

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

17th October 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

We have a real headliner for you this week with the exciting news that our very own Miss Bamber and her partner, have had a lovely baby girl!! She is going to be called Maeve and we are sure you will join us in sending our best wishes to the happy new family.

PROGRESS MEETINGS 22ND OCTOBER

Progress meetings next Wednesday. Please make sure you have booked your appointment to get your time to speak one to one with the class teacher.

This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's wellbeing, behaviour or academic progress. Don't miss out! Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

AUTUMN HALF-TERM

Don't forget, we break up next Thursday 23rd for our half-term break. We hope you have a lovely week with your families. See you back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Pupil Report: Y5&6 FIRE SAFETY TALK

On Thursday afternoon, three firefighters from Oldham Fire Service came in to our school to give us a talk about Bonfire Night safety.

They showed us their firefighting kit and even showed us the fire engine and some of the equipment inside of it.

It was very fun and some of us got to try on their gear.

(written by Izzy & Grace Y6)

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.5%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 2 with 97.5%.



YEAR 6 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Tuesday, Year 6 performed their collective worship to parents and families. The theme was 'Responsibility' and they wowed the audience with their acting, choral speaking and singing.

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

The NHS vision screening service have been in school this week to carry out the Reception class eye tests. If your child passes the test, then you will not hear from the service, however if they fail the screening, you will receive a letter or appointment for further investigation.

YOUNG VOICES 2026

A reminder that if your child is in the choir and is attending the Young Voices event in February, payment of £17 must be made on the School Gateway by 31st October to enable us to book the entrance and coach.

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.

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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:AUTUMN 2

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 clubs running next half-term are:

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.

Please note there is **NO GARDEN GANG ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.**

Choir: Lunchtime Thursdays

Miss Lawton will be holding choir practice every week. This is offered to Y3-6 children.

Y5/6 Football: After School Tuesdays 4-5pm

This club continues after the half-term but is not taking on any extra players. There will be some match fixtures on club days and players will be chosen from the squad. You will be notified if your child has been picked, check the planners/talk to your child.

NEW* Y3-6 Cup Stacking

After School Tuesdays

Mrs Wilkinson & Miss Price will be running the fun Cup Stacking club after half-term. To see what it's all about go to:

speedstacks.com. It is great for fine motor skills and coordination.

Call in for a permission slip.

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.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

The secondary school application **deadline is 31st October**. Click on the link below to take you directly to the council website. [Apply for a secondary school place | Oldham Council](#)

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



***'A person who will not take care of the little things will not take care of the big things, for big things are but an accumulation of little things.'* Jack Hyles.**

Remember, attention to the small details builds a strong foundation for the big achievements. When you nurture the little things daily, you're shaping a future where success feels inevitable. Embrace the small steps, for they lead to the promise of God's journey for you.

Luke 16:10 says, 'Faithful with little.., faithful with much..' Lets be faithful with the little things to be great!



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

