



HARVEST FESTIVAL - MONDAY

On Monday, we're collecting for harvest. If you are able, please send in a donation of food for our local foodbank at St Thomas' Church or, if you prefer, please send a financial donation for the Blackburn Diocese Harvest Appeal to help women and their families in Burundi. Thank you.

YEAR 3: HARVEST AT CHURCH

We're looking forward to seeing Year 3 take part in the Harvest service in church on Sunday at 4:30pm. NB children are welcome to wear normal clothes.

YEAR 6: LONDON VISIT

Mrs Stewart is sending out a reminder document about the visit next week. If you have any last-minute questions, please get in touch. We're meeting at Preston Railway Station at 7:35am on Tuesday in full school uniform.

LIFE EDUCATION (LANCASHIRE) - PSHE

This week children in Reception to Year 6, children have had an interactive workshop led by Karen from Life Education supporting our personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) curriculum. Ask your child about meeting Harold! 😊

COATS

Please ensure your child has a coat in school each day. We continue with learning and breaktimes outside in most weather conditions.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We're pleased to report that Dr Emma Bray will continue to be a school governor at school for a term of office of four years. There was one nomination and therefore no election.

PTFA

Please see AGM report letter further in the newsletter. Thank you so much to Ollie Burton for all his work over the past four years.

CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Our PTFA has sent out a Xmas4Schools letter with the children. It's your chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards and much more. £1 from the sale of each product also goes straight back to our school through the PTFA.

SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Winston & Eleanor on the arrival a baby sister.
Esther on the arrival of a baby brother.

Sending our very best wishes to both families.

Friday 7th October 2022

Monday worship - Rev Michael: Generosity

DIARY DATES

Mon 10th Oct: Harvest collection

Mon 10th Oct: Individual school photos - 2nd attempt! 😊

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS:

DEXTER REDMAYNE
ISLA CAMPBELL-NEWSON
EMMA HUTCHINSON
DALTON BROGAN
MATTHEW THOMPSON
ISAAC JOHNSON
WILLIAM HINE
ISLA BLAKELY
RAFFY BURTON
IMOGEN IBELL
ZILAN IDEM
LUKE THOMAS
MIA BELL
EWAN LIVINGSTONE
FREYA BURTON

BREAKFAST CLUB – MATILDA LEECH
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – ALICE HOLDING

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

RECEPTION - HARVEST



Reception having been learning about harvest this week. Who better to explain than a farmer. Thank you, Farmer Moore, for teaching us about food and where it comes from. 🧺👨🌾🚗🌾🌱

YEAR 3 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE JUDGES' LODGINGS



Year 3 had a great day of learning at the Judges' Lodgings Museum in Lancaster.

YEAR 1 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO BLACKPOOL ZOO



Year 1 have been learning lots about animals on Monday at Blackpool Zoo.

**Thank you so much to all the volunteers who make our trips possible.
We REALLY appreciate you giving up your time to help our children learn outside of the classroom.**

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GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



Message from Mrs Wilson:

Good afternoon everyone,

This week most of our learning has been based around sticks - we started by going on a stick hunt. We read 'Stanley's Stick' and 'Stick Man'. We have been designing and constructing using sticks and even used them as candles in our dough area. We read 'Room on the Broom' and made magic wands from the sticks we found. Hazel and Arthur brought in some of their autumn collections and we enjoyed throwing the seeds and watching them spin as they fell down. In maths we have been using the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' to help us practise counting and matching. Our younger children have enjoyed learning the rhyme 'I'm a little teapot' and had a lovely, imaginative and sensory activity exploring different teas. We have also been to the school library and played some games in the school hall. This morning we had a streamed science storytelling performance called 'Fly to the Moon'. A very busy week!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

The Nursery Team 😊

For Booking/ Further information, please contact Mrs Rachel Procter:

nursery@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk or 01995 603454

MESSAGE FROM REV. MICHAEL

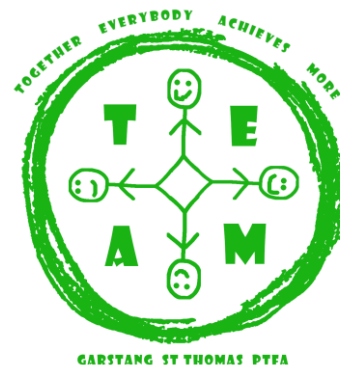
Harvest at St Thomas' Church

We are really looking forward to having year 3 with us on Sunday to help lead our worship on Sunday at our new, informal and fun 4:30pm congregation! Anyone is welcome to come along. If you'd like to contribute to the offering, a collection will be taken for the Mother's Union project in Burundi seeking to boost numeracy and literacy, and physical offerings will be taken up for our Food Bank here in Garstang. A free dinner is provided for children each week after the service with tea and coffee for the adults. We hope to see you there!

