

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for attending parents' evening this week. It was great to welcome you in school. 😊

ODD SOCKS DAY

Next week we are focusing on friendships as it is anti-bullying week. On Monday, we are inviting children and staff to wear odd/colourful socks (with their normal school uniform) as we celebrate what makes us all unique and also to spread kindness.



PTFA NEWS

DISCO – It's the disco next week Friday! The deadline for tickets is today. Year 5 have an extended deadline until Monday (due to Tower Wood).

RAFFLE – There are amazing prizes up for grabs. Please see the PTFA letter for information.

ADMISSION POLICY 2024 CONSULTATION

We are consulting on our admissions policy for September 2024. We are not proposing any changes. Please read about the consultation here:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/admissions-policy-consultation/>

REMINDER: SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION

We're proposing to make a small change to the start and end of school day times from January 2023. Please read about the proposal here:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/school-day-consultation/>

Message from Rev. Michael, St Thomas' Church

On Remembrance Sunday we remember the sacrifice of all who died in war and pray for peace to reign. We will mark Remembrance in two ways at St Thomas' on Sunday. Our traditional service of remembrance will be starting at 9:45am in church followed by an act of remembrance at the war memorial at 11am. We will also have a less formal service of remembrance suitable for all-ages at 4:30pm, which will explore the themes of remembrance in an appropriate way for children and adults. There is a free dinner after the service for children and drinks for adults. Whether you usually come to church or not, you would be most welcome to join us for either of these services as we mark Remembrance Sunday.

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Friday 11th November 2022

Monday assembly: PSHE - S is for SAFETY

Wed/Thu: Feelings and friendship **LEST WE FORGET**



DIARY DATES

- Wed 16th Nov:** Reception educational visit
Please arrive at 8:20am for the visit
- Thu 17th Nov:** Y3 out in Garstang (local visit)
- Fri 18th Nov:** PTFA disco party
- Tue 22nd Nov:** Y4 educational visit
- Tue 29th Nov:** Y2 educational visit
- Fri 2nd Dec:** Y5 LAMDA exams (info to follow)
- Wed 7th Dec:** Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception to Year 6 (see below)
- Mon 12th Dec:** Reception Nativity in school 2:15pm and 6:15pm
- Tue 13th Dec:** Nursery Nativity 2:15pm
- Tue 13th Dec:** Y2 Nativity in church 6:15pm
- Wed 14th Dec:** Y1 Nativity in church 6:15pm
- Wed 14th Dec:** After School Christmas party
- Thu 15th Dec:** Christmas jumper day/ non-uniform and Christmas lunch
- Fri 16th Dec:** Whole school end of term worship in church 9:15am (visitors welcome)
- Friday 16th Dec:** last day of term

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS:

- BELLA FOSTER
- LOUIS SMITH
- EMILIE WILSON
- CAMILLA HILL
- LAILA FLYNN
- STANLEY ELLIOT
- GRACE DAWSON
- POL FORGA-ALLDAY
- MIA HODGSON
- LUCY DUCKWORTH
- LUCAS HACKETT
- TOBY SANDHAM
- HARRY KAY
- JIMMY ORR
- FRANCESCA DODDS

BREAKFAST CLUB - RAFFY BURTON

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - REUBEN BRAY



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

PSHE ASSEMBLY

S is for SAFETY. Mrs Bosson, our PSHE subject leader, led an assembly on Monday focused on keeping safe.



TOASTY TUESDAYS

 Toasty Tuesdays!  On Tuesday lunchtimes on the run-up to Christmas, we're lighting the fire and enjoying reading books, storytelling and singing in the Hobbit House.





GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON:

This week we have been learning about the Remembrance Poppy. We have made poppies with red dough and loose parts, printed poppies with apples and painted poppy pictures. We watched a video of poppies being made in the Royal British Legion's Poppy Factory and of a child and her father, a soldier, selling them. We talked about how difficult it can be to remember things and how the poppy is used to help us remember something that happened a long time ago. We looked at the poppies around our school and went into the school garden to have a quiet time and listen to a prayer.

In phonics we have been listening and remembering sounds. This helps with sound distinction for early reading and spelling and supports children with reading and spelling by developing memory of sounds. In maths we have been making comparisons between objects relating to size, length and selecting and combining shapes appropriately for building. In physical development we have been using some of the benches and stools in the school hall to practise balancing and moving. The children were excellent at listening to and following the instructions. In our food-based session we were learning about fruit and vegetables being eaten as a healthy snack. The children learnt how to make a simple dip with dippers and how to present the dish attractively. We enjoyed our music session too, moving to the music, playing instruments and musical games.

Have a great weekend everyone!

The Nursery Team 😊

Nursery Contact: Rachel Procter: nursery@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk 01995 603454





HO HO HO!
Santa's Craffthouse!

 Lancashire Adult Learning

LET US SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

It's that wonderful time of the year when we start getting ready for celebrations, holidays and family time.



Let Lancashire Adult Learning work with you and your families to get ready for the festive period!

Our talented teachers would like to come and teach your families some simple and effective craft skills to make fun and exciting decorations for the festive period - make this a personal celebration like no other!

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not - this is a great event to spend time together and learn as a family.

Send us your preferred days and times and we will do the rest!

Speak to your Partnership and Recruitment Officer at Tamima.Mulla-Shah@Nelsongroup.ac.uk or call 07467 487 360

We understand not all communities celebrate Christmas, and that's ok - why not ask for more information about Winter Crafts workshop!



the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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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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