

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

1st May 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

The children (and staff!) have had a fun day today on our 'Break the Rules' fundraiser. We have seen all manner of creative ways in which they have clearly enjoyed flouting our usual school rules. Well done, but remember, it's a one day only deal! We raised £298.50 today and Reception broke the most rules!! Thank you for your support.

Don't forget it is a Bank Holiday Monday next week and so we will enjoy our day off and see you all on Tuesday.

In the coming weeks there are key assessments being carried out across year groups: Year 1 have the Phonics Screening, Y4 do the Multiplication Tables Check and, of course, Year 6 will be facing their SATs.

For more information on these national assessments and for how to support your child see the links below:

[St Thomas' Leesfield C of E Primary School - Y1 Phonics Screening](#)

[St Thomas' Leesfield C of E Primary School - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check](#)

[St Thomas' Leesfield C of E Primary School - Y6 SATs Support](#)

VOUCHERS

The council have authorised vouchers again for the next half-term holiday. £15 per eligible pupil. These vouchers are for children who qualify for MEANS TESTED free school meals. If you are on a low income/ Universal credits with earnings less than £616 per month, Housing or Council Tax benefit, make sure you are on the Local Authority Free School Meals list.

We will issue these vouchers by email in the next two weeks.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 97.8%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 5 with 98.9%.



YEAR 4 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, Year 4 class went outside to do some field work. They measured and recorded human and physical changes in the local area, plotting their route on a map. They were interested to learn that the land that Aldi is now on, used to be a mill as did the area of houses called Owl Gate. How things have changed!

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.

TRAFFIC

Traffic remains an issue around school. The roads are narrow and there are too many cars.

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

R&Y1 TRIP TO SEALIFE, BLACKPOOL

See letter in bookbags tonight.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER

MAY:

- 4th Monday: Bank Holiday
- 5th Tuesday: R & Y6 Heights & Weights
- 6th Wed: DLP Rugby competition
- 11-15th: SATS week Y6
- 21st Thurs: Y5 to Castleshaw
- 22nd Friday: Break up for half-term

JUNE:

- 6th Tues: Y1 Collective worship @ 2.30

JULY:

- 1st Wed: Y6 Cathedral & Bowling
- 2nd Thurs: Y3&4 Smithills Farm
- 8th Wed: Move-up Morning
- 14th Tues: Rec Collective Worship @ 2.30
- 16th Thurs: R&Y1 to Sealife Blackpool

ADMISSIONS

We have spaces in some classes as follows:
Current Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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



'The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.'
Proverbs 12:15

People who act foolishly already think they know everything so they don't want to listen. Wise people know that listening to advice helps them learn and make better choices. It reminds us that asking for help and paying attention to good guidance is the smart thing to do!

Dear God, please help us to listen well, learn from those you've placed in our lives and make wise choices. 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) -

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**

