

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SKETCHING USING B, 2B AND 6B PENCILS TO SHOW SHADE.



## PARENTS' EVENING

We warmly invite you to sign up for our Parents' Evening which will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Appointments will be by video call. Please book you appointment at [garstangstthomas.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://garstangstthomas.schoolcloud.co.uk). The booking system is open.

## HARVEST – THIS WEDNESDAY

We will be having a Harvest service in school led by our Open the Book Team (St Thomas' Church). Children are asked to bring a harvest donation on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The donation will be given to the food bank at St Thomas' Church.

## LOCAL VISIT CONSENT FORM

There is a local visit consent form being sent out. Please complete and return to school. Thank you.

## FLU VACCINE

REMINDER: Please sign up for your child's flu vaccination using Blackpool Teaching Hospitals new electronic consent form – [Please sign up here](#).

## CHURCH CAR PARK

Parents/Carers are welcome to use the church car park for pick up and drop offs but please get a free ticket each time you use the car park. Thank you.

## SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Well done to the GST team who played a competition at Garstang Academy on Wednesday evening - our first competition in 18 months. They came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There are lots more competitions planned for girls and boys throughout this academic year. 😊



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Monday Worship: Debbie from NISCU  
Wednesday Worship: Opening of our History timeline

## DIARY DATES

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Y2 Fell Foot trip  
**Thu 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Y2 Garstang trip  
**Tue 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Life Education Bus visit  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Tempest Individual child photos  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y3 Garstang trip  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Half term Week  
**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** INSET day  
**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Whole school flu vaccine  
[Please sign up here](#).  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y5 & Y6 Tower Wood trip  
**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y5 visit to Dewlay  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last day of school before Christmas.

## STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

ELEANOR BOARDMAN

GEORGE FENN

SETH DIXON

DEMI SIMPSON

MOLLY SOUTHWELL

HARRISON STEPHENS

MIA HODGSON

ANNABELLE HOLT

JACKSON TAYLOR

SIENNA MITCHELL

ISLA ROWLANDSON

TILLY LEATHERBARROW

LILY MORTON

BELLA JOHNSON

MILLIE BRAY

SEB BEARD

BREAKFAST CLUB- DANIEL SHANNON

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- SETH BEARD

## YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 LOCAL GARSTANG TRIPS

Both Year 2 and Year 3 are due to go on local trips as part of their topics (see dates on page 1). These visits are under our local visits consent. The children are due to be out of school in the afternoon and return before the end of the school day.

## YEARS 5 & 6 TOWER WOOD TRIP

Years 5 & 6 are due to go to Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre, Windermere on 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. An information letter was sent out this week. For further information, please speak to Mrs Stewart or Mrs Bosson. Please make payment on Parent Pay by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## HISTORY TIMELINE OPENING

On Wednesday we officially opened our new history timeline in memory of Doug Willoughby, former chair of governors.

The Y6 school councillors and Mrs Willoughby cut the ribbon. The history timeline features the key events the children learn about in each year group at our school.

Mrs Stewart read an amazing poem that she wrote which helps us to understand what history is, and why it is important. Read it on page 3.

Thank you to the following/ organisations/ people for their support:

- Promote Your School for the timeline.
- Lancaster Masonic Hall Ltd. for funding the timeline in memory of Doug Willoughby
- G. Wilson Joinery for installation
- The staff, governors and Open the Book team for supporting us with this project and the opening on Wednesday.



## COVID

If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. Please send test results as soon as possible to: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk). Please note: lateral flow tests are in use for asymptomatic testing. For children/ adults with symptoms, you are asked to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### REMINDER OF COVID SYMPTOMS

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**BOOK A [COVID TEST](#) / [GUIDANCE ON ISOLATION](#)**

**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS**

HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

## What is history?

History is in the jaws of the T Rex in the Natural History Museum,

It is in the spiral patterns on delicate ammonite fossils.

History is the sun rise at Stonehenge and the hieroglyphs on the Great Pyramid of Giza.

History is the how and why as well as who, what and when.

History is in the roman coin found on the Ribchester Road.

The smoky wattle and daub house in Viking York.

History is in street names: Fishergate, Coppergate and Whip-ma-whop-ma-gate.

History is in walls and windows, narrow cobbled weinds and snickleways.

History is in the clash of armour, swords and shields,

Battles for kingdoms, realms and power.

History is in fortresses, towers and turrets,

History is in Greenhalgh Castle's crumbling keep.

History is street traders selling cattle and cheese at the market cross,

History is tired horses on a tow path heaving coal-laden canal barges into town.

History is in the clatter of spinning machines in Lancashire's cotton mills,

Poverty, smoke and grime; Hard Times.

History is in the separate girls' and boys' entrances in our old school,

History is free education for all.

History is the scratch of chalk on slate,

And turning on your computer to learn by zoom.

History is poppies blowing in Flander's Fields,  
Etched names of Garstang's brave remembered each year.

History is in shackles of slavery, segregation, inequality.

History is 'I have a dream'; lessons learned?

History is written in leather-bound books kept in hushed libraries,

It is in the imagination of scholars, writers, scientists, innovators.

History is in grainy inverted images; pinholes to the past.

History is in a spoonful of medicine and the needle of new vaccines.

History is the wind in the sails of explorers' ships, Circumnavigators, conquistadors, settlers in new lands.

History flies on the wings of Icarus, Da Vinci designs and pioneering ocean traversing flights.

History is in space rockets, satellites and future manned missions to Mars.

History is in ancient amphitheatres hosting athletic endeavour,

History burns bright in flame and fanfare, Citius, Altius, Fortius.

Olympian efforts and courage in contests over continents.

History is the festival queens at Whitsuntide, Maypoles and music, flowers and fun.

History is on steam train rides to Blackpool's beaches,

Buckets and spades: seaside thrills on carousels.

History is grandpa's toys and grandma's games

History is in treasured family albums and tales.

History is every 'happy birthday' sung.

History is your story.

**What will you do next?**

Written by Mrs Stewart. Inspired by a poem by Kersti Worsley

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