

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

19th December 2025



HEADLINE NEWS

Phew-what a week! We have had a wonderful final week in our countdown to Christmas. The week started off with LADA theatre company giving a brilliant performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to the whole school.



Then on Wednesday the children from Reception, Year 1 & 2 entertained the school and parents with their lovely nativity 'Camel-Ama-Ding-Dong'.

Later on in the evening we all enjoyed the church atmosphere as the juniors sang their hearts out with some Christmas carols with a modern twist. The church was lit up beautifully and families were treated to fantastic renditions of Silent Night, O Christmas Tree and Joy to the World.

We were very lucky to have our resident pianist, Wenzheng in Year 6 to accompany the singing and we finished with a bang from our confetti cannons. Apologies to Mr Spiller who has only just finished sweeping the church.

On Thursday, the celebrations continued as we all sat down to Christmas dinner together.

Finally on Friday, all the classes had a fun time watching films, playing games, colouring Christmas pictures and just chilling in their own favourite clothes.

The staff and children have all worked so hard over these last few weeks practising for their shows. They have done a wonderful job. We hope you have enjoyed it.

This morning in collective worship, Mr Whittaker drew the winners for the raffle prize and the winner of the 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' competition. The winner of the fabulous hamper prize was Cole's family in Year 3 and the winner of the sweets was Oleksii's family in Reception. Well done to our lucky winners. We hope you enjoy your prizes.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.9%. The class with the best Attendance is Reception with 98.9%.



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for a chance to win. The final tally of money raised for our Christmas Markets, including raffle is £881.63. This money goes into our School Fund account which is used for enriching the children's time in school, including helping to fund Robinwood and paying for the Christmas pantomime.

Thank you to all our children, staff and families for making the season's celebrations so magical.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Enjoy some quality family time and we will see you all on Monday 5th January at 10 to 9 for the beginning of the Spring Term.

Y6 TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

All payments should now be in for this trip which will take place from 19th to 21st January.

NEW LUNCH MENU

We have a new menu for next term for those who are on school dinners. Please see the website or noticeboard for details. You can also ask for a copy at the office or put your request in the planner and we will send it home. Dinners are charged at £2.80 a day to Y3-6 unless you qualify for means tested free school meals. If you are on a low income have a look on Oldham MBC 's website or ring 0161 770 3000 to see if you qualify.



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

Garden Gang had a fabulous party on Monday and this club will continue next term.

TUESDAYS

Y5/6 Football: After School 4-5pm

On Tuesday, we beat Diggle School and finished the Autumn season winning the DLP competition. We are the ultimate champions. Well done team! **This club is now finished.**

Y3-6 Cup Stacking: **Club now finished.**

Y2&3 Cross Stitch School: **Club now finished.**

THURSDAYS

Choir: Lunchtime

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



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 letters have gone out.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: JUSTICE

Christmas Shows How Much God Loves Us.

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3: 16-17



God didn't send His Son to condemn the world, but to save it. Jesus came so that anyone who believes in Him can have a full and lasting life. That's the heart of Christmas—God stepping into our broken world to make things right. Trust Him, and you find hope that lasts beyond the season. **Merry Christmas! May your heart be filled with His peace and joy.**



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

