

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

8th May 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

Next week is an important week for our year 6 children who will be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests. The timetable is as follows:

Monday: English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Tuesday: English Reading Comprehension.

Wednesday: Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic.
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning.

Thursday: Maths Paper 3: Reasoning.

Please make sure all the children go to bed early, eat well and are in school on time every day for their tests. We are extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils and ask that they do their utmost to achieve their own personal best result. Good luck!

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs have been sent home today in bookbags. We hope you like them and ask that you **return your payment and order form to school by next Wednesday.**

You can also order online by scanning the QR code on the pack. There are extra charges for late orders.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers have been sent out to families who are on Means Tested Free School Meals. This is a supermarket voucher to the value of £15 per child sent to the email addresses of those who are eligible.

If you have not received your voucher and are on MTFSM, please contact the office.

School attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.6%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 6 with 99.6%.



YEAR 5 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 5 applied their compass and map reading skills to a Geography field trip walk around the local area on Tuesday.

They looked at physical and human features, as well as rural and urban features and compared a modern and Victorian map to see the changes over time. They discussed why these changes might have occurred and shared lots of ideas. They had lots of fun but were tired and hot by the end.

MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar lessons are now every Friday at 1pm.
Brass lessons every Monday at 11.30am.

Summer term payments are now due.

Y3/4 TAG RUGBY

Our Rugby club played hard at a Tag Rugby tournament on Wednesday at St Mary's Greenfield. We fought well and came second out of seven schools. Unfortunately we just lost out to Mr Bunn's new school, Knowsley!! We will get them next time!

APPOINTMENTS

Please try to make medical and other appointments out of school time where possible to avoid gaps in learning. Evidence must be provided at the office. Children cannot be picked up or dropped off during the lunchtime period.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER

MAY:

- 11-15th: SATS week Y6
- 20th Wed: Ultimate Frisbee Day!
- 21st Thurs: Y5 to Castleshaw
- 22nd Friday: Break up for half-term

JUNE:

- 16th Tues: Y1 Collective worship @ 2.30

JULY:

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

ADMISSIONS: Spaces in R, Y1,Y2,Y4

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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



"Any fool can know. The point is to understand" Albert Einstein.

There is a big difference between agreeing with an answer and knowing why an answer is right. Knowing means remembering facts but understanding means knowing *why* they matter. Anyone can repeat information, but learning happens when we think about it.

True learning is about understanding, not just memorising. Wisdom, is knowledge applied with understanding.

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 ROUNDEES—(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**

