

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

21st November 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

A big thank you to all the parents and friends who attended and supported our Scholastic Book Fair event on Wednesday. You bought lots of lovely books and have raised £470 in free books for school, see poster on the website. The teachers will have great fun choosing new books for the school libraries.

CHRISTMAS BUNTING: LSG BUSINESS HUB

We have received lots of fantastically decorated bunting for Mrs Jakeman who will arrange for it to be on display in local businesses in the Lees, Springhead and Grotton hub. Look out for yours. We will also see if we have any competition winners amongst our entries. Well done to all our happy artists!

FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS

Our second match was played on Tuesday in spite of challenging weather conditions. Well done to our team who played brilliantly and scored a last minute equalizer, with a final score of 3-3.

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.

FOOD VOUCHERS

The council have announced that they will be funding vouchers worth £40 per child over the Christmas holidays. These will be issued by school to those families entitled to MEANS TESTED free school meals during December. If you may be entitled to free school meals due to a low income, call the council or go to their website to check:

[Free school meals](#) | [Free school meals](#) | [Oldham Council](#)

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.7%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 1 with 99.6%.



Y5 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 25/11

Year 5 parents are invited to come and watch their child's class collective worship on Tuesday 25th November at 2.30pm. The theme is 'Justice' and is all about being a good, kind person.

Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

A reminder to make sure you have paid for this trip by Friday 19th December.

QR CODE TO WEBSITE

Keeping up with technology is a challenge for all of us. We have so much information, fun activities and photographs on our website, we want our community to feel confident accessing this resource. We will now be displaying a QR code on our newsletter which will take you straight to the school website. Just hover your phone camera over the code for it to take you directly to the site.



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 *FULL

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 2 of the menu.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: JUSTICE

"I want to see a mighty flood of justice-a torrent of doing good."



Amos 5:24

Amos 5:24 is a call to action. It challenges us to ensure that justice and righteousness flow through our lives like a river. When we embrace these values, we honour God and make a difference in the world around us.

Acting justly shows we care about what God cares about. **Doing good** creates trust and unity among people. Justice can change lives, offering a brighter future for those in need.

Remember, even small actions can create a ripple effect. Let's get to work!



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

