Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Uswa J and Hannah Z
Reception: Ruqaiyya S and Safa K
Year 1: Rayya S and Dawood Q
Year 2: Minahil S and Ammarah K
Year 3: Qais A and Noraiz Z
Year 4: Batullah I and Asma V
Year 5: Abdul Raheem H and Zaid C
Year 6: Hajra K and Rukeya S

Courage

Our school value for this half term is 'Courage'. Our quote for this half term is:

'Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.' Isaiah 40:31-32.

It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what courage means.

St Thomas'

St Thomas''Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view **HERE** in the 'Parents' section.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Venus.

Sports Star

Well done to Muhammad Eesa K in 2 SW class.

Attendance Award

Well done to 4SP class.

Parent and Toddlers

Following on from the success of the St Thomas' Parents and Toddlers group, we will be continuing to run this term! The sessions offer numerous benefits from fostering socialisation for both parents and toddlers, promoting early learning through play, and creating a supportive community. They will take place each Wednesday from 10.00 am until 11.30 am.

If you have a toddler, come along and join in the fun! The cost of the sessions is £1.50 each session. We hope to see you there!

Diary Dates

14.01.2025 – Year 1 Maths Workshop
15.01.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
15.01.2025 – Year 6 Maths Workshop
16.01.2025 – Year 5 Maths Workshop
16.01.2025 – Reception Parent Phonics Meeting
21.01.2025 – Year 3 Maths Workshop
22.01.2025 – Year 4 Maths Workshop
22.01.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
23.01.2025 – Year 2 Maths Workshop
20.01.2025 – Year 2 and Year 6 Assessments
29.01.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group

Weather

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your incredible support during this challenging week of snow and icy conditions. It has certainly been an eventful time, but together we have persevered to ensure the best for our children. Your lovely messages of encouragement and kindness are truly appreciated. Teamwork!



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Attendance

Please see the table below for school's attendance figures.

RDB	90.90%
RAMc	92.10%
1AH	94.60%
1SM	93.50%
2SWd	95.20%
2LB	89.00%
3MB	96.90%
3LD	91.20%
4SW	92.50%
4SP	95.90%
5VKD	97.20%
5KM/JB	96.90%
6DR/JM	94.90%
6HU	93.30%
Whole School	93.90%

Reception Phonics Meeting

Thursday 16th January the reception team would like to invite all reception parents to a phonics meeting. The meeting will share how phonics is taught in reception and how you can further support your child's reading journey at home. Please see the letter on parent pay for more information or ring the school office.



Year 2 SATs Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the SATS meeting on Wednesday. We know that you will have found this event informative and gained knowledge of how you can further support your child at home. Thank you for your continued support, the year 2 team.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the year 1 phonics workshop, there was a fabulous turn out despite the weather! The meeting shared lots of important information about the phonics screening check that the children will be undertaking this year. Thank you for your continued support, the year 1 team.

Maths Workshops

Have you booked your places?
St Thomas' is welcoming all parents to year group maths workshops. The workshops will look at how the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) are taught in your child's year group. The sessions will give you the opportunity to work alongside your child, following guidance and modelling from the teachers who lead maths in school.
Please see the letter that has been sent via email for the date that reflects your child's class session and book your place on ParentPay. We look forward to seeing you then.

School Admissions

The school admissions process is now live. All applications are submitted online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. Blackburn with Darwen admission team contact details are 01254 666605 and admisson@blackburn.gov.uk. If you require any assistance, please ring the school office who will be more than happy to help you. Please remember, if your child attends our St Thomas' Nursery, you do not automatically get a place in Reception class, you will need to complete an application as detailed above.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child please speak to the school office so that your child's name can be added to the list.

The deadline dates for all applications are set out below:
Reception Class Admissions – 15th January 2025
Nursery Class Admissions – 19th January 2025