

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We've had great interest in signing up for clubs this term. If your child has got a place at a club, it will be highlighted on their form. If your child has a place at a club and no longer requires the place, please let us know as soon as possible by e-mailing [admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk). Clubs begin next week (w/c Monday 17th January).

#### HOUSE POINTS: **YELLOW TEAM NON-UNIFORM**

Our Yellow team won the team point challenge last term so are welcome to wear non-uniform on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Autumn results **1<sup>st</sup> = yellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> = red, 3<sup>rd</sup> = blue and 4<sup>th</sup> = green**. We have started collecting points for this term.

#### YEAR 3 STONE AGE DAY

Year 3 are having a special day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We have booked a 'Portals to the Past' workshop for the day and the children are set for a really exciting, immersive learning day. Year 3 children are welcome to come dressed like they are living in stone age times on the day.

#### ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The online safety newsletter for this month has been published. In this edition: TikTok, Smart TVs & Fortnite. One section that caught our attention: If your child uses your phone, did you know you can easily restrict what they can use? Also, Alex's dad (Y3) read the newsletter earlier in the week and commented on our FB page about the BBC Own It keyboard which will offer advice to children as they type and intervenes for example, if they're sharing their mobile number, a message will come up. [Read the newsletter here.](#)

#### PRE-SCHOOL PLACES

Are you interested in a pre-school place for your child on or after September 2022? We are planning pre-school provision at our school from September. If you are interested, please complete the form: [Pre-school form](#). Alternatively, please contact Rachel Whittaker on 01995 603454 or e-mail: [admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk)

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ PUPIL PREMIUM

Could you be entitled to free school meals? Please visit the [Lancashire County Council website form](#) to check if you are entitled. Please note that the pupil premium means extra funding support for your child in school as well as free school meals.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Open the Book Worship: Genesis 1

#### DIARY DATES

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> and Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Water safety session – separate session for all classes by the Canal and River Trust

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> January:** Yellow team non-uniform

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y3 Portals to the Past workshop (Stone Age Day)

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y6 animal classification workshop

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y6 Clitheroe Castle visit

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Half term week

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Final day of term before Easter break

Full term dates are available on our website: [www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com)

#### STAR OF THE WEEK

**OLIVIA THOMAS**

**PENNY BUTLER**

**MOLLIE YATES**

**SOPHIE GARDNER**

**PHOEBE MELVILLE**

**POL FORGA ALLDAY**

**JOSEPH OLIVER**

**ANNABELLE HORNER**

**JASPER WELBOURN**

**SAMUEL LOCKLEY**

**LAUREN COWELL**

**JIMMY ORR**

**LEWIS HODGSON**

**FRANCESCA DODDS**

**AARON TISSINGH**

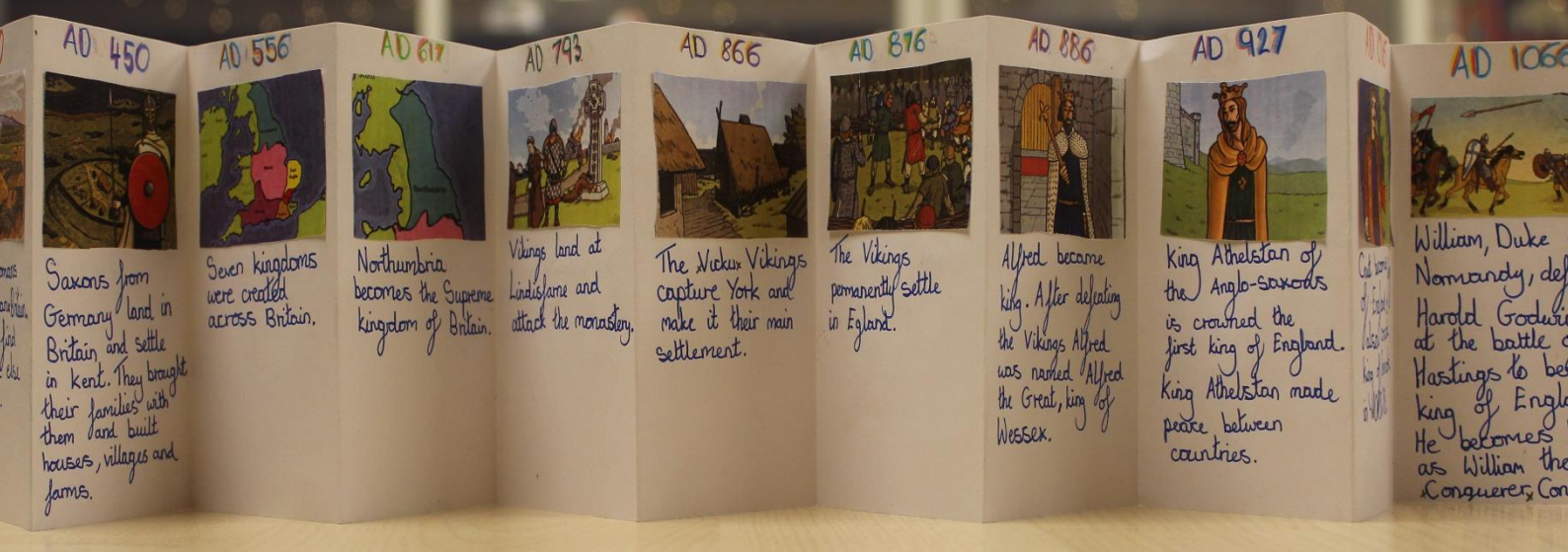
**MILLIE BRAY**

**MAX SIMPSON**

**LEXI WALMSLEY**

**BREAKFAST CLUB- RAFFY BURTON**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- IMOGEN IBELL**



### ORACY @ GST

Every year we write a school improvement plan detailing areas that we will develop during the academic year. This year oracy is a key area on our plan. We have lots planned: LAMDA in years 5 & 6; Mrs Owens, Head of Drama & Theatre Studies at LRGS running sessions in school (see photo) and lots more activities led by our staff and visitors in all classes. If you're interested and want to find out more:

- [Watch a summary video about oracy](#)
- [Download our oracy progression map](#)

View more information about our curriculum on the curriculum page of our website:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com>

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### BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you for all the booking forms returned for this term. Please remember to book and pay for the sessions on ParentPay. Information is available on our [website](#). If you have any questions, please e-mail [Mrs Williams](#).

### FOOD BANK – PLEASE DONATE AS YOU PASS CHURCH

Message from Kathryn Sperring at the St Thomas' Church Foodbank: The food bank is experiencing a surge in demand. We are asking for donations of: toilet rolls, long life milk (including oat milk), vegetables (fresh), potatoes (smallish bags), fruit (fresh), bread and bread type products, non bio washing powder (small boxes please), tuna fish, corned beef, cheese, kids yogurts and crisps.

Please drop off outside St Thomas's Church Hall (PR3 1PA)

### GARSTANG EVENTS TEAM – CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

We're very pleased to have been awarded the trophy for "Best Christmas Community Display" by Garstang Events Team.

Thank you for all the votes! 😊 #LoveChristmas #LoveGarstang



### CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

The deadline for primary applications in Lancashire is this Saturday - 15th January. Find out more on our admissions page: [www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com)

## COVID

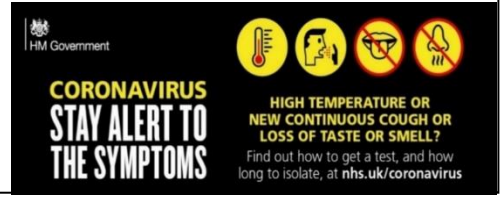
If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. Please send test results as soon as possible to: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

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

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