessed mounting the curb to avoid an oncoming vehicle whilst children and families were walking on the pavement. Thankfully nobody was hurt, but this could have been extremely dangerous.

Please help us to keep our children, families and local residents safe by driving slowly, being mindful at busy times of the day, and showing respect to our community and neighbours.

We also ask that you:

- Do not park across or block residents' driveways
- Avoid stopping on pavements or mounting curbs
- Be patient and considerate of other road users and pedestrians

The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

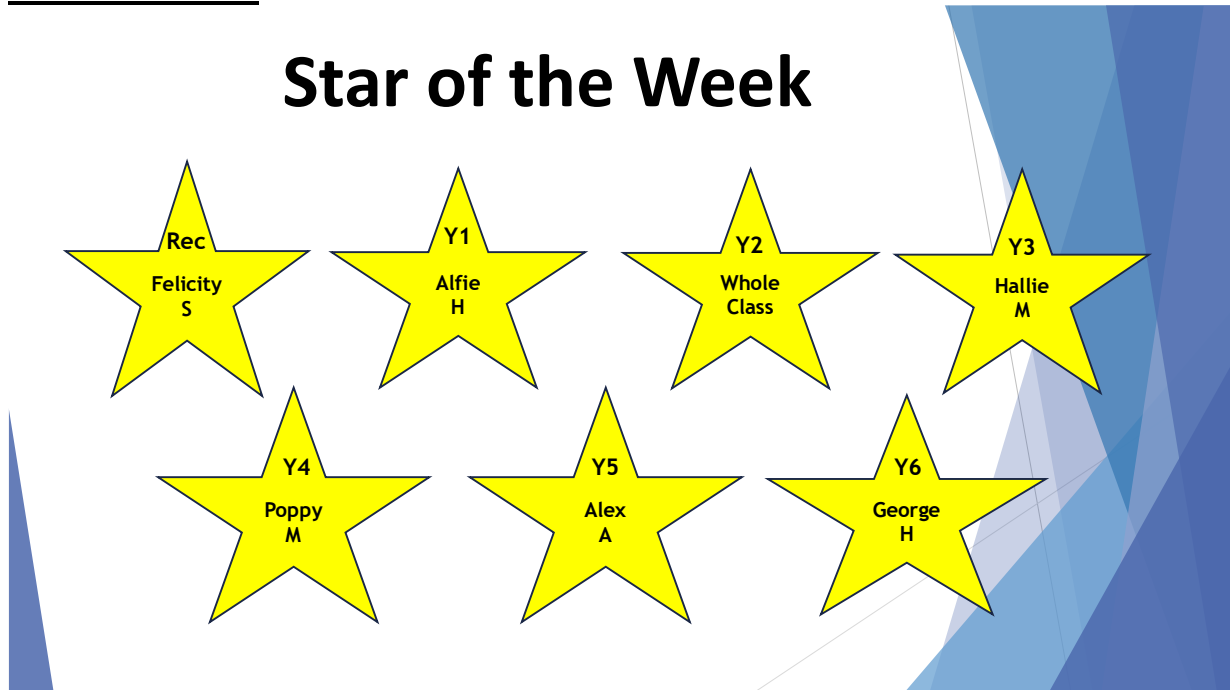
## School Uniform:

We would like to inform parents and carers that our School Uniform Policy has been updated and is available on the school website. The changes have been made to ensure compliance with the Government's new statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms.



In line with this guidance, the school now requires only three branded uniform items: the school checked/tartan skirt or pinafore, the school cardigan or jumper, and the school PE jacket. These items should be purchased from our approved suppliers with the school logo on.

All other uniform items may be purchased from any retailer and may be plain or include the school logo, at the discretion of parents and carers. Please visit the school website to view the full updated policy.

## Star of the Week



## Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Drums  Violin	ABC childcare

		9am – 10:30am Y3 indoor PE		New Reception Children Welcome Event 4pm – 5pm
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  Choir Concert – Ticketed Event 6PM – 8PM

### **Future dates for your diary**

**(Please note, these will be added to frequently)**

29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential trip
29 <sup>th</sup> June	iRock concert 2:45pm
30 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Stay and Play Session 1 1:30pm – 2:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Bring Yer Wellies trip  Year 6 Lion King Performance 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (AM only)  No toddler Group  New Reception Stay and Play Session 2 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Kenyon Hall Farm  Year 6 Lion King Performance 10am  Year 5 to Manchester Museum
9 <sup>th</sup> July	 Year 6 Leavers Disco 5:30pm–7:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church

	2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:10am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for Summer Break at 3:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset day – Staff only
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset day – Staff only
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school at 8:50am
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 First Swimming session
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Rock Kidz 🙌🎸
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccination
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Catch up session
1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS1 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Panto – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

**Samaritans** 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)

**Mind** - [www.mind.org.uk](http://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/>