

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

12th September 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Most classes have now had their Parent Welcome meeting, and there is just Year 5 to go on Monday at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please can we emphasize the importance of all families having at least one parent/carer on School Gateway. In line with other schools and organisations, we will be using it to communicate with parents and you will miss significant information if you are not registered. It is also now the school payment system for trips, dinners etc.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in on Wednesday taking individual and sibling pictures. ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. IF YOU HAVE PE THAT DAY, PLEASE BRING THE KIT IN A BAG.

Children with siblings in school will have a picture taken alone and with sibling. If you have a pre-school child you wish to include on the picture, please bring all the children into school at 8.30am promptly.

HEAD BUMPS IN SCHOOL

If your child has a minor bump to the head in school we will now send out a message on the School Gateway app instead of making a telephone call. You will also find a slip in your child's book bag and can speak to the staff at the end of the day.

This is to streamline procedures in school and there is no need to ring school as your child will have been assessed by a First Aid trained member of staff.

Of course if it is a serious head injury, we will ring you immediately and take the appropriate actions as with any injury.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this year is 94.7%. The class with the best Attendance is Reception with 98.6%.



FLU VACCINATIONS

Intrahealth will be in school on 25th September administering the flu vaccines to the children. Please make sure you have returned your consent / no consent form asap.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

The online application procedure is now open for our Y6 children to make their secondary school choices for next year. A letter has gone out tonight with instructions. Look out on the school websites for Open Day events.

ASTHMA

If your child is on the school asthma register, a letter has been sent home tonight for you to complete, to update our records.

Please complete ALL the attached forms and return to class asap. This will ensure that your child's asthma is managed well in school. If you haven't already done so, please send in a spare inhaler and spacer to be kept in school.

If your child is in Reception and has asthma, please pick up forms from the class teachers.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ♦ Y5 Welcome Meeting 15/9 @ 3.30pm
- ♦ School Photos 17/9
- ♦ Nasal Flu Vaccines 25/9
- ♦ 2026 Intake Open Days 30/9 & 7/10
- ♦ Y6 collective worship for parents 14/10
- ♦ Progress Evening 22/10
- ♦ Break up for Autumn half-term 23/10

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

If your child wishes to join an Extra Curricular club, 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.

The following clubs are available this half-term:

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 is running this popular club open to Y5&6 only. The club is held at Saddleworth Leisure Centre's 3G pitch and parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children.

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 or request a copy at the office/via the planner.

Next week we are on week 1 of the menu.

Two weeks notice is required to swap from or to School Dinners. Put a note in the planner or ring the office.

ALLERGIES

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

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

The Golden Rule states that you should treat others the way you want to be treated (Luke 6:31). This biblical scripture represents a moral responsibility that we can fulfil by demonstrating compassion, understanding, and respect in our daily lives. Living a life with this Golden Rule in mind allows us to accept responsibility for our actions toward others and lead by example.



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

