

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

10th October 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Our first progress meetings of the new academic year will take place on Wednesday 22nd October, in the school hall. A letter is being sent home in bookbags for you to choose your ideal time slot and we will try to accommodate you as much as we possibly can.

If your child normally has an SEN review with Mrs Schofield, you do not need to book an appointment, but are welcome to come along and look at your child's books during the afternoon.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher.

YEAR 6 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Next Tuesday, 14th, parents and families are invited to join us as the children of Year 6 present their collective worship on the theme of 'Responsibility'. The event starts at 2.30pm.

HARVEST

We celebrated Harvest with a lovely service in church on Wednesday, led by Mrs Butt. Thank you to all the families were kind enough to donate food to the Oldham Foodbank. Your support is always appreciated.

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

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.2%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 3 with 97.4%.



LATE PICK-UPS

We are aware that occasionally children may be collected late at the end of the school day, due to unforeseen circumstances. We ask that you ensure this is not a regular occurrence.

If children are persistently not picked up until after 3.30pm, they will be cared for in Tom Cat's after school club, and a charge of £7 will be incurred.

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

Screening is in school next Thursday. OPT OUT forms were sent last week for parents who did not wish their child to be tested.

Y5&6 FIRE SAFETY TALK

On Thursday 16th, our oldest children will be visited by Oldham Fire Service for a fire safety talk.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10TH OCTOBER

Today is 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/>

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

- ♦ 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



'Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.' Galatians 6:4-5.

God has blessed each of us with our own personalities and interests. You have gifts and talents that are unique to you. Let us be encouraged to humbly continue to learn and grow the gifts and talents we have, so each of us can be the best we can before God, ourselves and those around us.

The world is changed through hearts that are changed

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

