



GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th May 2023

Mon: Rev Michael: Learning to listen

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

YEAR 2 SATS

Well done to Year 2 who completed their SATs this week. The children were asking for more tests after the final paper which is a great sign! 😊

WHIT CUP SPORT

Well done to our children taking part in the Whit Cup football competitions. We entered four teams into the competitions this week – all of our children played well and we are really proud of them. We are through to the semi-finals taking place on Whit Monday. It would be great to see lots of our families supporting our school team on the day.

YEAR 6 YORK TRIP

Reminder: There will be a parent/carer zoom meeting about the York trip on Thursday 25th May at 6pm.

BOOTHS COMPETITION

Well done to Year 3 who entered a competition hosted by Pobble and Booths. They were chosen as the runner up school and will be presented with a special hamper from Booths in our Friday celebration. A special mention to Chloe Dyer, Molly Southwell and Amelia Martin for their entries which were highlighted by the judging panel.

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 before Friday 26th May.

Prize giving will be on Saturday 24th June at 10.30am.

GARSTANG'S GOT TALENT

We'll be holding a talent competition, for the children, on Monday 17th July @ 6pm. Further details to follow.

YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER

On Friday 7th July, we're inviting Year 4 to have a sleepover in school with games, a campfire and lots of fun. Further details to follow.

KEEPING SAFE IN THE SUN

Please see our [keeping safe in the sun page](#) to find out more. www.garstangstthomas.com • office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk • 01995 603454

DIARY DATES

- Wed 24th May:** Whit Cup Netball @ GST
- Wed 24th May:** No netball club due to the comp.
- Thu 25th May:** Y6 York info. meeting 6pm Zoom
- W/c 29th May:** Half term break
- Tues 6th June:** Return to school
- Sun 11th June:** Y1 invited to take part in St Thomas' 4:30pm service
- Tue 13th June:** Reception educational visit
- Mon 3rd Jul:** Year 6 production 6pm
- Fri 30 Jun:** Sports day (Reception to Year 6)
- Mon 3rd Jul:** Y1 educational visit
- Mon 3rd July:** Y4 educational visit
- Wed 5th Jul – Fri 7th:** Y6 York residential
- Fri 7th Jul:** Year 4 sleepover
- Tue 11th Jul:** Simon Wright football @ GST
- Wed 12th Jul:** Y5 trumpet recital 9:15am
- Mon 17th July:** Garstang's Got Talent 6pm
- Mon 17th & Tue 18th:** Y6 Bikeability
- Thu 20th Jul:** Leavers' service 2pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

JAMIE BOARDMAN

ELORA HAKEN

ZACHARY RICHARDS

PENNY BUTLER

REGGIE HAYHURST

ARIANA MITCHELL

JJ CLARKE

MATTHEW THOMPSON

ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL

JACK HILTON

FREDDIE OLIVER

LOGAN ROBINSON

REUBEN BRAY

LAUREN COWELL

MARNIE PARSONS

CRUZ CUBBINS

HARLEY HODGSON

JACK MORTON

ANNABEL WALTON

BREAKFAST CLUB - ANNABEL WALTON

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - CORDELIA GRAHAM

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration



YEAR 3 EDUCATIONAL VISIT: Year 3 had a great time at the Lancashire Science Festival at UCLan yesterday.



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.

Lancashire Science Festival Public Day

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

Check-in opens at 9am

University of Central Lancashire, Preston



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Central Lancashire
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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.

All this plus much more awaits!

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



St John's
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GARSTANG COLOUR DASH

SUNDAY 21/05/23

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

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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!

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Garstang Medical Practice

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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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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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