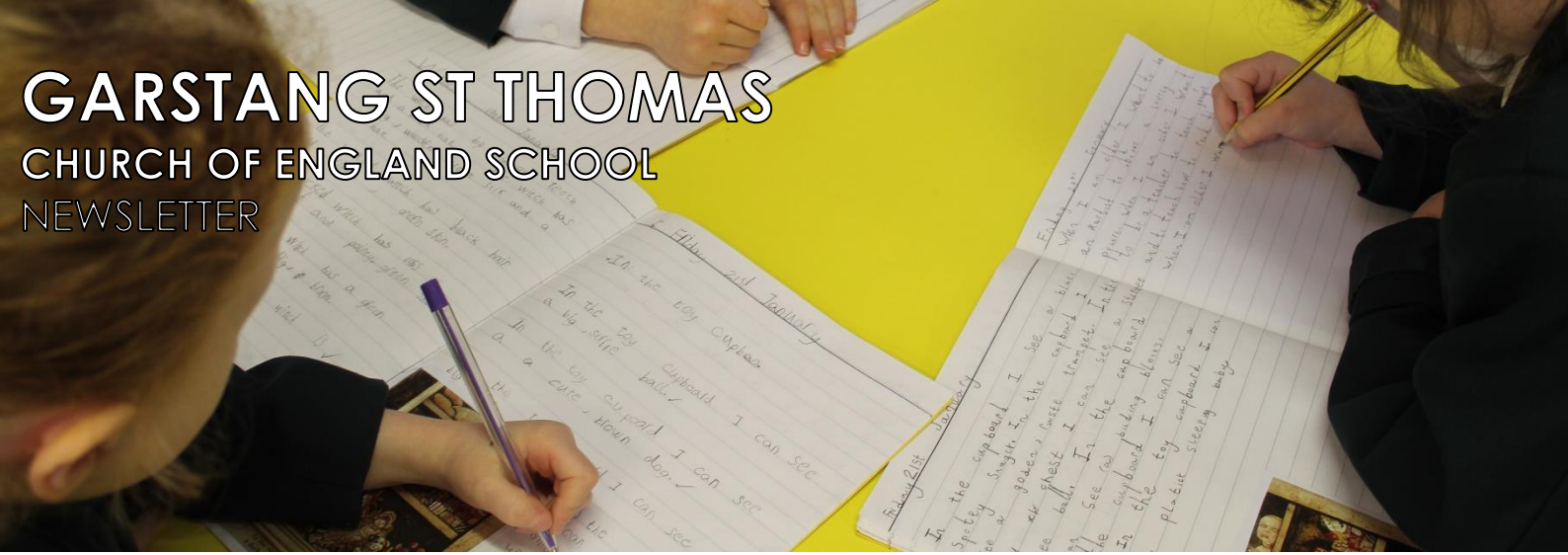


GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



HANDWRITING FORTNIGHT

Do you know that it's handwriting fortnight? We're having a special focus on handwriting and presentation this week and next. There are daily awards and there will be awards for most improved and 'amazing all the time' at the end of the fortnight.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Gemma Craven who has joined GST school in our site team. Welcome!
Mr Brakewell (our site supervisor) has had a well-deserved break this month after seeing us through the last 2 years! 😊
The children enjoyed hearing all about his [skydiving training](#) and asking questions in a virtual assembly this week. The skydiving video was fantastic. Glad to have you back (safely!) Mr Brakewell. 🧯

WYRE AND FYLDE SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FINAL

Our team were awesome last night at the Wyre and Fylde Sports Hall Athletics Finals in Blackpool. We came 3rd place. Well done to all the team. Thanks to Mr Wilkinson and Mr Baker for organising.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is due to take place next half term. We are still keen to welcome you into school for this, with plenty of social distancing. In the current situation this will take substantial planning and preparation but we hope to share more information shortly. There will be the option for a remote parents' evening for those who are isolating or would prefer it.

