



Friday 10th February 2023

Monday: Rev Michael –Trusting God's Promises  
Wednesday: OTB: Cast your nets on the other side

### HALF-TERM BREAK

We're looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February after the half-term break.

### SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

### INTERNET SAFETY DAY #INFLUENCERS

This year we focused on **who** we are watching online and how we can be **influenced** by them. We have also reminded the children about speaking to trusted adults (at home/ school) if they have any worries.

### PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is due to take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. A booking link will be sent out soon after the half-term break. We're looking forward to welcoming you into school.

### PTFA NEWS

A huge thanks goes out to the families who supported our last 2 events, because of this we have been able to make a contribution, to the money already raised by the school council, towards the school playground markings.

Thanks to all who have donated Christmas Jumpers, today is the last day to drop them off.

Our next event is a BEETLE DRIVE on 24th February, (the first Friday back after half term). It will be a fun filled evening for all the family. The game of beetle is very simple. Armed with a pencil, paper and a dice, the aim of the game is to be the first player to draw a complete beetle. There are 14 body parts to draw, and they're each given a number. The first player in the room to draw a complete beetle shouts 'BEETLE!' and wins the round. We have prizes per round and a prize for the overall winner and loser!

There will be a tuck shop with drinks, sweets and crisps to buy on the night, so bring a little spare change.

Tickets are £2.50 each

Please look out for the forms in your children's bags and return to the office.

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### DIARY DATES

**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

**ISABELLE ASPINALL**  
**JOSHUA LAMOURY**  
**LUCY BENNETT**  
**REGGIE HAYHURST**  
**ARIANA MITCHELL**  
**MIA SWARBRICK-RUSHIN**  
**WINSTON WALLING**  
**JOEL DYER**  
**GEORGINA GREEN**  
**EDITH KAY**  
**DELILAH WOODHEAD**  
**FINLAY HURST**  
**JESSICA LOWE**  
**LUKE THOMAS**  
**HAYDEE WILKINSON**  
**HARRY KAY**  
**TILLY LEATHERBARROW**  
**ALFIE STEPHENS**  
**FINLEY TOLMIE**

**BREAKFAST CLUB - KATIE HUDSON**  
**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - ZILAN IDEM**

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration (after half term).

**PE AND SPORT:** Well done to our two teams who competed in the inter-schools curling competition at the Flower Bowl. 🏹 We came 1st and 3rd place out of 8 teams.



**HISTORY:** Year 6 have had a brilliant day on Monday at Clitheroe Castle learning about the last of the Anglo-Saxon kings, 1066 and how the Normans established power in England. 🏰👑🏰



**ART AND DESIGN:** On Thursday, Year 3 have enjoyed a 'dancing with charcoal' afternoon! 🎨



**SCHOOL COUNCIL:** The school council have chosen designs for new playground markings. Today they made final tweaks: Duck, duck, goose facing the school; friendship rainbow moved closer to the buddy bench and checking, is the compass actually going to face north?! We're now waiting for a gap in the rain!



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** A glimpse inside...Reception class focus in our after school club this half term.



## 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.

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# NEW Courses

Are you a complete beginner when it comes to sending emails, shopping online or using Facetime to speak to your family? Join our FREE workshops to gain a qualification and learn how to be safe online, become confident with digital devices and create and edit documents.

- **Essential Digital Skills - Entry Level 3**
- **Essential Digital Skills - Level 1**

**Starting Thursday morning at Garstang Library,  
9 February, 10am-12pm**

Are you a regular IT user but want to know more? Do you want to improve your use of Excel and Word? Join our workshop to gain a Level 2 Digital and IT Skills qualification. The cost of this workshop is £146, or you may be eligible for it to be funded depending on your personal circumstances.

- **Digital and IT Skills - Level 2 Starting  
Thursday afternoon at Garstang Library, 9  
February, 1-3pm**



For more information contact:

**[lmc.ac.uk/part-time/computing](http://lmc.ac.uk/part-time/computing)  
01524 521385 or [hello@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:hello@lmc.ac.uk)**

# 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

**St Thomas' Church, Garstang**

<http://stthomasgarstang.org/>

*Pet Service at St Thomas!*

*4:30pm Sunday 12th February*

*Bring your pets along to church! Fun, modern worship for all the family. All-ages (and all-species!) will be together for this informal service, thanking God for our pets and the part they play in our lives. Free food after for kids. Long-lasting memories guaranteed!*

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TEAM THEME HOLIDAY CLUB

**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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