

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

3rd October 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Next Wednesday parents and families are invited to come to our Harvest Festival service in church at 1pm. We are still collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Oldham Foodbank up until the day of the service. Thank you to parents who have already sent in a donation.

OPEN DAY

We are holding the second of our Open Days next Tuesday for families of children who are looking at schools for Reception 2026. We have tours at 9.30, 1.30 or 5pm.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder that children are not allowed to bring phones into school. Phones in school will be held at the office for a parent to pick up.

This is a well thought out policy and we believe is the best way to safeguard your children.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, don't forget to make your secondary school application before the **deadline of 31st October**. Click on the link below to take you directly to the council website. Look out on the school websites for Open Day events.

[Apply for a secondary school place | Oldham Council](#)

ROBINWOOD

Year 6 parents please keep chipping away at your residential trip payments. A small payment every week will soon bring the balance down.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.4%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 4 with 98.7%.



CHOIR: YOUNG VOICES 2026

If your child is a member of our school choir, you will have received a letter giving you details of the fabulous Co-op Live Arena Young Voices event in February. If you would like your child to take part, payment must be in by the end of this month. £17 on School Gateway. Parent tickets for the event and additional event purchases, such as T-shirts and torches are made via the event organizers. See your letter for details.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10TH OCTOBER

In anticipation of World Mental Health Day, here are some useful resources for positive healthy minds:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/all-calendars>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

Screening is in school on 16th October. Forms are going out tonight. These are opt out forms only to be returned only if you do NOT wish your child to receive the eye test.

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 1 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 do not store lost property, we return it to the name on the label.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



'You can't make the same mistake twice. The second time you make it, it is no longer a mistake. It is a choice'

Author Unknown

This quote speaks to the importance of learning and personal responsibility. When we make a mistake, we have an opportunity to gain valuable information about what not to do or what can be done differently.

God has blessed us with an amazing ability to learn and grow. Let's make a choice to not repeat mistakes but let's choose to learn and grow through them.



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

