

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Debbie from NISCU has been in sharing with Reception about the birth of Jesus; Year 5 have been carol singing in town and school is looking like we're heading into the most wonderful time of year!

Details of our nativities are on page 2 of the newsletter including times and guest information. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

On Thursday 15th, we're have a Christmas jumper day (/non-uniform), Christmas lunch, Christmas dash (we've got lots of Santa hats!) and we've inviting Father Christmas too. Our school council has decided to raise money for Shelter this Christmas so if you are able to make a donation, we will be collecting on the day.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The last sessions for extra-curricular clubs are next week.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS

A huge thank you to our volunteers who support us to go on educational visits. We really appreciate your time.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 have another water safety session in swimming. Alongside their normal swimming clothes, they need a top and bottoms again next week.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Year 2 are due to go swimming on Wednesday afternoons from January for the spring term. The children will need a swimming costume, towel and a swimming hat if their hair could cover their eyes (required by YMCA). Parents/carers who wish their child to wear goggles, should read and complete [this information sheet](#) from the YMCA.

4FRONT THEATRE – WHOLE SCHOOL (TUE 6th DEC)

On Tuesday 6th December, our whole school is heading to Garstang Free Methodist Church along with Garstang Community School to see Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure. There is no cost for this visit and it is covered in our local visit consent.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS (RECEPTION CLASS 2023)

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15th January 2022. For further information and to book a school visit, please visit:

<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/admissions/>

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Friday 2nd December 2022

Monday Worship: Courage to Care

DIARY DATES

Tue 6th Dec: 4Front Theatre (GFM church)

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: Trumpet assembly 9:15am (for all Y5 and also Y6 who are still learning)

Wed 14th Dec: Y1 Nativity in church 6:15pm

Wed 14th Dec: After School Christmas party (for those booked on the day)

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

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

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS:

REGGIE PROCTER

MARTHA TAYLOR

JOEY WADDINGTON

LEYLA CAMERON

BETHANY YATES

LARA MITCHELL

JOEL DYER

MILLCENT WILLIAMS

ALEX WALTON

LILY FAIRCLOUGH

ALEX HOLME

HENRY JURIN

HAYDEE WILKINSON

WILLIAM MOXHAM

AARON TISSINGH

HARLEY HODGSON

HARVEY MCQUILTON-HULL

BREAKFAST CLUB - SCARLETT WRIGHT

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - ZEREN IDEM

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





Monday 12th December: Reception Nativity – in the school hall

2:15pm and 6:15pm - Maximum 3 guests per child (at each performance). The children will have their costumes sent home after school on the day. We ask that children arrive in their costume at 6pm for the evening performance.

Tuesday 13th December: Nursery Nativity – in the school hall

2:15pm – Maximum 3 guests per child. For children not in a session on Tuesday afternoon, costumes will be sent home in advance. Please drop your child off at nursery at 2pm in their costume and make your way to the school hall.

Tuesday 13th December: Year 2 Nativity – in St Thomas' Church

6:15pm – guests very welcome. Costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day. Please arrive with your child dressed in their costume at 6pm.

Wednesday 14th December: Year 1 Nativity – in St Thomas' Church

6:15pm – guests very welcome. Costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day. Please arrive with your child dressed in their costume at 6pm.

There is no entrance cost/ticket but we will have a retiring collecting at each of our Christmas events in support of charity and school/ church.

Our Year 6 school councillors have chosen to help children and families who are homeless so we will be raising funds for Shelter.



YEAR 5 CAROL SINGERS TOOK PART IN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON IN GARSTANG ON MONDAY



YEAR 2 HAVE HAD A GREAT DAY IN THE OUTDOORS AT WADDECAR SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE THIS WEEK



YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN VISITING BOOTHS, SOUP TASTING AND MAKING ANGLO-SAXON BREAD THIS WEEK





GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON:

This week our learning has moved from autumn to winter with a particular focus on winter trees. We read the book *Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go* and looked at some pretend trees, we then went outside and found the same real trees to compare in our nursery garden. We went on a winter tree walk and did some drawing of trees on the way and then we drew some winter trees in charcoal. We read the story 'Pick a pine tree' and then decorated our nursery trees to become Christmas trees. 🌲

We have been busy practising our nativity play - not sure who's enjoying it more the adults or the children. 😊 In phonics we have been identifying the initial sounds of objects and practising saying these initial sounds clearly.

In maths we have been continuing with our counting and subitising and played a subitising Christmas tree bauble game.

