

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - MONDAY

We're due to have Tempest in school on Monday taking individual and sibling group photos. If you have younger children (not yet at school) and you would like a photo of your children together, please visit the main office at 8:30am.

YEAR 3 HARVEST SERVICE

Rev. Michael has invited Year 3 to take part in the harvest service in church on Sunday 8th October at 4:30pm. Further information will be sent out shortly.

YEAR 1 HARVEST WORSHIP

Parents/ carers/ grandparents of children in Year 1 are invited to school on Friday 6th October at 9am for a harvest worship led by Year 1.

LIFE EDUCATION – PSHE

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, we've got [Life Education](#) visiting us to deliver interactive sessions supporting our personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) curriculum throughout school.

REMINDER: ★ YEAR OF SERVICE ★

2023/2024 is a year of service for our school. We're encouraging all our children to take action to help others, outside of school. This action could be: helping an elderly relative, helping others in the community by organising a regular litter pick, raising money for charity for a cause that they really care about or something completely different.

We are recognising this service and sharing ideas in school. Each term there is a form to fill in (by an adult). When that's brought into school, we'll mark on a map where the service has taken place and children will receive a gold badge for their blazer (each term). There's no rush to complete this – it can be done anytime during the term. ★

REMINDER: PTFA AGM

Our PTFA is holding the first meeting of the year on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30pm in school. Please do come! All parents/carers are welcome.

REMINDER: RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

A letter about vision screening has been sent home which is due to take place in school. The form only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to have the screening.

Friday 22nd September 2023

Rev. Michael: Remembering to say "thank you"

DIARY DATES

- Mon 25th Sep: Individual school photos
- Tue 26th Sep: PTFA AGM 7:30pm
- Wed 27th Sep: Y3 educational visit
- Mon 2nd Oct: Y1 educational visit
- Wed 4th Oct: Nasal flu vaccine (see below)
- Wed 4th Oct: Y3 local visit (heritage trail and fieldwork)
- Tue 10th Oct: Y6 London residential
- Thu 19th Oct: Y2 educational visit
- Thu 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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

ROSIE MATHER
LOGAN FLYNN
ZACHARY-LEE
LOUIS SMITH
ELORA HAKEN
CAMILLA HILL
GEORGE FENN
MIA SWARBRICK-RUSHIN
SCARLETT WRIGHT
TEDDY MITCHELL
SAMUEL GORNALL
FREDDIE OLIVER
MIA SWEENEY
THOMAS BAKER
ZILAN IDEM
LUKE THOMAS

After school club awards:

JAMIE BOARDMAN
ANNIE BURGESS

PE AND SPORT:

Well done to all the children who have taken part in competitions and tournaments over the past week. There are lots more opportunities to come in a wide range of different sports this year.





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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



ST THOMAS CHURCH

Harvest Supper

Garstang St Thomas Parish Hall

Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm

**Hot Pot Supper and Dessert
provided by Churchtown Ladies
(Bring your own liquid refreshment)**

**Entertainment by Garstang Ukelele
Group**

**Tickets: Adults £15 Children £5
available after church services from
Avril, Jean Matthew, Jean Sawyer or
Jill or email jall32@aol.com**

**Please join us for a family friendly
evening**

Parent or
carer



You can text a
school nurse on

07312263554

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Keeping Healthy Bedwetting

Sleep Bullying Dental Health

Growing Up Keeping Safe

**Support with Medical Conditions
in School**

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.

Messages are charged at your usual rates.

