

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

19th September 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

The children and staff are now settling into a good work routine and are enjoying being back at school.

Good attendance is a high priority of school and Oldham Council in order for us to ensure your child achieves their best potential.

When children are too ill to attend school, please ring up or send a message on School Gateway on the first and third day of absence initially, thereafter regularly.

If your child has vomited they must remain away for 48 hours following the last incident.

Please keep appointments in school time to a minimum and be in the line for 10 to 9. This helps us to limit interruptions to class.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We are still holding our family collective worship assemblies every Friday at 2.30pm. All parents and families are welcome to join us to celebrate the children's achievements. You will be notified if your child is getting a certificate.

ROBINWOOD

It is an exciting year for our Year 6 children now and one of the highlights of that year is the trip to Robinwood Activity Centre in Todmorden. The trip is in January and is a residential trip costing £170. We understand it is a lot of money and parents were asked to start paying in July with a deposit of £30 and then to top up that balance as and when they can on School Gateway. Please make sure you have started your payment instalments in order to have paid in full by the end of Autumn term.

Any problems speak to the class staff.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.5%. The class with the best Attendance is Reception with 98.6%.



APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

The online application procedure is now open for our Y6 children to make their secondary school choices for next year. The **deadline is 31st October**. Look out on the school websites for Open Day events.

OPEN DAYS

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.

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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The health services are in school next Thursday, 25th September to administer the flu vaccines to the children for whom we have received consent form.

TOM CATS B&A 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

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Secondary School applications deadline 31/10

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.

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 due in advance and payable 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 2 of the menu.

Two weeks notice is required to swap from or to School Dinners. Put a note in your planner or ring the office if your child would like to change.

Please note that packed lunch boxes need to be named clearly and not contain hot food.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled with their name. We have had parents in looking for lost brand new cardigans, jumpers, ties and coats. If they have a name in it, we return it straight away to the owner.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



As Jim Rohn says, 'You must take responsibility for yourself. You can't change the world around you or the weather, but you can change who you are.'

Each of us has a gift given by God called free will. That means that we get to decide and choose what things help us grown and what things might not. It is up to us to choose good stuff—like the food we eat what we watch, who we listen to, and what we do and say.

We have a wonderful gift to decide how we want to live our lives. Make good choices and remember God has left instructions through the Bible to help us. We may not be able to change others, but we can choose to change ourselves.



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