We have a reverse advent calendar where we add a star to a five frame to each day to work out how long it is until Christmas Day. The children enjoyed exploring the balls of ice with frozen pine tree sprigs, cranberries and holly leaves in that Mrs Sutcliffe made and wanted to try to break the ice to set the objects free. Our younger children also explored the story of Goldilocks and the three bears through a sensory porridge activity.

Have a super weekend

The Nursery Team 😊

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



Thank You

APB Cleaning Services
B+S Supplies
Barkers Pet Shop
Best Wishes
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Bradshaws Farm Shop
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Garstang Travel
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HAMPER
VOUCHER
MACH MINI HAIR STRAIGHTNERS
£10 VOUCHER
MARMALADE OF LONDON LUXURY CANDLE
HAMPER
3 PAIRS HANDMADE EARRINGS

Thank You

Louisa John
Love Homes
Nails and Beauty by Jane
Our Kitchen Table
Preesall Indoor Archery and Air Rifle Centre
Rose Petal Fitness
Skiddle
Skiddle
Sweets
The Bay Horse Inn
The Flower Bowl
The Flower Shop
The Hidden Salon
The Kitchen Tap
The Priory Inn Scorton
The Smelly Bakery
The Uniform & Leisurewear Company Ltd
Timpsons
Victoria Brown Therapy
Vintage Attic of Garstang

CLARINS HAMPER
BOTTLE FOR HAMPER
FM PERFUME
VOUCHER
1HR ARCHERY FOR UPTO 6 PEOPLE
VOUCHER FOR 5 CLASSES
FAMILY TICKET THURS-SAT HIGHEST POINT
2X FAMILY TICKET HIGHEST POINT FAMILY DAY
£5 VOUCHER
2 COURSE SUNDAY LUNCH FOR 2
4x BEGGINNERS CURLING SKILLS
PLANT
£20 HAIR VOUCHER FOR MICHELLE
£20 VOUCHER
AFTERNOON TEA VOUCHER
GIFT BAG
£20 VOUCHER
PURSE, MAICURE SET, SCARF
1HR REFLEXOLOGY VOUCHER
SARAH MOSELY LUXURY CANDLE



Merry Christmas

Christmas Nativity

Sun 11th Dec - 10:30/16:30

Christmas Crafts

Fri 16th Dec - 19:30

Carol Service

Sun 18th Dec - 18:30

The Longest Night

Thur 22nd Dec - 18:30

Christingle

Sat 24th Dec - 16:30

Eucharist of Christmas Night

Sat 24th Dec - 23:30

Short Christmas Communion

Sun 25th Dec - 9:30



St Thomas's Church, Garstang

<https://stthomasgarstang.org>



COMMUNITY



Christians Together
in Garstang

INVITE YOU TO

Carol
Singing in
the Square

CHERESTANC SQUARE
(Outside Booths)

SATURDAY
10TH DECEMBER

3 - 3.45PM

If wet this will be held in the URC Hall



Sunday 4th December 2022
at 5:30pm

Join us to switch on the Christmas tree lights in Catterall
and to sing carols around the tree.

This will be followed by hot drinks, mince pies and
children's activities in Catterall Village Hall.

Please walk and bring a torch.

Catterall Village Hall, Queen Elizabeth Playing Field.



 Catterall Parish Council



You are Welcome!

We're offering everyone a very warm welcome this winter...

The churches in Garstang want to offer you a very warm welcome this winter as we're opening up our premises for company, chat, refreshments and sometimes food over the cold winter months.

It's free of charge and everyone in the community's welcome.

Monday

St Thomas' Church
Food Club
Brews and chat
9:30 - 11:30am

Tuesday

Garstang Free Methodist Church
Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches
12 - 4pm

Wednesday

Garstang Free Methodist Church
Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches
12 - 4pm
United Reformed Church
Tea & Chat
2 - 4pm (Third Wednesday of each month)

Thursday

United Reformed Church
Coffee morning and reasonably priced items
10am - 12 noon (First Thursday of each month)

Friday

Garstang Free Methodist Church
Drinks and reasonably priced light lunches
12 - 4pm

Saturday

(during December)
St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Drinks and mince pies
10.30am - 12.30pm

No need to be on your own and cold this winter come along, relax and enjoy not only the warm surroundings but also the company.

TIME TO CHECK YOUR FIRE ALARM/ CO2 MONITOR?

It's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week. Information is available here: <https://www.coalarmssavelives.com/>

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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 2 are going swimming on Wednesday afternoons from January)
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/>
- School curriculum information:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/>



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