

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

7th November 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn term. We hope you had some quality family time during the break.

The children are already back in the swing of working hard and playing hard with their friends and we are looking forward to the seasonal fun towards the end of this term taking us up to Christmas.

Scholastic Book Fair – Wednesday 19th November (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

The book fair is back! On Wednesday 19th November we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair straight after school until 4.30pm. Don't miss it! Whether you are looking for a great Christmas present or just browsing for a new book for the children, every purchase earns FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL.

There will be something to suit every pocket. We think it is vital to encourage reading in our children to improve literacy skills such as spelling and vocabulary and build a healthy imagination and confidence.

Cash or card payment is available. See flyer in bookbag for further details.

CHRISTMAS BUNTING: LSG BUSINESS HUB

All the children are coming home with a bunting template tonight. This is a Lees Village activity and they are asking all the children to colour and decorate the bunting which will then be displayed in all the local businesses over the Christmas period. The brighter, the better. Don't forget to put your name on the back as there will be prizes for the best!

Return them to school by Wednesday 19th November. Good luck!

OPEN DAY FOR RECEPTION 2026

We are holding our final Open Day for next year intake on 2nd December. Please book.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week

Is 94.3%. The class with the best

Attendance is Year 6 with 97.3%.



Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

All parents will find a Child Personal Information Form in the bookbag tonight in preparation for the trip in January. Please complete it this weekend and return it straight away.

Can we also give a reminder for payments to continue as the final deadline is the end of this term.

R&Y1 PHONICS WORKSHOPS

We would like to invite Reception and Year 1 parents to our upcoming Phonics Workshops. These sessions will provide practical tips on how to support your child's reading and phonics learning at home. The sessions will run from 2.30pm to 3.15pm in the main building.

Workshop dates are as follows:

Reception parents: Thursday 13th November

Year 1 parents: Thursday 20th November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF-TERM

- 25/11: Y5 collective worship at 2.30pm
- 02/12: New Intake Open Day
- 10/12: Christmas Markets
- 16/12: Christmas panto in school (am)
- 17/12: KS2 Christmas Concert 5-7pm
- 19/12: Last day of term

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.

You can cancel a booking up to half an hour before the club by swiping on the app.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:AUTUMN 2

To join a club please complete a parent permission slip. After school clubs finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

Current clubs are:

MONDAYS

Garden Gang: After School *FULL

Mrs Jakeman and team offer this year round club to our keen gardeners who work on the local allotment. PE kits and wellies please.

TUESDAYS

Y5/6 Football: After School 4-5pm *FULL

There will be some match fixtures on club days and players will be chosen. The whole squad will attend all matches.

Y3-6 Cup Stacking: After School *FULL

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

Y2&3 Cross Stitch: After School

The Year 2 staff are offering this club for our craft loving children. Ask for a slip at the office.

THURSDAYS

Choir: Lunchtime

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

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 (currently being updated).

Next week we are on week 3 of the menu.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This half-term we are looking at the Christian value of JUSTICE. ✝

As we move through the challenges of our daily lives, let us draw inspiration from Micah 6:8, which reminds us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

In a world that sometimes feels chaotic, these simple yet powerful words from the bible can guide our actions and our interactions with others. Embrace the opportunity to ask God to help you make a difference no matter how small, by acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.

'No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.'

(Micah 6:8)



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

