

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back everyone and a very special welcome to all the new children joining our school family this week in the nursery and Reception. What a fabulous start to the year the children have made. A special welcome to our new members of staff joining the team.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION

From **next Friday**, 15th September, onwards we will be welcoming parents/carers/grandparents to Friday Celebration. Friday Celebration starts at 2:40pm and is the time when achievements – in and out of school are shared. Our year 6 children lead Friday Celebration. The hall will be open from 2:35pm. Please note there is limited seating.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

It has been great to welcome parents/carers into school for meet the teacher sessions. Below are the dates/times of our remaining sessions:

- Monday 11th September 5:30pm Mrs Taylor (née Sowerby) – YEAR 1
- Monday 11th September 6pm Mrs Maher – YEAR 4
- Monday 18th September 6pm Mrs Neath – RECEPTION (we will also share information about early reading in this session with Mrs Billington)

CURRICULUM NEWS & ESAFETY

Curriculum news from each class is due to be sent out today along with information about keeping safe online.

EXTRA-CURRICULUM CLUBS

Letters have been sent out early in the week for extra-curricular clubs for years 1-6. Confirmation will be sent out next week about places.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Year 2 swimming will begin on Wednesday 13th September. Further information is available here: [information](#).

PIANO LESSONS

There are 2 spaces available for piano lessons (in school time) with Mrs Gaughan. The cost per lesson is £14.50. Please contact the office if you would like further information.

FLUTE/WOODWIND/ TRUMPET/ GUITAR/ UKULELE LESSONS

If you would like your child to learn any of these instruments in school time, we have Lancashire Music Service teachers available, please contact the office for further information/costs. (N.B. All children will be learning the trumpet in Year 5 and the ukulele in Year 6.)

Friday 8th September 2023

Rev. Michael: New Starts

DIARY DATES

W/c Mon 11th Sep: Meet the teacher sessions (see main newsletter)
Mon 25th Sep: Individual school photos
Wed 27th Sep: Y3 educational visit
Mon 2nd Oct: Y1 educational visit
Wed 4th Oct: Nasal flu vaccine (see below)
Tue 10th Oct: Y6 London residential
Tue 19th Oct: Y2 educational visit
Tue 19th Oct: Y5 educational visits
Mon 23rd Oct: Start of half term break
Tue 31st Oct: Return to school
Fri 3rd Nov: Reception educational visit
Wed 8th Nov & Thu 9th Nov: Parents' evening
Wed 20th Dec: last day of term
Y4 educational visit – waiting for date confirmation.

Full term dates are available from our website: www.garstangstthomas.com

STARS OF THE WEEK

ALL OF RECEPTION

JAMIE BOARDMAN

JOSHUA LAMOURY

DALTON BROGAN

ELLIE RILEY

CORDELIA HILL

MOLLIE YATES

HARRY FLINT

IMOGEN BELL

ANNABELLE HORNER

JACK LEGGE

ESMAE WILLIAMS

SETH BEARD

ANGEL HOYLE

ALICE HOLDING

MATILDA LEECH



Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration



GARSTANG ST THOMAS NURSERY



Message from Mrs Wilson:

Good afternoon everyone,
We have had a super week! The children have done really well either settling back in or settling in for the first time. We have been focusing on making sure the children are feeling happy and confident in our setting and we have enjoyed time getting to know them all. They have been busy little bees exploring the setting inside and out. Next week we will start to introduce some structured learning alongside the children's interests and fascinations.
Have a great weekend everyone. 😊



MESSAGE FROM REV MICHAEL, 😊

I hope you've all had a fabulous first week back at school! As we start off this new year together, we've planned this Sunday's 4:30 service as an All-Age Blessing of the Backpacks so that we can pray God's blessing over your year at school. Just bring along your book bag or your backpack, and towards the end of the service you'll have the chance to bring it to the front and we'll pray for your year at school. The entire service will be accessible to all, and we especially welcome those children who are full of life! Free kids meal provided after the service, teas and coffees for adults.

<https://stthomasgarstang.org/>

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

ALL-AGE WORSHIP

ST THOMAS' CHURCH
SUN 10TH SEPT 4:30PM

BRING YOUR BAG/BOOKBAG AND WE'LL PRAY FOR YOUR YEAR AT SCHOOL





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OTHER USEFUL 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/2023/07/02046_UniformHairJewellery-2023-2024.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 September)
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/swimming/>
- School curriculum information:
<https://www.garstangstthomas.com/curriculum/>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION 2023 (NASAL SPRAY)

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

Please complete the online consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

Online Consent Form:

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

The code for your school is: BP119528

.Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Yours faithfully,

School Age Vaccination Team

READING HEROES AT GARSTANG LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to stop the evil super villain "The Spoiler" over the summer by signing up to Reading Heroes. We have loved hearing about all of the books you have read and are impressed with all your creative and scientific creations. Don't worry if you haven't yet become a Reading Hero or Reading Superhero, you've got until the end of September to come into the library to tell us about what you have done. We've got some more exciting events coming up that will count towards your Reading Superhero tasks and a celebration that all Reading Heroes are invited to.

