

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

17th April 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to school and the Summer Term. We are looking forward to some good weather, school trips and outdoor activities whilst we also will be working hard towards assessments and tests to make sure we achieve all we can as we head towards the end of this academic year.

UNIFORM

A reminder that all the children need to be in full, smart uniform for school.

Jewellery is not allowed. Long hair should be tied back, shaved or dyed hair is not acceptable. A tie should always be worn except on PE days. PE kit includes plain black tracksuit bottoms or joggers, **not** leggings, yoga or cargo pants.

Socks should be plain black, white or grey. No 'Saturday socks' please.

These are some of the more common offenders. Please see our uniform policy if you are unsure of the rules or speak to the staff.

TRAFFIC

Never far from our thoughts, the traffic situation remains an issue for many people. We are always trying to think of ideas to improve congestion and consult with the Highways Department regularly to see what can be done.

Please make sure you do your part by arriving for school in good time, parking safely and bringing your children into the yard on time. Be considerate of pedestrians and other road users.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.9%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 2 with 98.5%.



MORNINGS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Please remember that children are parent's responsibility up until they are taken into school by the staff.

You are under a duty to supervise your own children in the yard before school. Please make sure you are with them or that you have made arrangements for an appropriate adult to supervise your children to ensure a smooth start to the school day.

ADMISSIONS

We are pleased to say that we are full for our new Reception intake in September. We are sorry to anyone who has missed out. Places were in high demand. Communication will be sent out in the coming weeks with details of upcoming transition events and a parent meeting.

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

Current Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place in these year groups, please ask them to contact school.

LATES

Your children benefit from a calm start to the day. Please be on time for school, lining up with the other children for a smooth and happy arrival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER 1

APRIL:

- 29th Wednesday: Team & class photos

MAY:

- 4th Monday: Bank Holiday
- 5th Tuesday: R & Y6 Heights & Weights
- 11-15th: SATS week Y6
- 22nd Friday: Break up for half-term

NOTES IN PLANNERS/COMMUNICATION

Please make sure that if your children are not in school, that the office are informed of the reason for absence. You can leave a phone or School Gateway message.

Please try to make appointments outside the school day where possible and if it is during the day, write a note in the planner so the staff are aware.

Any queries or issues you need to make the teachers aware of, can be written into the diary pages of the planners.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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



Wisdom isn't just about knowing things—it is about making good choices. The Bible tells us many times that real wisdom begins when we respect God and listen to Him.

This term let us ask God to help us learn and bring peace to our lives and the people around us by making wise choices.

Dear God, thank you for everything that You have made. You are Wisdom, please give me wisdom so that I can be a blessing to those around me. Help me be more like You.

In Jesus' name Amen.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: SUMMER 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 (Full)

♦ TUESDAYS

Y3,4,5,6 ROUNDERS—(FULL) sports club with Mrs Bishop and Mrs Fountain. Wear PE kits all day.

Y3&4 RUGBY—(FULL) sports club with Mr Wood and Mrs Douglas. Wear PE kits all day and will need to bring field boots.

♦ WEDNESDAYS

Y3-6 LUNCHTIME RUNNING CLUB (Full) - continues next term

Keep fit at lunchtime. Wear PE kits all day.

♦ THURSDAYS

Y3-6 CHOIR: LUNCHTIME CLUB

Choir is back up and running. Get practicing your vocal exercises. If you were in choir already, you can attend. New enquires to Miss Lawton.

TOM CATS BEFORE & AFTER 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 for after school, £5.00 for before school.

School staff provide relaxing and stimulating play for the children with snacks and drinks.

You can book or cancel a booking up to half an hour before by swiping on the app.

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

