

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



YEAR 6: LONDON VISIT

A huge well done to Year 6 who were all fantastic on the London trip this week. Thank you to Mrs Stewart, Ms Wood and Miss Duffy for a great visit.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please complete orders online by 24th October to receive the free back to school option.

PARENTS' EVENING

We are planning to hold parents' evening, in school, on the 9th and 10th of November. Invitations to book a time slot will be sent out shortly.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Lancashire deadline for applying for secondary school is the 31st October. Further information is available [here](#).

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available in school from Monday onwards.

COATS

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

PART-TIME VACANCIES

We have two part-time vacancies in school: one cleaning and the other for LCC catering in our school kitchen. Please contact [Janet Williams](#) for further information. NB vacancies are subject to rigorous checks including an enhanced DBS.

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.

DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There is no after school dance club on the 20th October due to staff training.

SCHOOL NASAL FLU VACCINE

Have you signed up yet? Please see below in the newsletter.

NATIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES DURING THE YEAR

Our plan for this academic year is for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 to have separate nativities at Christmas. Years 3 & 4 will have a performance at Easter and Years 5 & 6 towards the end of the school year. We'll share Christmas dates in next week's newsletter.

Friday 14th October 2022

Monday worship – Harvest with Year 1
Open the Book – Jairus' daughter

DIARY DATES

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 9th Nov: Parents' evening

Thurs 10th Nov: Parents' evening

Wed 16th Nov: Reception educational visit

Fri 18th Nov: PTFA disco party

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:

ESTHER HUMPHREY

OLIVER ATKINSON

FRANK SOUTHWELL

ALICE RIGG

AMY SHAW

OSCAR GOULD

HARRIET BELL

HARRISON STEPHENS

THOMAS HOLDING

SAMUEL LOCKLEY

SIENNA MITCHELL

ANGEL HOYLE

CHARLIE MARTIN

JOSHUA BILLINGTON

FINLEY TOLMIE

BREAKFAST CLUB – JOSHUA LAMOURY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – ALEX HOLME

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

YEAR 6 LONDON VISIT:



HARVEST

Thank you for all your kind donations for St Thomas' Foodbank and the Blackburn Diocese Harvest Appeal, helping women and their families in Burundi. A huge well done to Year 3 (for church on Sunday) and Year 1 (for leading whole-school worship on Monday).



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: EXPLORING OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR SIGNS OF AUTUMN





GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



Message from Mrs Wilson:

Good afternoon everyone ,
This week we have been learning about 'spiders', we have read a book called 'Walter's Wonderful Web' and 'Spinderella' and looked at some non-fiction books about bugs and spiders.

We went on a spider hunt, made spidery creations in the dough area and made some lovely webs in our mark making area. We even made spiders for our snack. Our youngest children have also been doing some lovely work around the nursery rhyme Incy Wincy Spider. 🕷️

John brought us a French storybook to read which the children really enjoyed. We had great fun wearing different glasses that have kindly been donated by the opticians 'Claire and Howard'. Then to help practice our listening skills we played a game called, 'Who's got the glasses?' In maths we have been using the rhyme 'Five little speckled frogs' to help practise our counting and matching skills.
Have a great weekend!

The Nursery Team 😊

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**Garstang St Thomas PTFA Presents
Reception & KS1 Disco Dance Party 6pm till 6.50pm
and
KS2 Disco Party 7pm till 7.50pm**

Friday 18th November 2022

More details to follow soon!

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/>



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