

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

13th March 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

We had a tremendous day on Thursday as we celebrated the phenomenal British Science week.

The children and staff looked fantastic with their crazy 'mad scientist' hair. What amazing imagination and creativity you have. Their big hair inspired their enormous brains as they got to work investigating and researching scientific theories and phenomena.

Y6 researched science questions, such as, how the brain works, chemicals we eat, how do planes stay up?

Y3 fired rockets, Y2 did some bubble painting, Y4 made paper aeroplanes and studied aerodynamics. Y5 looked at evaporation, Reception explored shadows and melting ice and Y1 looked at what keeps a teddy bear dry. The answer to the teddy bear question (in case you were wondering), is—tin foil!



At lunchtime, Mrs England and team made some delicious, colourful Science themed food for dinner.

Science has been fun! The children had a great day.

Y5 LINKING TRIP TO ROUNDTORN

Today, Year 5 have been to Roundthorn School to take part in a Linking Project event.

The children have been carrying out Forest School activities, working with local artist, Claire Mathers and also enjoying some physical activities promoting teamworking.

School attendance this week



Our whole school attendance this week is 93.6%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 2 with 95.8%.

It is good for the children to meet others from different schools and backgrounds to learn how to work together positively.

DLP CIRCUIT TRAINING

On Wednesday, some Year1 and Reception children went to St Agnes' School and took part in a DLP Circuit Training event. They enjoyed a range of activities, such as the speed ladder, the seated leg press, hip twist and the cross trainer.

Next week some children in Year 5 & 6 have been invited to join this activity. If your child has been selected you will have received a letter.

ATTENDANCE AND LATES

We are holding Attendance Panel meetings on Tuesday 17th March. If you have had a letter, please attend at the allocated time or contact school for an alternative date.

Our late arrivals are on the increase. The teachers receive the children in the line at 10 to 9. Anyone arriving through the Office Main Entrance is recorded as a Late. Two lates in one week is a badge loss.

We do this because being on time is a valuable life skill and promotes a calm start to your child's learning. Children arriving once the day has started is a distraction and delays the learning. Please support us by arriving on time.

ETHOS COMMITTEE

The Ethos Committee are excited to announce our new Faith in Action Award which celebrates children who live out our school's Christian Values in their everyday actions. This award recognises pupils who demonstrate values such as courage, respect and responsibility both in school and in the wider community.

Each week, the Ethos Committee will look for children who demonstrate these values through their behaviour, actions and attitude to learning. We hope this will encourage all our pupils to shine as positive role models and to put their faith into action.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating these special moments with you and our school community in our Collective Worship on Fridays.

LSG BUSINESS HUB

The local business hub has asked us to promote their Easter bunting activity to our children.

A template has been sent home today. If your child enjoys colouring and being creative, they can colour in the Easter Bonnet and return it to Lees Library by Wednesday 25th March ready to go up in local businesses for Easter. Put your name and school on the back.

Happy colouring!

SPACES IN SCHOOL

Please note we have spaces for new pupils in some classes as follows:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: SPRING 2

Permission slips are available at the office and must be returned. After school clubs finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

♦ MONDAYS

GARDEN GANG (Full)

♦ WEDNESDAYS

Y3-6 LUNCHTIME RUNNING CLUB (Full)

Keep fit at lunchtime. Wear PE kits all day.

♦ THURSDAYS

LEGO CLUB (INVITE ONLY) Infants

Choir: Lunchtime

Choir is not currently running.

Lots of classes are also running extra tuition clubs by invite. Letters went out last term.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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



Teach the difference between Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with all people"
Romans 12:18

Forgiveness starts in our hearts, but trusting someone again can take time, and that's okay. It's also alright to set boundaries, because you don't have to stay close to someone who keeps being unkind. We forgive others not because they always deserve it, but because God's love frees our hearts from anger and helps us live in peace.

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

