

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

24th April 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

We are now getting into the stride of the Summer Term and teachers have started to arrange some trips for later in the term. Look out for letters in your bookbags and also for payment requests on your School Gateway accounts.

So far we have Year 6 who go to Manchester Cathedral for the Leavers' Service followed by bowling and food in Ashton Under Lyne on 1st July. Year 5 will be visiting Castleshaw in Delph on 21st May and also will be visited by a local artist for a creative workshop day in school on 14th June.

Years 3 & 4 are going to Smithills Farm on 2nd July. Year 2 are planning on a lovely trip into nature in Uppermill once again—details to be sent out nearer the time to get the best day for weather.

Reception and Year 1 are still in the planning stage, so watch this space.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we start the summer term, we kindly ask for your continued support in maintaining high standards of uniform. School ties are available from the office (£5), logo items from the uniform shop in Greenfield, and all other items from the high street.

Girls summer uniform is a blue check sun dress, not a playsuit, for ease at carpet time. Please ensure the girl's skirts/dresses are a respectable length. Short skirts with shorts are not acceptable. Hair accessories need to be in the school colours, and a reminder that dyed hair and shaved lines are not allowed.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.7%. The class with the best Attendance is Reception with 98.1%.



MUSIC LESSONS

Please note a change to music lesson days due to staff absence, as follows:

Guitar lessons will be every Friday at 1pm from Friday 8th May with Mr Housley.

Brass lessons will be every Monday at 11.30am with Ms Mitson.

Summer term payments are now due.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please ensure your child's packed lunch is nutritionally balanced and does not contain chocolate bars or anything containing nuts.

We understand there are fussy eaters but the amount of processed and sugary items in lunch boxes is not healthy.

We suggest the following guidelines:

Sandwiches, pasta, wraps or cold rice dishes, with a protein—fish, meat, etc.

Any cheese, yoghurt or milk from the dairy section.

Some fruit and/or vegetables, such as cucumber, carrot sticks, peppers or tomatoes.

Treats (if they need one), should be **one of** either, crisps, cakes or biscuits.

The children are encouraged to empty their lunch boxes onto the table and to take home any uneaten food for parents to monitor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER 1

APRIL:

- 29th Wednesday: Team & class photos

MAY:

- 1st Friday: Break the Rules Day
- 4th Monday: Bank Holiday
- 5th Tuesday: R & Y6 Heights & Weights
- 6th Wed: DLP Rugby competition
- 11-15th: SATS week Y6
- 22nd Friday: Break up for half-term

ADMISSIONS

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.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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

'A quiet time will show you that there are two kinds of wisdom: human cleverness and the wisdom of God'

Deg Heward Mills.

When we stop, calm down and take a quiet moment, we can notice that being clever isn't the same as having God's wisdom. Human wisdom is when we use our own ideas to solve problems, God's wisdom helps us choose what is kind, good and right.

So, take time to be still, read the Bible and pray. Then you will begin to understand the difference and let God guide you to make better, wiser choices.



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 ROUNDEERS—(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) -

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. Slips not required.

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**