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Garstang St Thomas' PTFA

AGM Report - 29 September 2022



Chair's Report

Since becoming chair of the St Thomas' PTFA back in 2019, I'm really proud of what the trustees, parents/guardians/relations, staff and pupils have achieved during this time, especially with a 2 year pandemic sandwiched in the middle.

In 2019, we established a charity with the object of 'providing financial support to Garstang St Thomas' School in order to assist with learning support, child opportunity maximisation and any other need which aids the development and experience of the children of Garstang St Thomas' School'.

Everything we have tried to do since inception of the charity is to support this goal. Many people assume that the main goal is to raise as much money as possible, but it is much much more than that; It's about bringing families together, having fun, creating experiences and helping to support the values and beliefs of school.

During the last 4 years we have all raised just short of £13,000 for school and brought many fun and inclusive events. If I'm being brutally honest, I'd have loved this amount to be much greater, but we have had 2 years of not really being able to run any major events...despite our attempts to run online chocolate bingo and quizzes!!

Events that have worked well have been:

- Chocolate bingo
- Family quiz night
- Garstang 3 peaks
- 50 mile Tour de GST
- Break the Rules Day
- Spooky Disco
- Christmas cards
- Film nights, to name a few.

During that time, and with your funding and support we have:

- Contributed to the development costs of the multi use sports pitch
- A new stage for school performances
- Paid for experiences such as:
 - Christmas Panto visits
 - Planetarium experiences
 - STEM visitors/workshops
 - GST Santa dash inc hats
 - Easter eggs for every child
 - Selection boxes for every child at Christmas
 - Chickens and chicken Coop - coming soon
 - New school reading books

We have also agreed that £1,000 will be donated to help improve the games area (where the table tennis tables are) and also a sum of £4,200 will be donated towards school trips in order to bring trip prices down to

help assist with the cost of living crisis, each class will receive an equal amount). Proving opportunity is at the heart of the charity and supporting these experiences is so important right now. I hope that you agree.

After 4 years as Chair, I have taken the decision to step down, I will remain as trustee for a period of time. It is a great time to get some new energy/ideas and renew our governance for the charity; at the AGM on the 29/09/22 a new Chair, Treasurer, Trustees (inc Staff Trustee) were elected. Whilst there have to be formally elected roles to satisfy Charity regulations, the help and support the PTFA has had from parents/guardians/relations has been incredible, and I hope that you will continue to support Claire and the new committee.

Chair: Claire Redmayne

Treasurer: Debbie Gornall

Secretary: Joanne Hudson

Please contact me via school if you wish to discuss anything in the brief report, or Claire going forward.

Thanks



Oliver Burton

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

USEFUL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- 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/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

GARSTANG RUGBY CLUB

We welcome boys and girls to come down throughout the season and try out rugby from reception age through to 6th form.

This Sunday 9th October during training (from 9am) the club is holding a fun run and cake sale to raise funds for our chosen charity of the season: Papyrus - <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

Everyone is welcome to come down and help support by purchasing some delicious cakes!

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

Helen Williams, Joint Chair GRUFC 07546 844 077



**MINI & JUNIORS
SPONSORED FUN RUN**
SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER
During Training, before matches

Raising money
in aid of:



PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

Run or walk laps of
the rugby field
Mini's - 1 laps
Juniors - 2+laps

Sale Sharks player will
be down at training to
cheer you on!

Garstang Rugby Clubs chosen fundraising
charity this season



GIVE RUGBY A TRY

**@ GARSTANG RUFC
HOME TO THE COLTS
NORTHWEST CUP
WINNERS 2022**

"A friendly, thriving club, where you can develop friendships, skills and gain success"
Will Greenwood, Colts Captain 2022

CALL FOR NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS 4-17yrs
we have a thriving and inclusive junior section of over 200 players and welcome new players throughout the season. Come down, get stuck in and see what rugby's all about!



Garstang Rugby Club
Hudson Park, Off High St, Garstang, PR3 1EB
www.garstangrugbyclub.co.uk
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Text/call Junior Chair- Helen Williams 07546844077 or visit website/socials for more info

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- » RESPECT
- » ENJOYMENT
- » DISCIPLINE
- » SPORTSMANSHIP

GARSTANG CRICKET CLUB

🏏 Indoor Cricket Practice - Y3- Y6 🏏

Starting next Monday 10 Oct at 6-7pm, we are running an 8 week indoor cricket practice aimed predominantly at Y3 - Y6. Cost = £40, and we have a few spaces remaining. No experience or equipment is necessary. If anyone would like to sign up, please message us or contact Michael Walling (07815 914890).



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