Roald Dahl Story Day- Thursday 14th September 4-5pm

Join us for science, crafts, Minecraft and creative writing! No booking required.

Reading Heroes Final Quest- Saturday 23rd September 10am-12pm

Whether you're a fully-fledged Reading Hero or one in the making, we need you! We need your problem-solving and science skills to help us to defeat The Spoiler once and for all. Solve puzzles to work out where The Spoiler is hiding so that we can save not only Garstang but all of Lancashire. If you have your Reading Hero mask, please bring it along as we need all the help we can get! No booking required.

Creative Coding- Saturday 30th September 10.30-11.30am

Design and build an adventure for a Code and Go Robot Mouse. Join us for an introduction to coding for children aged 5+. Book your place online or at the library.

Fun Palace- Saturday 7th October 10am-4pm

We are excited to be hosting our fourth Fun Palace. We will be working with local groups, our community and the Friends of Garstang Library to deliver a free event for everyone, including Minecraft, pebble painting, sea shanties, music and coding!

Find out more details at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/ or contact us at garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk



LANCASTER UNIVERSITY CLIMBING

We are excited to announce that we now offer the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS) climbing course for children aged 7-17. A separate class for those under 7 is also available (6-7 year old cheeky chimps).

Launching on 4 September, NICAS is a climbing award that can be achieved by children from just age 7, especially those who have a head for heights and an eye for knots.

There are 4 levels on offer starting from beginner up to advanced climber. Each level comes with a certificate that your child will receive once that level's criterion has been met. The key aim is to provide a safe introduction to climbing, while developing a range of skills and achieving a unique set of personal achievements.

Our classes will be separated into the following age groups, Classes are available to book onto until the end of the 3rd week (24th September) :

6-7 Cheeky Chimps (NICAS can be started once they turn 7)

These will be available when enough people enquire for the waiting list as we need a minimum number of participants to run a course.

Please email : Climbing@lancaster.ac.uk to register interest.

7-9 NICAS Levels 1

Capacity: 6

Duration: 1 hour

- 15 Classes (£127.50)

- 14 Classes (£119)

**Excluding NICAS logbook price needed for course registration*

Class 1: Monday 1730-1830 – 15 Classes

Class 2: Wednesday 1630 – 1730 – 15 Classes

Class 3: Thursday 1730-1830 – 15 Classes

Class 4: Saturday 0900-1000 – 14 Classes

Class 5: Saturday 1430-1530 – 14 Classes

Class 6: Sunday 1200-1300– 14 Classes

Class 7: Sunday 1330-1430 – 14 Classes

10-13 NICAS levels 1-3

Capacity: 6

Duration: 1.5 Hours

- 15 Classes (£187.50)

- 14 Classes (£175)

**Excluding NICAS logbook price needed for course registration*

Class 1: Tuesday 1730-1900– 15 Classes

Class 2: Wednesday 1800-1930– 15 Classes

Class 3: Thursday 1900-2030– 15 Classes

Class 4: Friday 1630-1800 – 15 Classes

Class 5: Saturday 1030-1200 – 14 Classes

Class 6: Sunday 0930-1100 – 14 Classes

To book onto these courses please contact reception: 01524 510600

For more information about our climbing facilities visit the [website](#) or follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

Kind regards,

Staff

Climbing Instructors

Lancaster University Sport Centre

Tel No: +44 (0) 1524 510600

OCTOBER TENNIS

+ MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP



Any Ability Welcome,
Ages 4-14
All Equipment Provided.
Sibling Discount
Available.

St Michael's Tennis Club

Monday + Thursday +
Friday - 23rd and
26th, 27th October

Hambleton Tennis Club

Monday's - 23rd
October

Garstang Tennis Club

Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays
- 24th, 25th, 27th October

Lancaster Tennis Club

Tuesday + Thursday -
24th, 26th October

EARLY BIRD

PRICE!!!

Sign up

before the 1st

October - £13

per day

(9-3pm)

Email:

cartmelltennis@gmail.com

Phone: 07523866116

Sign up on this link:-   

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CartmellTennisCoaching/Coaching/Camps>

PRICES After - 1st October - Hurry!!

£10 Morning - 9-12pm

£20 Full Day - 9-3pm

Early Drop off Available

GARSTANG RUFC

RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY!

SUNDAY
3RD
SEPTEMBER

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME...



U6-U11

9am

U12-U17 Colts

10:30am

GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

Fees- U6: £60 U7-U11: £80 U12+ £90 Discount for siblings

For further information contact:

Helen (07546 844077) Sharon (07936 227857)



Garstang Rugby Club

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