

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

5th December 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Next Wednesday, we are looking forward to our Christmas Markets. This year, we are trying something different by hosting them throughout the **morning** rather than after school.

The classes have been busy creating hand-made Christmas gifts to sell on their stalls and they will also be performing a Christmas song for your entertainment.

The following are the times each class will be in church:

Year 6: 9am Reception: 9.20am

Year 1: 9.40am Year 2: 10am

Year 3: 10.20am Year 4: 10.40am

Year 5: 11am

You are welcome to come along and watch your children perform before visiting our stalls with them. If you are unable to attend, you can send your child into school with a small amount of money so they can still buy festive items.

There will also be a café serving hot drinks and mince pies, you can enjoy with your children. There will of course be the usual stalls you would expect at the fair, including an amazing raffle prize, donated by one of our families.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Y3-6)

On **Wednesday 17th** our junior children will be performing their concert in church.

The performance will begin at 5pm and we expect to be over by 6pm. Please can the children be returned to school for 4.40pm in full school uniform to prepare for the event. The church doors will be open for families from this time, so take a pew and enjoy the show!

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week

Is 92.5%. The class with the best

Attendance is Year 4 with 94.3%.



KS1 NATIVITY 17TH DECEMBER

We are very excited to invite parents of Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to our Christmas nativity, 'Camel-Ama-Ding-Dong' on **Wednesday 17th December**.

There will be a morning and afternoon performance and parents have been asked to choose, either 9.30am or 2pm.

WHOLE SCHOOL ARCHERY DAY

We were joined today by Oldham sports coaches for a fabulous enrichment day of archery and target games. The children loved it!

Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

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

The trip is from 19-21st January and the staff and children are very excited. It is an unforgettable experience.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wed 10th: Christmas Markets
- Tues 16th: Christmas panto in school (am)
- Wed 17th: KS1 Nativity @ 9.30 or 2pm
- Wed 17th: KS2 Christmas Concert 5pm
- Thurs 18th: Christmas dinner
- Fri 19th: 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our world famous Christmas dinner is booked in for Thursday 18th December.

On that day we invite any children who usually brings a packed lunch to enjoy Mrs England's Christmas dinner. On the menu there will be a turkey roast dinner or cheese flan with all the trimmings and a favourite seasonal dessert.

The cost is £2.80 and payment must be made on the School Gateway app by the deadline of Friday 12th December. If you are entitled to FSM, speak to the office.

If your child normally has a school dinner, you do not need to do anything extra and there is no additional payment required.

All the children enjoy Christmas dinner day in the hall and if you want to do something special in your packed lunch for that day, get thinking. Normal rules apply of a healthy balanced meal and no hot meals.

FOOD VOUCHERS: Vouchers worth £40 will be issued in December to those families entitled to MEANS TESTED free school meals. If you may be entitled to free school meals due to a low income, contact OMBC.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: JUSTICE

'He will faithfully turn His attention to doing justice. And though He faces obstacles, resistance, and great pressure, He will not crack; He will not give up until things are set right.' Isaiah 42:3-4.



Sometimes the world feels like it has lots of problems and that can make us feel sad. God has a big plan, and He's still working! We can help by being kind, sharing God's way, and helping others. Even if we don't see everything fixed right now, we can trust God always keeps His promises!



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

