

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

5th September 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to all our children and families for the new academic year – we hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and that you are ready for another year of fun-filled and motivational learning. We would also like to welcome our new Reception class who are beginning their journey with us, in the Annexe. The children have already been busy learning, in their new classrooms, and getting to know their targets and topics for the year. We have some new staff too: Miss Howard, Miss Grattidge and Miss Williamson have joined our teaching and learning team, along with Mr Wood, who has returned to St Thomas'. Here's to a happy and successful year for all our Leesfield family.

HOMEWORK

This year, we have developed how our children will complete home learning tasks, using evidence informed guidance from the Education Endowment Fund. On the class pages, on our website, there are a range of age-appropriate ways that you can help support your child's learning from home, complimenting their classroom work and ensuring accelerated progress. Please encourage your child to engage in these tasks, little and often, and let us know how they have done by writing in your child's planner.

OPEN DAY

We will be holding Open Days for prospective parents for Reception 2026, on Tuesday 30th September and Tuesday 7th October. Book on our tours at 9.30am, 1.30pm or 5pm.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 17th September taking individual and sibling pictures. All children with school siblings will have a picture taken alone and with sibling. If you have a pre-school child,

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this year
Is 93%. The class with the best
Attendance is Year 3 with 98.9%.



Please bring all the children at 8.30am promptly to be included in the picture. You will then have the choice to order the picture when you see the proof.

SCAFFOLDING ON WEST STREET

We are having some roofing repair works undertaken in the main building. Look out for the scaffolding in West Street and take extra care.

CLASS WELCOME MEETINGS

All our classes invite parents/carers to a Welcome Meeting at this time of year to give important information about the coming year. Please try to attend. The dates are:

Reception—Monday 8th September

Year 1—Monday 8th September

Year 2—Thursday 11th September

Year 3—Thursday 11th September

Year 4—Friday 12th September

Year 5—Monday 15th September

Year 6—Tuesday 9th September

The meetings are 3.30-4pm. If you are in the main building, please pick up your child and make your way around to the Y2 door.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Intrahealth will be in school on 25th September administering the flu vaccines to the children. The consent/no consent forms are coming out tonight. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

TOM CATS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Don't forget we offer our very own on site wraparound club, Tom Cats from 7.30am-5.45pm. You can just book an odd day or a regular slot. Find it on your School Gateway App. £7.00 after school, £5 before.

ALLERGIES

If your child has a medically diagnosed allergy, please bring medical evidence to school for our information. Thank you.

MUSIC TUITION

Dennis from Oldham Music Service will start lessons for both brass and guitar from next Monday afternoon. Bring your instrument.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We run extra curricular clubs each half term for our children for fun and to enrich their education or learn new skills. Clubs are advertised here and are limited in spaces. We must receive a completed permission slip which is available at the main entrance. After school clubs run from home time until 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

Clubs on offer so far this half-term are:

Garden Gang: After School Mondays

Mrs Jakeman and team offer this year round club to our keen gardeners who work on the local allotment. This club is open to all year groups and will start on 15th September.

Choir: Lunchtime Thursdays

Miss Lawton will be holding choir practice every week. This is offered to Y3-6 children.

Football: After School Tuesdays 4-5pm

Mr Bunn will be running this popular club open to Y5&6 only. Starts next week. The club is held at Saddleworth Leisure Centre's 3G pitch and parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children. There are limited places and you will be told if the club is full.

SCHOOL DINNERS/PACKED LUNCHES

School dinners are £2.80 for all children in Y3-6 unless you qualify for Means Tested Free School Meals which are applied for via Oldham MBC. Payment is on the School Gateway App.

Check out the menu on our website.

Two weeks notice to the office is required to swap from or to School Dinners.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please provide a healthy balanced meal. Here are some recommendations:

A sandwich pasta or wrap with a protein filling. **No Nutella/nuts due to nut allergies.**

A dairy option, yoghurt or milk cartons etc.

Fruit and salad. Crisps or a biscuit.

No chocolate bars or sweets please.

Water to drink or weak cordial.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please clearly name all items of school uniform and outdoor coats, anything lost can quickly be returned. The Community Wardrobe shop on Lees High Street offer our good as new uniform to families.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Accepting responsibility in life is an important step in becoming a successful person. When you take ownership of your actions and choices, the weight falls off your shoulders. You are more likely to be productive when you don't have regret or guilt hanging over your head for every decision that you make.

'The greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That's the day we truly grow up.'

John C Maxwell.



**To Be The Best We
Can In The Sight Of God**

