

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



#### LIFE EDUCATION (LANCASHIRE) - PSHE

This week children in nursery up to Year 6 have had an interactive workshop led by Karen from Life Education supporting our personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) curriculum. Ask your child about meeting Harold! 😊

#### NASAL FLU VACCINATION

This is due to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October in school. Please complete the online consent form (see below) if you wish your child to receive the vaccination in school.

#### PARKING

We've had a number of reports about vehicles parked at junctions and blocking the pavements during pick up and drop off times. Parents/carers are welcome to park at the church car park (get a free ticket) or the scout hut car park for drop off and collection. Please do be considerate of our neighbours and pedestrians if you are parking on the streets. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph proofs are being sent home with the children today. Please order online with the details on the letter. There's no need to return the proof.

#### YEAR 3 HARVEST SERVICE

Rev. Michael has invited Year 3 to take part in the harvest service in church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 4:30pm. A letter is being sent home with the children today.

#### YEAR 1 HARVEST WORSHIP

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

#### CLEANING VACANCY

We have a cleaning vacancy in school. If you are interested, please contact Janet Williams in the school office 01995 603454 or e-mail: [office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

#### APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES- FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31 October 2023. The deadline for applying for a Reception class school place is 15 January 2024.

Apply online at the [Lancashire County Council website](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Rev. Michael: Remembering to say "thank you"

Wed: OTB Nehemiah and Jerusalem

#### DIARY DATES

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y3 educational visit

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Y1 educational visit

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Nasal flu vaccine (see below)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y3 local visit (heritage trail and fieldwork)

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y6 London residential

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y2 educational visit

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 educational visits

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Start of half term break

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Return to school

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Reception educational visit

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov & Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents' evening

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: last day of term

Y4 educational visit – waiting for date confirmation.

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

CHARLIE HUTCHINSON

BEA BARDOT

JOSHUA THOMPSON

ESTHER HUMPREY

BETTY HAYHURST

OLIVIA THOMAS

REGGIE HAYHURST

WINSTON WALLING

CLARA WALMSLEY

SOPHIE LAMOURY

ELIJAH WILKINSON

JACK HILTON

THOMAS HOLDING

FREDDIE OLIVER

IMOGEN IBELL

EDITH KAY

LAUREN COWELL

ESTHER LOWCOCK

OLIVER HILTON

Breakfast club and after school club:

THOMAS CHAMBERS

HARRY LEECH

Awards will be given in next week's Friday Celebration

## 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. ★

## MESSAGE FROM REV. MICHAEL, ST THOMAS' CHURCH

We're having our Harvest festival at church on Sunday 8th October, at both our traditional 10:30am service and our contemporary 4:30pm service. At the 4:30, year 3 will be coming to help lead the worship in an all-age style, while the 10:30am will have Sunday School available.

If you would like to give this Harvest time, offerings are being taken up for our Food Bank and for Cress UK. Please bring along some goods for the Food Bank (we are low on corned beef, rice pudding and tinned desserts, cordial, and tinned vegetables), or some money for our Diocesan Harvest Appeal which is going to Cress UK. This is a small charity that aims to help South Sudanese refugees living in Uganda to become self-sufficient.

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](http://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



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**Get school updates by following us on:**



## 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](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](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/>



See [here](#) for Poolfoot info



# OCTOBER MULTISPORTS CAMPS

(MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER - FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER)



## Carleton Green Primary (FY6 ZTF)

FULL DAY (£14.00 PER DAY):

TIME: 09:00-16:30



## Shakespeare Primary (FY7 ZLL)

FULL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):

TIME: 09:00-16:30



## Fleetwood's Charity School (FY6 ONN)

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
- Halloween Themed Activities



## Friday 27th October: "Fancy Dress Friday" for Halloween

- Party Games
- Pumpkin Making
- Best Dressed
- & More!



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT: [FLEETWOODTOWNFCCT.COM/SHOP](http://FLEETWOODTOWNFCCT.COM/SHOP)  
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: [COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM)  
OR CALL: 01253 208 442

**Harvest Supper**

**Garstang St Thomas Parish Hall**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

