



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

#### ATHLETICS - WINNERS

Well done to all the children who competed in the indoor athletics competition on Tuesday. Team GST came first place securing a place, for the school, at the Wyre and Fylde finals in Blackpool in early March.

#### YOUNG VOICES VISIT

Mrs Neath and Mr Baker took a group of children to Young Voices in Manchester to be part of the 'biggest choir in the world'. Our children were AMAZING and the experience was incredible. Mrs Neath and Mr Baker are already talking about planning next year's trip!

#### YEAR 3 - NEXT WEEK

This half term, Year 3 have been working with charcoal in art and exploring prehistoric Britain with dance in PE. On Thursday, we will be bringing this together in a 'Dancing with Charcoal' afternoon. It's going to get messy(!) so please send your child to school with a change of clothes, preferably black that they don't mind getting dirty. We will do our best to clean them up before home time but please expect smudged faces!

#### YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT

There is a slight change to the Year 5 educational trip (due to industrial action of museum staff). The class are now due back for the end of the school day.

#### REMINDER: INTERNET SAFETY DAY #INFLUENCERS

Coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> February is Internet Safety Day and, as usual, we will be using this day to have another opportunity to learn about how to keep safe online.

This year will be focusing on **who** we are watching online and how we can be **influenced** by them - from Blippi to Logan Paul x KSI. We will be thinking about this in the main school day and also in breakfast/after school club.

There is an information poster for parents/carers about influencers further below in the newsletter.

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES

School term dates (including INSET days) are on our school website for this academic year and next. [Click here](#) to view.

#### SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Mia Swarbrick-Rushin on the arrival of a baby sister.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Monday: Rev Michael - Courage

Wednesday: Debbie from NISCU

#### DIARY DATES

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y6 educational visit

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Rugby club not taking place

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Half term break

**Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y5 educational visit

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Reception educational visit

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** World Book Day - children invited to bring a book and dress up as a book character. DIY costumes most welcome.

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Parent/Carer reading information session 6pm (phonics/early reading)

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y1 educational visit

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Y4 educational visit

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3 educational visit

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Last day of term before Easter

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April:** First day of the summer term

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

OLIVER ATKINSON

ESTHER HUMPHREY

MAYAR ALOBAIDI

DALTON BROGAN

PENNY BUTLER

FRANK SOUTHWELL

CHARLOTTE PORTER

DANNY SHANNON

POL FORGA-ALLDAY

HARRISON STEPHENS

JACOB BENNETT

EVIE OWENS

REUBEN BRAY

LUCAS HACKETT

ESTHER LOWCOCK

BENJI BATEMAN

FLOSSIE BERESFORD

FRANCESCA DODDS

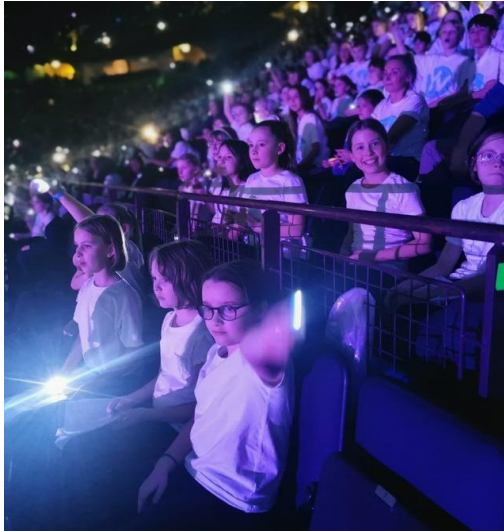
WILLIAM MOXHAM

BREAKFAST CLUB - HARRY LEECH

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - JAMIE BOARDMAN

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

**YOUNG VOICES 2023:** What an experience!



**RECEPTION CLASS:** We had a very exciting visit this week from a very well-behaved dog! We learnt about safety around dogs and caring for them as part of our topic.



**YEAR 4:** Anyone for a piece of clay fruit? Year 4 have been enjoying sculpting clay this week.



**RE AND WORSHIP:** This week, Year 6 visited church to learn about the Eucharist and Debbie from NISCU visited to share about 'new' things in the bible.



