St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

2nd October 2026



HEADLINE NEWS

Next week, we will be taking part in NSPCC Kindness Week, led by our fantastic Ethos Committee. To help raise money for the NSPCC, the Ethos Committee have been busy creating beautiful 'Kindness Heart' badges, which will be on sale throughout the week for £1 each. All money raised will help support Childline, which is celebrating 40 years of being there for children and young people.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause, you can donate £1 and purchase a Kindness Heart badge or contribute via our JustGiving page.

Thank you for helping our children spread kindness while supporting the invaluable work of the NSPCC and Childline. Together, we can make a difference! "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." 😊

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Reverend Kirsten will be leading our collective worship in school on Monday as we celebrate the Harvest Festival. We welcome donations of non-perishable foods which we will pass on to the Oldham Food Bank via the church.

WE RAISED £500 FOR MACMILLAN. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.9%

The class with this best attendance is Y1 with 97.5%.

KEVIN SINFIELD

Local rugby celebrity and fundraising hero, Sir Kevin Sinfield, ran through Lees on Thursday lunchtime, on day 5 of his Grand Finale 7 in 7 challenges. Mrs Costello and some of the children watched his run through the village and cheered him on as he continues to raise money for the MND charity. Quite exciting for a Thursday lunchtime.

VISIONS SCREENING

The national Reception vision screening programme will be in school on Tuesday 20th October. A letter has gone out to all Reception parents today. If you wish to opt out, please return it asap.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Next week Intrahealth will be in school to give the flu vaccinations to all those children for whom they have received parental consent. If you wish your child to receive the vaccine and have not yet consented, please check your email/texts. If you have not received a message, contact 0333 358 3397.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The deadline to order school photographs is today. You can order online or return the proof to school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: OCTOBER

- 6th Tuesday: Flu vaccinations
- 13th Tuesday: Y6 Collective Worship
- 21st Wednesday: Progress Evening
- 22nd Thursday: Break up for half-term

TOM CAT'S CARE CLUB

Any of our parents are welcome to book their child onto the before and after school club. The morning club starts at 7.30am and costs £5 a session, the afternoon session lasts until 5.45pm and costs £8.

All you need to do is go onto the School Gateway app and book a club session. You can book or cancel via the app up to half an hour before the session is due to start.

Check out if you qualify for help with payment from Universal Credits or tax-free childcare.

Mr Hill runs the club, and his number is 0161 770 7410. Leave a message which he will pick up before club.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are £2.80 per meal for all children in Y3-6 unless you qualify for free school meals. If you receive Universal Credit, contact OMBC to check your eligibility.

Two weeks' notice is required to swap to or from school dinners. Packed lunches must be a healthy balanced meal. Please see the School Packed Lunch Policy on our website.

Please do not bring in any nut products due to allergies. 0

PLEASE NOTE THAT GARDEN GANG CLUB IS CANCELLED NEXT WEEK ONLY. *

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:AUTUMN 1

MONDAY (3.20-4.15)	THURSDAY (3.20-4.15)
Y3-6 Boardgames	Y4-6 Blooket
Garden Gang*	
Y5/6 Football	

Clubs in red are full and not taking any more pupils.

Clubs run initially for the half-term. New clubs will start after each holiday. Permission slips must be returned to the office. Please look out in your newsletter as places are limited.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This half-term our focus is on the Christian value of 'Creativity'.

Your creativity isn't a talent you developed — it's a divine inheritance. The God who spoke worlds into existence breathed that same creative power into you." – unknown.

Your creativity is more than a skill. It is a gift woven into you by the Creator Himself. The God who called light from darkness placed a measure of that creative power within your heart, inviting you to imagine, build, and bring life wherever you go. Trust the gifts He has planted in you, because they were given with purpose. Remember, your gift, is actually God's present to others around you.



To Be The Best We Can In The Sight Of God