



# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER

## YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

A huge well done to Year 6. Each child has been amazing this week. They have tackled their tests with energy, determination and also resilience. WELL DONE ALL – we are super proud of you all. ❤️

## YEAR 4 LAMDA EXAMS

Well done to all our confident communicators in Year 4 taking their LAMDA exams today. 😊

## KS2 FOOTBALL – THURSDAY NEXT WEEK

KS2 Football (on Thursday) is not on next week due to competitions held at school.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

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

## 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.

## ART COMPETITION

Primary School Art Exhibition runs from 6<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May. Prize giving will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Wed: OTB Samson

**HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND**

### DIARY DATES

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 2 SATs week
  - Tue 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Whit Cup football U9s @ GST
  - Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Y3 educational visit
  - Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Whit Cup football U11 @ GST
  - Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Whit Cup Netball @ GST
  - Thu 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Y6 York info. meeting 6pm Zoom
  - W/c 29<sup>th</sup> May:** Half term break
  - Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Return to school
  - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul:** Year 6 production 6pm
  - Fri 30 Jun:** Sports day (Reception to Year 6)
  - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul:** Y1 educational visit
  - Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jul – Fri 7<sup>th</sup>:** Y6 York residential
  - Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul:** Simon Wright football @ GST
  - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jul:** Y5 trumpet recital 9:15am
  - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> & Tue 18<sup>th</sup>:** Y6 Bikeability
  - Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Jul:** Leavers' service 2pm
- School term dates (including INSET days) are on our school [website](#).

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**ALICE JACK**  
**LUCAS ROSSALL**  
**LOUIE GOULD**  
**JACK MATHER**  
**OLIVIA THOMAS**  
**ALL OF YEAR 2**  
**REEGAN BROWN**  
**CHLOE DYER**  
**JESSICA THOMAS**  
**ANNABELLE HOLT**  
**JOEY WRIGHT**  
**THOMAS BAKER**  
**SOPHIE CHERRETT**  
**ESMAE WILLIAMS**  
**ALL OF YEAR 6**

**BREAKFAST CLUB - HARVEY REDMAYNE**  
**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - FREDDIE OLIVER**

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration



Department  
for Education

Dear Mr Blakely,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2022 multiplication tables check.

Your average pupil score of 24 out of 25 makes Garstang St Thomas' Church of England Primary School one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check. The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the Government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country.

Knowing times tables is vital for school and day-to-day life. Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we recently introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those pupils who need extra support.

I would like both to congratulate your staff and pupils for their hard work and success and to thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**

**Minister for Schools**



**YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT:** Year 5 had a fabulous visit to Highest Point on Thursday. Thank you so much to Rich Dyer for giving us the best day! Well done to Year 5 for a great trumpet performance on the hill.



More photos on our [Facebook page](#).

### OUTDOOR FUN AT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB





## 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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CRICKET CLUB**

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**Saturday 20 May  
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# 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.

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**Register for your free festival pass at [uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival](http://uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival)**



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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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