**SCIENCE:** Year 1 have been down on our bottom field planting trees donated by Anwyl Homes. The best bit? Worms! We look forward to seeing the nature journal entry! 🌲 🌱 🐛



**NURSERY:** It's National Storytelling Week! Mr Blakely, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Neath and Mr Baker all spent time with the children telling stories.



## STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

### RECEPTION CLASS: EYFS PROFILE

The statutory EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) framework requires an EYFS profile assessment to be carried out by the late June. The EYFS profile is intended to provide a reliable, valid and accurate assessment of each child's development at the end of the EYFS. It is made up of an assessment of the child's outcomes in relation to the 17 early learning goal (ELG) descriptors. The main purpose of the profile assessment at the end of the EYFS is to support a successful transition to Key Stage 1 (KS1) by informing the professional dialogue between EYFS and Year 1 teachers.

Your child will not be aware that any of this assessment is taking place – we are just sharing to let you know it is happening. You will receive information about your child's assessment in their end of year report.

### YEAR 1: PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

The phonics screening check is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

Your child will complete this check during the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Your child is well used to working one-to-one with teachers in school in phonics and so will probably not notice much difference with completing this statutory screening check.

You will receive the results of the check in your child's end of year report.

### YEAR 2: SATS

We are asked to assess the standards your child is working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform those judgements, the children sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The children will also be sitting an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests are not strictly timed for this age group and they will be completed in a way to avoid any worry. We plan to complete these assessments during the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

You will receive your child's results as part of their end of year report.

### YEAR 4: MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Year 4 are due to have a multiplication check in June. This assessment is in the form of an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. We plan to complete the check between Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Further information for parents is available here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1116420/2023\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_Multiplication\\_tables\\_check\\_Nov\\_22\\_PDFA.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFA.pdf)

You will receive your child's results in their end of year report.

### YEAR 6: SATS

Year 6 will be taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. This tests will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - English reading
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023- Mathematics paper 3

We treat the Year 6 SATs as a rite of passage for our Year 6s, along with all the other experiences and fun that is on offer, particularly in the summer term of Year 6. It is important to note that our focus on learning continues right up until the end of term. We pass on SATS results and teacher assessment for all subjects to secondary schools but it's important the children keep being fully engaged learners right through the summer term, and as they transition to secondary school.

SATS results are given to the children when we receive them. Results will also be sent home as part of your child's end of year report.

# EASTER RUGBY AND MULTI-SPORTS CAMP AT GARSTANG RUFC



BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-11

WED 12<sup>TH</sup>, THU 13<sup>TH</sup> FRI 14<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL 09.00 - 15.00



COMMUNITY  
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**£15**

per day

**£40**

for all 3 days!

**£6**

per day

breakfast & lunch

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# FEBRUARY SPORTS CAMPS

(MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY)



## Carleton Green Primary (FY6 7TF)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**



## Shakespeare Primary (FY7 7LL)

**NORMAL DAY (£10.00 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**



## Fleetwood's Charity School (FY6 0NN)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**

- Multisports, Games & Activities
- Fun Competitions Every Day
- Weekly Prizes
- Daily Themed Sessions

## Poolfoot Farm (FY5 4HX)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**NO LATE PICKUP**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT: [FTCT.EZFACILITY.COM](http://FTCT.EZFACILITY.COM)  
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: [COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM)  
OR CALL: 01253 208 442

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS WILL BE RUNNING AT:

COTTAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESTON PR4 0NY - 9AM - 4.30PM

GARSTANG SS M&M CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 9AM - 4.30PM

BOTH CLUBS ARE MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY to FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING CLUB ON THE ASTRO-TURF 10AM - 12NOON ONLY £5 PER PLAYER AT CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL ST VINCENTS ROAD FULWOOD PRESTON PR2 8QY. GET OFF THE XBOX AND PLAY FOR REAL!!!!

<http://www.teamtheme.com/index.php/9/>



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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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