



GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return the order form by Tues 16th May to get photos with free postage to school. Alternatively order online using the codes on the form. Please note: new proofs will be sent out to parents/carers of children in Year 1 and 4.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

It's SATs week next week (Tuesday to Friday). Everyone in Year 6 is doing really well. We're looking forward to an exciting week together. The dates of each assessment are on page 2 of this newsletter. On Friday the children are asked to bring a full set of clothes and a towel because in the afternoon, after the final test, we may let off some steam. 😊

YEAR 4 LAMDA EXAMS

Year 4 have their LAMDA exams booked on Friday 12th May in school time. Any questions, please speak to Mr Blakely.

KEEPING SAFE IN THE SUN

In the summer term as the weather warms, up. We ask parents/carers, when appropriate, to:

- apply sunscreen to your child before school.
- send labelled sunscreen to school so your child can reapply it themselves.
- send in a bottle of water each day (Reception to Year 6).
- send in a hat for your child

Please see our [keeping safe in the sun page](#) to find out more.

UNIFORM

Please ensure all uniform and coats are labelled. Thank you.

ART COMPETITION

Primary School Art Exhibition runs from 6th - 24th June with displays at the Arts Centre, Garstang. This year's theme is summer activities: football, tennis, cricket, hopscotch, netball, swimming, camping and cycling. Children are asked to choose of the activities and produce artwork. If you would like to enter, please send in entries to school of your picture with the name of school, name and age of artist on the back of the picture by Friday 19th May. Prize giving will be on Saturday 24th June at 10.30am.

FUNDRAISING – CLOTHES COLLECTION

We're planning to take part in Bags2School. If you have clothes you no longer need, please fill one of the bags being sent home and return to school between Friday 12th May and Wednesday 17th May.

Friday 5th May 2023

Wed: OTB Gideon

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th May : Bank holiday (Coronation)
Tues 9th May – Fri 12th May: Year 6 SATs week
Thu 11th May: Y5 educational visit
Fri 12th May: Year 4 LAMDA exams
Mon 15th May: Year 2 SATs week
Thu 18th May: Y3 educational visit
W/c 29th May: Half term break
Tues 6th June: Return to school
Fri 30 Jun: Sports day (Reception to Year 6)
Mon 3rd Jul: Y1 educational visit
Wed 5th Jul – Fri 7th: Y6 York residential
Mon 17th & Tue 18th: Y6 Bikeability
Thu 20th Jul: Leavers' service 2pm
 School term dates (including INSET days) are on our school [website](#).

STARS OF THE WEEK

LEXI BOARDMAN
ISAAC LOCKLEY
LUCY BENNETT
DALTON BROGAN
FRANK SOUTHWELL
DEMI SIMPSON
MOLLIE YATES
GRACE DAWSON
AMELIA-ROSE MARTIN
ALICE BATEMAN
JACK LEGGE
BOBBY KAY
TOBY SANDHAM
JACKSON TAYLOR
ALL OF YEAR 6

BREAKFAST CLUB - **GENEVIEVE OLIVER**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - **TILLIE-MAE THORNTON**
 Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

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.



WYRE'S CORONATION CELEBRATION

• MONDAY 8 MAY 2023 •

A royally good afternoon of entertainment and celebration across Garstang from 12pm to 4pm!

WYRE'S CORONATION WALK

We're inviting the whole of Wyre to come together and celebrate the coronation!

Join us for the Wyre Coronation Walk and an afternoon full of fun. Make unforgettable memories as we parade through Garstang, discovering street theatre, stilt walkers, live music, games and more along the way!

**MONDAY 8 MAY
SET OFF AT 2PM**

All ages welcome! Fancy dress encouraged and free medals to collect at the finish.

Setting off from Cherestanc Square, Garstang PR3 1EF



Dogs
welcome
on walk!

*Please note dogs are not permitted in the family area of Millennium Green where the outdoor theatre will be held.

WYRE'S CORONATION CELEBRATION

ALL
EVENTS
FREE

• MONDAY 8 MAY 2023 •

Don't worry if you miss the official start of the walk - you can explore the route at your own pace and enjoy the live music, performers and entertainment around the whole town!

WYRE'S BIG HELP OUT

12PM-4PM

Come along to Cherestanc Square Garstang and find out what volunteering opportunities there are in your area. See how you can get involved and give something back to your local community.

