



END OF TERM MESSAGE

THANK YOU for all your support this term. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped today getting us all to church safely. Thank you also for all the volunteers who have helped us on all the educational visits, activities and library throughout the term.

We all visited church this morning for end of term worship. Thanks to Rev. Michael and the Open the Book team for a very warm welcome and leading worship time.

I've included information about statutory assessment in this newsletter to provide an overview of what takes place in the summer term. These assessments take place in all primary schools in England.

I hope you have a great time over Easter and look forward to seeing you back for the summer term on Tuesday 19th April. 😊

Jim Blakely
Headteacher

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 will be swimming on Wednesdays after Easter. They will need a swimming costume or swimming shorts, a towel and a swimming cap if they have shoulder length hair (or longer). If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Jones.

GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY

We have pre-school places available for September. For information, please visit our website:
www.garstangnursery.com

EASTER SERVICES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Good Friday 15th April 10am - All-Age Sensory Experience: An informal retelling of Jesus' last days using smell, sound, sight, taste and touch at 5 stations moving around church. Perfect for the whole family!

Easter Sunday 17th April 10:30am - Easter Holy Communion: All are welcome for a traditional service celebrating the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Join us for a glass of bubbly after the service too!

Friday 1st April 2022
Rev. Michael Worship: John 13:1-17

DIARY DATES

Tue 19th Apr: First day back in school
Thu 21st Apr: Tempest class photographs
Fri 22nd Apr: Y6 LAMDA exams
Mon 9th May – Thu 12th May: Y6 SATS week
Fri 20th May & Fri 27th: Y6 Bikeability
Fri 27th May: Jubilee whole-school lunch
Mon 27th Jun – Wed 29th Jun: Y6 York trip

Full term dates are available from our website: www.garstangstthomas.com

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are taking bookings for the summer term. Please see the [booking form](#) and [terms and conditions](#) on our website.

YEAR 4 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Well done to our GST teams who took part in the football competition at Garstang Academy on Wednesday. Great teamwork and resilience. We lost and won games during the competition.

🏆 We took 1st place overall. 🏆



STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

RECEPTION CLASS: EYFS PROFILE

The statutory EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) framework requires an EYFS profile assessment to be carried out by the late June. The EYFS profile is intended to provide a reliable, valid and accurate assessment of each child's development at the end of the EYFS. It is made up of an assessment of the child's outcomes in relation to the 17 early learning goal (ELG) descriptors. The main purpose of the profile assessment at the end of the EYFS is to support a successful transition to Key Stage 1 (KS1) by informing the professional dialogue between EYFS and Year 1 teachers.

Your child will not be aware that any of this assessment is taking place – we are just sharing to let you know it is happening.

You will receive information about your child's assessment in their end of year report.

YEAR 1: PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

The phonics screening check is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

Your child will complete this check during the week commencing Monday 6 June 2022. Your child is well use to working one-to-one with teachers in school in phonics and so will probably not notice much difference with completing this statutory screening check.

You will receive the results of the check in your child's end of year report.

YEAR 2: SATS

We are asked to assess the standards your child is working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform those judgements, the children sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The children will also be sitting an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests are not strictly timed for this age group and they will be completed in a way to avoid any worry.

You will receive your child's results as part of their end of year report.

YEAR 4: MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Year 4 are due to have a multiplication check in June. This assessment is in the form of an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Further information for parents is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf

You will receive your child's results in their end of year report.

YEAR 6: SATS

Year 6 will be taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. This tests will take place on the following days:

- Monday 9 May 2022 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 10 May 2022 - English reading
- Wednesday 11 May 2022 - Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 12 May 2022- Mathematics paper 3

We treat the Year 6 SATs as a rite of passage for our Year 6s, along with all the other experiences and fun that is on offer, particularly in the summer term of Year 6. It is important to note that our focus on learning continues right up until the end of term. We pass on SATs results and teacher assessment for all subjects to secondary schools but it's important the children keep being fully engaged learners right through the summer term, and as they transition to secondary school.

SATS results are given to the children when we receive them. Results will also be sent home as part of your child's end of year report.



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