

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

14th November 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

The book fair is back! On Wednesday 19th November we invite you to come to our Scholastic Book Fair. We will see you at the main entrance straight after school and the event will run 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.

CHRISTMAS BUNTING: LSG BUSINESS HUB

You have another weekend to finish your colourful bunting for the Lees Village Hub who will arrange for all the local businesses to display your works of art 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!

Look out for the LSG Hub's posters for the Christmas lights switch on and Christmas across the villages events.

FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS

The first match of the season was played this week against St Chads. Our team fought a good fight and played well, but just didn't get the goals in. We lost 3-1. Onwards and upwards St Thomas'-next week, Dobcross!

OPEN DAY FOR RECEPTION 2026

We are holding our final Open Day for next year intake on 2nd December. Please book by calling the school office.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.4%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 1 with 97.6%.



Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

A reminder if you haven't already done so, please make sure you return your Personal Information Form to school asap.

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

R&Y1 PHONICS WORKSHOPS

Parents of Reception children attended the class workshop this week, getting practical tips on how to support your child's reading and phonics learning at home.

Year 1 parents are now invited to come on Thursday 20th November at 2.30pm until 3.15pm in the main hall for their Phonics Workshop.

MUSIC GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

If your child is aged 8-13 and has SEN, Oldham Music Service are running a group on Mondays at 5.30pm to explore their interest in playing an instrument or singing. To register your interest click the link:

[Instructions | Oldham Music Centre – Membership Registration form](#)

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 1 of the menu.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



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

'We are all more than the worst thing we have ever done.'

Bryan Stevenson.

Making things right for everyone, including ourselves, is the goal of justice. This quote reminds us that our failures do not define who we are. God's justice is redemptive, offering light even in our darkest hours. In the rush of life, we can forget that forgiveness is part of true justice. God's loving justice assures us we are not bound by our worst choices, but invited into grace, healing and renewal - for ourselves and then with others.



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

