

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

26th September 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

We welcome parents of prospective Reception 2026 children into school next Tuesday for the first of our Open Days. We will be holding tours at 9.30, 1.30 and 5pm to show them around our lovely school and show off our well-behaved, polite and wonderful children.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are welcoming donations of non-perishable food for the Harvest Festival over the next couple of weeks. Please can we ask all the children to bring in a small donation in time for our service on Wednesday 8th October at 1pm. All donations are sent to families in need.

SCHOOL GATEWAY

Please note that the one-click payment facility for a bank transfer will no longer be available on the School Gateway App.

In future parents will be asked to pay using a debit or credit card. Thank you for your support.

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.

GARDEN GANG

If your child is in our Garden Gang club on a Monday, please can they come to school in PE kits for the day and also bring wellies to wear for the allotment. Thank you.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.1%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 1 with 100%. Brilliant!



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.

YOUNG VOICES 2026

If your child is a member of the school choir, they will be coming home today with a letter containing all of the information for this memorable event.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Nasal flu vaccines were administered by the health services in school this week to the children of parents who returned their consent forms.

The health services have sent home letters to families of children who did not have the vaccine for a second opportunity to take up the offer.

ROBINWOOD

The Year 6 staff would like us to remind parents to start paying off their Robinwood balance.

The cost of the trip is £170 and payment is due by the end of this term. Please don't leave it too late and leave yourself struggling at Christmas.

Speak to the class staff now if you need some advice. Payment is on School Gateway.

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. School staff provide relaxing and stimulating play for the children with snacks and drinks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ♦ 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. PE kits and wellies please.

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**.

Please provide a balanced healthy meal to support our healthy eating policy.

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

'If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things.' Luke 16:10



Taking ownership of our actions not only strengthens our character but also deepens our trust in God's plan for us. Each decision, whether right or wrong, becomes an opportunity to grow and learn from, guiding us closer to God's purpose.

As we embrace responsibility, we open our hearts to His guidance, allowing faith to shine through our choices and shaping a life rooted in integrity and grace.



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