REV. MICHAEL HUTCHINSON INDUCTION

The induction of Rev. Michael is taking place next week at St Thomas' Church. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Michael into school as he takes on the role of vicar of our parish.

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

We are now consulting on lowering the school age to create high quality teacher-led early years provision in the annex building on our school site. To view the proposal, please click [here](#).

Friday 28th January 2022

DIARY DATES

- Fri 4th Feb:** Y6 Clitheroe Castle visit
 - Mon 14th – Fri 18th Feb:** Half term week
 - Mon 21st Feb:** Fairtrade Fortnight assembly
 - Mon 28th Feb:** Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire due to visit for tree planting and assembly
 - Fri 1st April:** Final day of term before Easter break
- Full term dates are available on our website: www.garstangstthomas.com

Y6 York trip (summer term)

The £20 deposit is due. Please pay on Parentpay. Thank you.

STAR OF THE WEEK



- HUGH WILKINSON**
- CAMILLA HILL**
- CLARA WALMSLEY**
- PHOEBE TENNANT**
- TEDDY MITCHELL**
- SOPHIE LAMOUREY**
- FREDDIE OLIVER**
- MIA HODGSON**
- THOMAS BAKER**
- FAITH BARTON-WILKINS**
- TILLY LEATHERBARROW**
- HOLLY BAKER**
- ARTHUR SPICER**
- RYAN SHAW**
- AALIYAH QUIRK**
- LILY RILEY**



- BREAKFAST CLUB- GRACE DAWSON**
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- CORDELIA HILL**
- BE THE CHANGE: SOPHIE CHERRETT**

THIS WEEK @ GST: ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION IN YEAR 6



STONE AGE DAY IN YEAR 3



WYRE AND FYLDE ATHLETICS FINAL



CAN YOU HELP MARNIE RAISE MONEY FOR BLISS?

Marnie (Y4) and her mum are raising money to help babies who are born prematurely or poorly and their families. Can you help support this charity? See information below from Marnie and Nadine:

1 in every 7 babies born in the UK will need specialist neonatal care. Bliss is the leading UK charity for babies born premature or sick. We are completing 2,000 Squats in February for Bliss (approx. 72 a day 😊😄), and would love if you could sponsor us as we take on this challenge. Your donations will help Bliss give support to the 100,000 babies that will be born needing neonatal care from UK hospitals in 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/336291268311512/>

GARSTANG LIBRARY UPDATE

Garstang Library has reopened after building works to make it more environmentally friendly. We're holding activities and events again, as well as providing free access to books and a wide range of digital resources. Joining the library is free and you can join at any age.

- **Harry Potter Book Night**- Go on a magical journey through the library! Thursday 3rd February 4-6pm. Free and no need to book.
- Join us every Saturday morning for **Saturday Stories, Lego Club and Board games** 10am-12noon
- Celebrate **Children's Mental Health Week** 7th-12th February by adding to our tree of happiness and find out about how reading can support the mental health and wellbeing of children.
- Start a reading diary today and become part of the **Lancashire Reading Trail** to earn special character cards and reach the dragon's lair where you will find a prize awaits you!

For pre-school aged children, join us at:

- **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** Monday and Friday 10-10:30am
- **Toddler Rhyme Time** Tuesday 2-2:30pm
- **Story Time** Friday 2-2:30pm

To find out more about exciting upcoming events at the library and the services we offer, please visit our [website](#), follow Lancashire Libraries on social media or get in touch!



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REMINDER: FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group are organising a children's trail on the morning of Saturday 19th February, 10am to 12 noon. Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Entry forms can be collected from the Arts Centre on that morning. The trail involves gathering information from posters displayed in the windows of shops and premises in the centre of Garstang. They are mainly on the High Street, with a few close by. It will not be necessary to enter the shops in order to find the information. Completed sheets are to be returned to the Fairtrade stall at the Arts Centre; all entries will receive a small Fairtrade gift and will be entered into a draw to win a Fairtrade prize.



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