



HANDWRITING FORTNIGHT

Do you know that it's handwriting fortnight? We're having a special focus on handwriting and presentation this week and next. There are daily awards and there will be awards at the end of the fortnight.

REMINDER: WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

Children (and adults) are invited to bring a book and dress up as a book character on Thursday 2nd March for World Book Day.

REMINDER: PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

We are holding an information session for parents/carers about phonics/early reading on Thursday 2nd March at 6pm. We hope you can join us.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is due to take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March. A booking link will be sent out on Monday and bookings will open on Monday at 6pm.

REQUEST FROM TILLY & MIA (Y6) TEDDY COLLECTION

Tilly & Mia are having a fundraiser for their dance school. If anyone no longer wants a teddy (in good condition), they would be gratefully received next week in school.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Children from nursery and reception were measuring, pouring, flipping and eating pancakes on pancake day!



Friday 24th February 2023

Monday: Rev Michael – Lent

Wednesday: OTB - Lost Coin

DIARY DATES

Tue 28th Feb: Y5 educational visit

Wed 1st Mar: Reception educational visit

Thu 2nd Mar: World Book Day – children invited to bring a book and dress up as a book character. DIY costumes most welcome.

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

Mon 6th Mar: Y1 educational visit

Sun 12th Mar: Y2 invited to church 4:30pm

Tue 21st Mar: Y4 educational visit

Thu 23rd Mar: Y2 educational visit

Wed 29th Mar: Y3 educational visit

Fri 31st Mar: Last day of term before Easter

Mon 17th April: First day of the summer term
School term dates (including INSET days) are on our school website for this academic year and next. [Click here](#) to view.

STARS OF THE WEEK

DOUGIE ELLIOT

BRUCE HADDOW

ELEANOR BOARDMAN

GEORGE FENN

EMMA HUTCHINSON

STANLEY ELLIOT

BETHANY PROCTER

HARRY FLINT

AMELIA-ROSE MARTIN

LILY FAIRCLOUGH

THOMAS HOLDING

ALEX HOLME

ANGEL HOYLE

OLIVE ORMEROD

CRUZ CUBBINS

CHARLIE MARTIN

LILY MORTON

BREAKFAST CLUB - ALFIE STEPHENS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - TILLIE-MAE THORNTON

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS: We're having very active playtimes and lunchtimes at GST! Thank you once again to our PTFA & <http://electrical-plus.co.uk> for funding this, as well as the Christmas collections. Our school councillors chose the design and we think they did a great job! 😊



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 12th 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 15th 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 6th June and Friday 9th 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

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 9th May 2023 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Wednesday 10th May 2023 - English reading
- Thursday 11th May 2023 - Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Friday 12th 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.



WOMENS AND GIRL'S INDOOR CRICKET NETS

All abilities welcome || All ages welcome || No experience

All equipment provided || Qualified Coach

Time: 6 – 8pm

Start: Monday 27 February

Venue: Garstang Community Academy, PR3 1YE

For further information, please contact

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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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