Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Raheel C and Skyla K
Reception: Yashfa H and Ethan H
Year 1: Aidah A and Shimaz M
Year 2: Khadija Z and Qasim R
Year 3: Maryam D and Kareem K
Year 4: Anaya R and Myiesha D
Year 5: Aayan P and Alyza Noor H
Year 6: Aisha A and Ayaan Q

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 at **stthomasblackburn.org.uk** in the 'Parents' section.

Attendance Award

Well done to 3MB class.

Time Beaters Award

This week's time beaters award goes to 1AH class and 2SW class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Saturn.

Cancer Bank

Message from our amazing school council: Thank you to all of the children and families who supported the Cancer Bank charity by coming into school wearing blue and pink. The charity is local and aims to provide practical help to families who may have come into hardship as a result of this illness. The charity provides people with the essentials that they may need, ranging from everyday items such as hair brushes, cosmetics to items of clothing that sufferers may need to aid them in their day-to-day life. As a school we have raised £439.31, we are overwhelmed with the generosity of our parents and send out our heart felt thanks.

Diary Dates

11.02.2025 - Internet Safety Day
11.02.2025 - Inter school Boccia Competition
12.02.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
14.02.2025 - School closes for Half Term (3.15pm)
24.02.2025 - School opens
26.02.2025 - Year 4 Parent Meeting Multiplication Check
26.02.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
03.03.2025 - Indian Dance Workshop
04.03.2025 - Indian Dance Workshop
05.03.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
06.03.2025 - World Book Day
12.03.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
13.03.2025 - Animal Visit for Years 3 and 4
14.03.2025 - British Science Day
15.03.2025 - Blackburn Rovers Event

Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to say farewell to Mrs Sidat as she moves on to new adventures. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for her hard work and support that she has shown our children over the many years. Thank you Mrs Sidat, best of luck. Love from everyone at St Thomas' CE Primary school.

Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday 11th February 2025 it is Internet Safety Day across the nation and the theme for this year is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourselves and others from scams online'.

At school we will be starting conversations, at age appropriate levels, about how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone at any age. Follow the link below to find out how to help keep yourselves and young people safe from scams at home.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers

Multiplication Check Year 4

On Wednesday 26th February, we will be holding a meeting for parents/carers about the Year 4 Multiplication Check.

The meeting will give you chance to look at the Multiplication Check in more detail and find out how you can help your child. Attendance at the meeting is of high importance as it will explore the ways in which we prepare the children for the test in school and the techniques that are to be practiced. Go to parent pay to book your place.

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Attendance

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

RDB	91.70%
RAMc	93.30%
1AH	95.70%
1SM	94.80%
2SW	96.30%
2LB	86.20%
3MB	99.30%
3LD	94.00%
4SW	86.70%
4SP	91.70%
5VKD	98.30%
5KM/JB	97.00%
6DR/JM	94.30%
6HU	96.70%

F1 Team - Making Rooms

The F1 Team visited The Making Rooms located in Blackburn Town Centre. As part of their project, they looked at the design process and components of an F1 car and moved onto designing and making their own shell which they will eventually race.

While at The Making Rooms, they looked at all of the machines and technology on offer and were shown the purpose of each machine. They looked at laser cutters, 3D printers, pottery wheels, vacuum moulding machines, plotter cutters and so many more! The children were in awe of all of the machines and what they could do. They were also surprised to learn that all of the machines used maths they have been learning in school. The children also had the chance to talk to someone who had worked for Red Bull Racing, Ferrari and other F1 teams. The children had an amazing experience and were truly inspired.



The Making Rooms is open to the public every Saturday from 10am-6pm to go and explore and learn about the technology they have.

Poisson d'avril

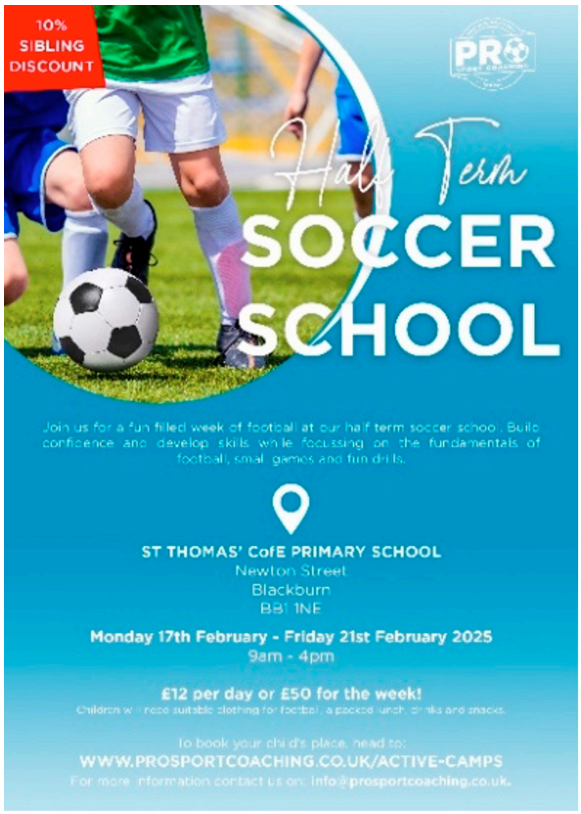
Salut! This year, In Spring 2 term, we will be holding our annual poison d'avril competition in school! This is the French April Fish competition! In France, 'April Fool's Day' is known as Poisson d'avril. Children are invited to design a fish of their own, with a friend, grown up or with siblings. We even encourage parent, staff and governor entries too! All entries are to be in school by Friday, 28th March. Winners will be announced on April 1st. Please send all entries to your child's class teacher.

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!

Half Term Football Camp

Have you booked your child's place? The February Half Term Soccer School is now live for you to book your child's place for the February half term. The football camp offers a fun filled week. Your child will build fundamental football skills whilst playing games. To book our place visit **www.prosportcoaching.co.uk/active-camps**



Appointments

If your child is attending a routine appointment, please arrange it for a time out of the school day or as near to the end of the day as possible as it has a major impact on your child's learning. If they are to have a medical appointment then the office staff and class teacher must be made aware prior to the appointment.