OUTDOOR THEATRE

SHOWS AT 2.30PM & 3.30PM

There will also be free outdoor theatre shows to enjoy in the family area at Millennium Green. Come and watch Theo and the Lost Crown, it's great fun for all the family filled with music and dance. Please note dogs are not permitted in the family area.



Lancashire Science Festival Public Day

**Saturday 20 May
10am-4pm**

Check-in opens at 9am

University of Central Lancashire, Preston



**University of
Central Lancashire**
UCLan



We are back with a bang!



Join us for a free, one-day festival of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

The day is full of live shows, workshops, drop-in activities, and exciting hands-on activities on our science show floors. Join our Bubbleologists to learn all about bubbles. Discover the science behind superheroes. Explore the magic of science and the science behind the magic. Find our science street buskers around the festival for a little bit of science trickery sure to impress your friends.

All this plus much more awaits!

Register for your free festival pass at uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival



Myerscough College

Primary Age Art competition 2023

THE RULES

- ✓ One side of A4
- ✓ Based on one of our college courses
- ✓ Name, Age and Name of School to be clearly written on the back

£10 First Prize in each age category + runners up prizes

Hand in your work to school, for them to send to us by 19th May 2023.

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT OUR OPEN DAY
AND COUNTRY FAIR ON 11TH JUNE 2023**



Myerscough
College

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE



St John's
Hospice

GARSTANG

COLOUR

DASH

SUNDAY 21/05/23

**5km fun run for your local hospice,
filled with loads of coloured paint!**

Join the dash online NOW:

SJHOSPICE.ORG.UK/COLOURDASH

or call: 01524 382538

Thank you to
our event
sponsors

The
Barn
— @ Scorton —

S&J SECURITY
SERVICES
Your protection, our priority

St. John's Hospice North Lancashire and South Lakes is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England with charity number 1157030



Garstang Colour Dash 2023

Get ready to get colourful!

Every starter receives a race t-shirt that will be a work of art by the end of the dash!



Every finisher will also receive a Colour Dash medall!



Every dasher will also receive a bottle of water to stay hydrated



Thank you to our colour station sponsors.
You'll meet them on the day - they will be splashing paint at you!

Display Wizard
DISPLAY & EXHIBITION SOLUTIONS

 **Kepple Lane**
PHARMACY
Garstang Medical Practice


GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL
GOLF COURSE AND WEDDING VENUE

How your sponsorship money supports St John's Hospice

Your entry fee covers the cost of your Garstang Colour Dash entry. Every penny you raise through sponsorship makes a huge positive difference to our patients and their families, at the hospice and out across our communities.

Here are some examples of what your sponsorship could fund:

£35 This could fund a Memory Box for a family filled with cherished items and memories of their loved one, which will help them process their grief.

£80 Could fund a Hospice at Home visit from two members of our team, supporting a patient and their family during the last two months of life.

£160 Could fund a night sitting visit to enable a family carer to have a good night's sleep to help them through the next day.

Ready to start fundraising to support the work of St John's? Here's how:

Set up a JustGiving Fundraiser – Visit:
justgiving.com/campaign/GarstangColourDash2023
Our download and print a paper sponsor form from our website:
sjhospice.org.uk/fundraising-downloads

Thank you!

Sign up for fun now:
sjhospice.org.uk/colouredash

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MULTISPORTS CAMPS

(TUESDAY 30th MAY - FRIDAY 2nd JUNE)



Carleton Green Primary (FY6 7TF)

FULL DAY (£14.00 PER DAY):

TIME: 09:00-16:30



Shakespeare Primary (FY7 7LL)

FULL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):

TIME: 09:00-16:30



Fleetwood's Charity School (FY6 0NN)

FULL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):

TIME: 09:00-16:30

Ages: 5-12 years
(4 year olds are eligible for half days
AM or PM at half the price!)

BOOK HERE >
OR SEE WEBSITE BELOW



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

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT: FTCT.EZFACILITY.COM
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM
OR CALL: 01253 208 442

POOLFOOT FOOTBALL CAMP

(TUESDAY 30th MAY - FRIDAY 2nd JUNE)



Poolfoot Farm (FY5 4HX)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):
TIME: 09:00-16:00**

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

BOOK HERE >
OR SEE WEBSITE BELOW



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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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