



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

#### **THURSDAY – OUR CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### **YEAR 6 CAROL SINGING**

Year 6 will be heading to the Corn Mill Nursery Home and Stanley Place on the afternoon of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to spread some Christmas cheer.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Thank you to all those leading clubs this term. In years 1-6, we've had over 80% of children attending at least 1 club (Years 1-6). That's a 10% increase on autumn last year which is great! The club offer for next term will be shared early in the new year welcoming children from Reception to Y6.

#### **POPPY APPEAL – THANK YOU**

£328.51 was raised at our school. Thank you for your support.

#### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SPRING TERM**

Please book now for breakfast and after school club places:

[Click here for information and terms and conditions](#)

[Click here for our spring term booking form](#)

#### **PTFA RAFFLE – LAST DAY FOR MONEY BACK IS MONDAY**

The raffle will be drawn in school on Thursday.

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Monday Worship: Faith in Football

Wednesday: Open the Book- Christmas!

#### **DIARY DATES**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity in school 2:15pm and 6:15pm

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery Nativity 2:15pm

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y2 Nativity in church 6:15pm

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Trumpet assembly 9:15am (for all Y5 and also Y6 who are still learning)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y1 Nativity in church 6:15pm

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** After School Christmas party (for those booked on the day)

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas jumper day/ non-uniform and Christmas lunch

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole school end of term worship in church 9:15am visitors welcome (this worship replaces Friday Celebration)

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** last day of term

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** First day back in school

#### **Information/ reminders:**

School day times change - [information](#)

Y2 swimming (Wednesdays) [information](#)

Term dates are available from our [website](#)



#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 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>





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



# 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.

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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](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](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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