



Our Christian Value for this half term is Resilience

Settled and Focused

As we near the end of the first half-term of the year, I have been spending some time going into the classes and looking at how the children are working. It has been lovely to see how settled all the classes are, how hardworking and focused the children are and how much their work has improved since the start of the year. This is especially evident lower down the school where the whole of EYFS are sitting and practicing their writing for a short, focused session and the Year 1 children are working beautifully at their tables, discussing their learning and applying their skills with increasing independence. Well done to all the children and staff for making this happen.

Celebration Worship

On a Friday morning (8:50am – 9:10am) school hold a Celebration Worship. The aim of this worship is to praise the children. All parents are invited to attend worship each Friday at 9am.

Year 3:	21 st October
Year 4:	4 th November
Year 5:	11 th November
Year 6:	18 th November
EYFS:	25 th November
Year 1:	2 nd December
Year 2:	9 th December

School Clubs

These are the clubs for this week:

Tues	3:15 – 4:15pm	Netball	Y5/6
Wed	3:15 – 4:15pm	Tag Rugby	Y4
Wed	3:15 – 4:15pm	Sport Club	Y2

Football and Y3 Netball have now finished. After half-term, the remaining clubs will also finish as it will be too dark to continue.

Please can you ensure the children bring a different kit for the clubs as this will allow us to run the club in most weathers.

Start of the School Day

Please be aware that the school day starts at **8:50am**. An increasing number of children are arriving late each day; on one day the week 7% of the pupils arrived late. If a child misses 5 minutes each day this equates to 3 ½ hours, over half a day, of lost learning a half-term. Whilst we understand that incidents of lateness will occasionally occur, please can you try to ensure your child/children arrive on time every day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Team Point Winners



Belfast



Homework

The children will have the following tasks. Reading homework will run for a week from each child's specific reading day.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2:	Numbots and Spellings
Y3 and Y4:	English & TT Rockstars
Y5 and Y6:	English and Maths

For more detailed information, please see the relevant class pages.

Poppies

We will be selling Poppies at the start and end of the school day outside the front of school starting on Monday 17th October.

End of Half-term

School will close for half-term on Friday 21st October and re-open on Tuesday 1st November. Have a great break!

School Dinner: We're on Week 1

Payment for next half-term (£78.20) is now due. The new menu for Autumn/Winter was sent out this week and starts on Monday 7th November. Please can you return all menu options asap and include the child's name on the sheet. If you are unsure of how much to pay, please contact Mrs Golding. Also, if your child has changed their mind on what they have selected, please could you let Mrs Golding know.

Bank Account details

Account Number: 21600737
Sort Code: 40-35-29

Contacting School

If you have any message or question to ask about school, including those for the class teacher, please email bursar@aughton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk as this email address is checked regularly during the day. We will then ensure you get a response in a timely manner.

If your child is absent, either for illness or an appointment, please report this on the school app.

Children Leaving the Classroom without an adult at the end of the day

There is a survey set on the school app to collect permissions for children to leave the classroom without an adult at the end of the day. This is currently only open for Y6 pupils. If your child is in a younger year group and you would like to give this permission, please email head@aughton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk to be granted access to the survey.

Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Y5 are going on a trip to Jodrell Bank on Tuesday 18th October. They need to leave at 9am to maximise their time out of school. Please could parents ensure that they park to allow access for the coach. Thank you.

Citizens of the Week

Congratulations to our Citizens of the Week.

EYFS: Zara
Year 1: Emily C
Year 2: Isabella
Year 3: Jake
Year 4: Jaylen-Rae
Year 5: Jacob F
Year 6: Alessia



Parents Evening

Hopefully everyone has managed to book a slot for Parents' Evening on **Thursday 20th October**.

Appointments will be 5 minutes long and will focus on discussing how your child has settled into the school year (for example: their attitude to learning, behaviour, their social interactions, etc). If there are any pertinent or important academic issues we need to raise we will. Academic progress and achievement will be more of a focus on the end of term report as we will have completed a larger proportion of the curriculum, so our assessments will be more accurate.

BIG NEWS!!! We have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme that recognises school's engagement, provision and uptake in sport against a national benchmark and celebrates keeping young people active. It takes into account the provision over a number of years, so we are extremely proud of our pupils and staff for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school in our community too.

