

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

16th January 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

We are very excited for our Year 6 class who will be leaving us on Monday, for three days, for their much anticipated adventure trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.

They will have an amazing time together, challenging themselves on the great facilities available, enjoying delicious food and being well looked after by high quality staff in this brilliant activity centre.

Parents, please put your feet up for a couple of days and don't worry, they will have a great time.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

Bikeability is the Government's national cycle training programme. Children will be taught to different levels depending on their existing abilities. Level 1 teaches basic cycling skills. Level 2 teaches the practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. Parents will have been notified when their child's group will be taking part and should bring their bike/helmet if they have them on those days.

MUSIC FEES

The second term's payment is now due. Please go to your Gateway account and make payment of £100. Thank you.

School attendance this week



Our whole school attendance this week is 95.1%. The class with the best Attendance is Reception again!! with 99.3%. Well done to our youngest class who have brilliant attendance.

NEW LUNCH MENU

We have a new menu this 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.

We require two weeks notice to swap to or from dinners.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF-TERM

January

- 19th—21st: Y6 trip to Robinwood
- 19th—23rd: Bikeability in school

February

- 3rd: Y4 Collective Worship for parents 2.30pm
- 11th: Progress Meetings 1.30-7pm
- 13th: Young Voices Concert (choir)
- 16th—20th: Spring Half-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.

We have a very flexible booking system which allows you to book onto club up to half an hour before it starts and you can also cancel a booking up to half an hour before by swiping on the app. Unfortunately if you have not managed to cancel in this time, you will still have to pay for a booked session even if you no longer want the place.

In an emergency after the cut off, you can leave a message on Tom Cat's / Mr Hill's phone 0161 770 7410. He can add you to the register manually for a maximum of one session as this will put a debit on your account which must be cleared the same day. Otherwise all bookings must be made in advance. This is important for managing staffing requirements for the session.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: SERVICE

This term our focus is on the Christian value 'Service'

"The measure of a persons' greatness is not the number of servants they have, but in the number of people they serve." - Unknown.

Take a moment to think about people who have helped you-like superheroes in your life! Say "thank you" to God for them and ask Him to help you be a better helper too.

Dear God, thank you for the amazing people who care for me. Please help me to be kind, share smiles and help others every day. Give me a big, happy heart that loves to serve, just like Jesus, Amen.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: SPRING 1

Permission slips are available at the office and must be returned.

After school clubs finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

♦ MONDAYS

Garden Gang: Please note that this club has finished for the half-term due to weather.

Y5&6 Fine Art Club (invite only)

Mrs Douglas is running her art club for talented artists every week. Invite only.

♦ TUESDAYS

Reception, Y1, Y2 Craft Club —NOW FULL

Club held in the Annexe. 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.

♦ THURSDAYS

Y3&4 Blooket Club—NOW FULL

This is a computer programme quiz club.

Choir: Lunchtime

Miss Lawton holds choir practice every week. This is offered to Y3-6 children.

ACHIEVEMENT COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Don't forget we still hold collective worship every Friday at 2.30 at which families are welcome to join us. It is a lovely end to the week as we celebrate our achievements.

If your child is receiving a certificate or award, the class teachers will notify you in advance of the assembly where possible so that you may come and join the celebration.

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

