

# St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

12th December 2025



## HEADLINE NEWS

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Markets on Wednesday. We certainly did. We felt that there was a lovely atmosphere in our beautiful church and thought that the timed performances of the children helped give us a steadier stream of custom to the stalls which made for a calmer event for us all.

The children sang beautifully and you came and spent lots of money on their fantastic crafts and on our raffle to win that amazing hamper donated by one of our families. Thank you for your support.

So far we have raised £775 and are still selling tickets for the hamper (£1 a strip) and the 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' (50p a guess). If you would like another chance to try to win these wonderful prizes, there will be an opportunity to buy tickets at our Christmas events next week. Good luck!

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Next week is our final week before the Christmas break and we plan to enjoy ourselves thoroughly. At the beginning of the week the classes will be busy practising for their performances later in the week.

On **Tuesday morning**, our favourite performers from LADA Theatre Company will be treating the whole school to their Christmas 'Jack and the Beanstalk' **pantomime**.

On **Wednesday**, we have a big day, with the **Key Stage 1 nativity performance** at **9.30am and 2pm** for families in the school hall.

They will be treating you to their version of 'Camel-Ama-ding-Dong'. Please can all the children (Reception, Y1 & Y2) be in **full school uniform** (not PE kits) that day.

Later on **Wednesday** at **5pm** our junior children (Y3-6) will be performing their **KS2 Christmas concert in the church**.

## School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.4%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 6 with 96.3%.



Parents and families are welcome to join us and we expect to be over for 6pm.

Please can the children in the concert be **returned to school by 4.40pm in full school uniform** to get them ready for the event and then parents can make their way over to church for the show. We ask that children bring in silver tinsel to wear for their performance.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at both events.

On **Thursday**, we will all be sitting down together for our Christmas dinner. All children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers for the occasion. Please make sure if you are normally a packed lunch, that you have paid online for a dinner if you want one.

On **Friday** 19th **Reception, Year 1 & 2** will be having a fun day (please see separate letter).

**Years 3—6** can come in their **own favourite clothes** and will be having festive fun in their classrooms.



## Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

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

**FOOD VOUCHERS:** Vouchers worth £40 have now been issued to all families who are entitled to means tested free school meals.

## 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

**Our GG group will have a Christmas party on Monday. They can bring festive head-gear and will have games, dancing and festive snacks. This will be in church.**

### TUESDAYS

Y5/6 Football: After School 4-5pm

On Tuesday, the school football team played in their penultimate match of the calendar year and won 10-0! The boys produced a wonderful performance full of great passing and some incredible goals. The team will play in a 6 aside competition next week to become the overall DLP champions. **This club finishes next week.**

Y3-6 Cup Stacking: **This club finishes next week.**

Y2&3 Cross Stitch School: **This club finishes next week.**

### THURSDAYS

Choir: Lunchtime

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



## NEW CLUBS NEXT HALF-TERM: SPRING 1

Permission slips are available at the office and must be returned. Our clubs have a maximum and our policy is first come, first served.

- Reception, Y1, Y2 Craft Club

This club is starting for our young children and will be held every Tuesday at 3.20-4.15pm. Maximum of 15.

- Y6 Books & Biscuits Club (invite only)

This club is a small reading group designed to promote reading for pleasure and is by invite only. Letters have gone out to the relevant children. Club runs every Tuesday after school.

- Y3&4 Blooket Club

This is a computer programme quiz club running every Thursday after school. Maximum of 20 children.

- Y5&6 Fine Art Club (invite only)

Mrs Douglas is running her art club for talented artists every week. This club is invite only and a letter will go out next week.

## ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: JUSTICE

*"Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, 'I will take revenge; I will pay them back.' Says the Lord."*



Romans 12:19.

I don't know about you, but this verse kind of messes with my sense of control. We like the idea of justice, but when it doesn't happen on our timeline or in the way we think it should, it's tempting to take matters into our own hands. But God reminds us that He's the one who balances the scales, not us. Our Job? Walk in mercy and trust Him with the rest.

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

