



YEAR 6 – RECEPTION BUDDIES

WELL DONE to Year 6 for setting an excellent example in school and doing a fantastic job with their Reception buddies! 😊

PTFA EDUCATIONAL VISITS - THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to our PTFA who are kindly paying for the first day trip of the year for each class. As you will know we love taking the child on educational visits to learn in a wide range of places outside of the classroom – this support helps us do this and supports all our families as we head towards winter. THANK YOU PTFA!

PTFA – JOIN OUR TEAM!

Over the few past years, through the pandemic, our PTFA has been held together by a very small group of dedicated people led by Ollie Burton. Despite the obvious difficulties in this period, they have raised substantial funds for school - funds that are going to be really useful for educational visits and improvements to school this year. Moving forward, we need people to join our PTFA as we plan events throughout the year to bring our school family together. We plan to have a PTFA AGM/welcome meeting on **Thursday 29th September @ 7:30pm** in the school hall. It would be great to see you there.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Information is due to be sent out with the children today.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION

REMINDER: Each Friday we are now welcoming parents/carers/grandparents to Friday Celebration. Friday Celebration starts at 2:40pm and is the time when achievements – in and out of school are shared. Our year 6 children lead Friday Celebration. The hall will be open from 2:30pm. Please note there is limited seating.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM

When collecting and dropping off, please follow the one-way system around school. It helps with the flow around school but it is also safer with children only leaving one way.

THANK YOU

Thank to Mrs Dyer for a beautiful wreath for today's worship. Thank you to Skiddle for very exciting technology gear which has taken Radio Garstang to the next level!

Friday 16th September 2022

Rev. Michael: The Queen

Open the Book: Through the roof

DIARY DATES

Mon 19th Sep: Bank holiday (school closed) for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Wed 21st Sep: Reception vision screening check
Mon 26th Sep: Individual school photos
Thu 29th Sep: Y3 educational visit
Mon 3rd Oct: Y1 educational visit
Tue 11th Oct Y6 London residential (1 night)
Mon 24th Oct – Mon 31st Oct: Half term break and INSET day (children not in school)
Tues 1st Nov: Back to school
Wed 2nd Nov: Y5 Tower Wood residential (2 nights)
Wed 7th Dec: Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception to Year 6 (see below)
Friday 16th Dec: last day of term
 Full term dates are available from our website: www.garstangstthomas.com



JOSHUA LAMOURY

ELORA HAKEN

PENNY BUTLER

LUCY BENNETT

PHOEBE TENNANT

SETH DIXON

JESSICA THOMAS

HARRY FLINT

FREDDIE OLIVER

EVIE OWENS

LAUREN COWELL

SETH BEARD

FLORENCE BERESFORD

JACK MORTON

ANNABEL WALTON

BREAKFAST CLUB: SOPHIE CHERRETT (Y5)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: CHARLIE DAVIS (Y2)

These children will receive their awards in next week's Friday Celebration.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II



As we approach the end of the period of national mourning, we met together again today for a short period of worship both inside and out.

Rev. Michael led worship outside and led us in prayer as our new Year 6 school councillors laid a wreath. On Monday, Year 6 representatives (school councillors 21-22) attended the Garstang proclamation for King Charles III. One of our pupils took part.

In school there has been lots of discussion and learning taking place about the British royal family, the news and the history of our country.

It is clear our pupils are living through events which will be recorded as key events in our nation's history.

I am so impressed with the children's behaviour throughout the past few days at key events and how respectful they all have been.

Mr Blakely



PSHE ASSEMBLY



MRS BOSSON LED A PSHE ASSEMBLY ON SCARF ON FRIDAY. CAN YOUR CHILD REMEMBER WHAT SCARF MEANS?



GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



Message from Mrs Wilson:

We have had another fabulous week! 😊 This week we have enjoyed reading the story 'Owl Babies'. We have acted out the story using our owl toys and learnt a rhyme about 5 little owls. We made owl masks and went on a nature walk to see if we could spot any birds; pigeons and crows were very popular! 😄 We also watched a little video about real owls and sang some owl songs. We even made owl faces for snack. 🦉

In phonics we have been focusing on environmental sounds developing the children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment, developing their vocabulary, identification and recollection of the difference between sounds. We loved drumming outdoors with the boom whackers!

In maths we have been focusing on the development of the children's awareness, understanding and use of the language of number. This has been done through playing games, through role play, and by looking at our birthdays and how old we are. We have also been practising our subitising skills. Subitising is being able to instantly recognise quantities without having to count them.

We have also been reading the book 'Things I like' by Antony Browne and talking turns to talk about the things we like. Have a lovely weekend everyone (don't forget we are closed Monday).

The Nursery Team 😊

Booking contact Mrs Rachel Procter:
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USEFUL INFORMATION AS WE START THE YEAR:

- School times are available here:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-day-times/>
- Full term dates are available here:
https://schoolcalendar.lancashire.gov.uk/view/schoolCalendarV.asp?p_rec=02046
- Uniform, Hair and Jewellery Information:
https://www.garstangstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/02046_UniformHairJewellery2022-2023.pdf
- Breakfast and After-School Club booking information is available here:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-office-forms/>
- School swimming information (Year 3 are going swimming on Wednesday afternoons)
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/>
- School curriculum information:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/>

COST OF LIVING INFORMATION/ SUPPORT

Help for Households Website:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-your-bills/>

(Government website which contains information about support with bills, income support, transport etc.)

Citizens Advice:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/>

Is your child entitled to free school meals and the pupil premium?

Please click [here](#) for further information.

Cooking Healthy Meals on a Budget Course

The course is a practical cookery course that requires access to typical household cookery equipment during the sessions. The short course teaches people how to prepare healthy meals from scratch using fresh ingredients. Those on the course will also learn how to discover 'shortcuts' that will save time and money. All recipe details and ingredient lists are provided by the teacher prior to the course date.

When? The online course is free to any Lancashire residents and last 2 weeks, which will start on Tuesday 13th September 9.30am- 12pm. Further information: <https://www.lal.ac.uk/what-we-do/health-wellbeing/>

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION 2022-2023 (LAIV NASAL SPRAY)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be a rebound in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

Online Consent Form:

1. Please use the following link to access the online consent form: www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
2. Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is BP119528

Please complete the online consent form for both consent / no consent giving reasons.

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (Not School) of the following on

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If consent is received and you take your child to your GP surgery to receive the vaccination.

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Yours faithfully,

School Age Vaccination Team

Joined the SCART Club 2022? There's still time to complete the challenge!

You can continue to collect your badges throughout September. Come into the library and tell us about the different activities you have done this summer and the books you have read.

There will be also be games and crafts every Saturday throughout September 10am-12pm to help you complete the Planet Champion tasks. Drop in to earn your badges and certificate!



Even though the summer holidays have finished, there are still lots of children's activities taking place in the library! All events are free and there's no need to book unless stated otherwise.

Roald Dahl Story Day- Thursday 15th September 4-6pm

Make a dream jar, dress up as the Twits, get silly with words and play games.

Fun Palace- Saturday 1st October 9am-4pm

Minecraft, Sea Shanties, Ukuleles, Yoga and much more!

Saturday Stories, Board Games and Lego Club- every Saturday 10am-12pm

STEM Club- first Thursday of the month 4-6pm

Build, code and invent to solve challenges. Suitable for ages 7+. Booking required.

Contact us at garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk



Have you ever fancied playing Darts & Dominoes?

Then why not join us for a fun and friendly charity knockout competition

Thursday 29th September 2022 @ Farmers Arms

£2 entry fee for each – Names to be entered by 8pm –

Games to start at 8:15pm

Raffle to be held on the night with donations from local businesses

No experience necessary – Spare darts available if needed



All proceeds collected on the night will be donated to a local charity chosen by an entrant's vote!



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