Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Ahmed A and Muawiyah A
Reception: Hanzalah H and Yusuf A
Year 1: Umar L and Nadir B
Year 2: Dareen H and Muhammad D
Year 3: Daruish I and Nema A
Year 4: Hania R and Tazkiyah A
Year 5: Faizan A and Anaya I
Year 6: Tasmiya G and Ali A

Forgiveness

Our school value for this half term is 'Forgiveness'. Our quote for this half term is ***"It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive."*** (Anon) It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what forgiveness 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 2LB class.

Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to 4SW class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Saturn.

Sports Star

Well done to Muhammad Arham T in 3MB class.

Diary Dates

02.04.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group – Eid party
03.04.2025 - Parents' Evening
04.04.2025 - Eid Party
04.04.2025 - School closes for Easter at 2pm
22.04.2025 - School opens for the Summer Term
23.04.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
30.04.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
07.05.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
12.05.2025 - Year 6 SATs
14.05.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
19.05.2025 - Year 2 SATs
20.05.2025 - Year 3 Mr Bethell's Class Assembly 9am
20.05.2025 - Year 2 Miss Ward's Class Assembly 2.50pm
23.05.2025 - School closes for half term break (3.15 pm)
02.06.2025 - School opens
03.06.2025 - Year 4 Multiplication Check
04.06.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
09.06.2025 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
30.06.2025 - St Thomas' Sports Week
11.07.2025 - Reports out to Parents
15.07.2025 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18.07.2025 - School closes at 2pm

Goodbye and Good Luck

We are pleased to share that Mr Barker has secured a Deputy Headship role within the borough. This is a fantastic achievement, and we know he will make a great impact in his new school. We have no doubt that he will continue to inspire and lead with the same enthusiasm and commitment that he has shown here.

Additionally, Mrs McMahon will be moving onto a class teacher role closer to home. While we will greatly miss her, we are delighted that she will have more time with family and a shorter commute! Her contributions have greatly enriched our school community.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to both Mr Barker and Mrs McMahon for their dedication, hard work, and the positive contributions they have made to our school community. They will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

Wishing them all the very best in their new roles!

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Attendance

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

RDB	90.7%
RAMc	93.6%
1AH	98.3%
1SM	98.7%
2SW	96.0%
2LB	99.3%
3MB	89.0%
3LD	98.7%
4SW	95.7%
4SP	91.7%
5VKD	93.3%
5KM/JB	96.7%
6DR/JM	97.0%
6HU	93.3%

Eid Party

On Friday 4th April the children will be celebrating Eid in school. They will be enjoying a special lunch and joining in class parties. All of the children are invited to come to school in their party clothes. Please can we ask that children wear sensible shoes and no jewellery or makeup. We look forward to celebrating together as a school.

Parents' Evening

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents evening will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2025 Nursery Parents' Evening will take place on, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April 2025.

To book an appointment visit:
https://blackburnstthomascofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk.

Please contact the school office should you need assistance with booking your appointment.



Poetry By Heart Competition

Our children had the best afternoon at the Blackburn School's Poetry By Heart Competition. The children showed fantastic oracy skills when reciting their poems. It was wonderful to see them use their expression to take the audience on a poetry journey with their words. We also really enjoyed seeing the performances from the Judge Ian, who had us all laughing out loud and acting in his poems. A huge well done to our three wonderful girls, who represented us with such pride.



Going Green – Recycling

St Thomas' School Council is getting ready to launch their exciting project all about recycling. The children are busy preparing assemblies, designing posters, and updating recycling bins around the school. They are also planning interactive activities to teach their peers about the importance of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling correctly.

As part of their efforts, they will be running competitions, setting up clubs and working in the local community to make a real difference. Their goal is to encourage everyone in the school to be more environmentally friendly and help create a greener future.

We would love for families to support this initiative at home too. Please try to involve your child in recycling by encouraging them to sort waste, reuse materials creatively, and learn about how small changes can make a big impact on the environment. Together, we can make a difference!

Did you know…..
It only takes six days to turn old books, newspapers, and magazines into new ones? Recycling paper also uses 70% less energy than making new paper from raw materials.

Poisson d'avril

Thank you to all of the children and families that have entered our poisson d.avril competition. As always, school has been immensely impressed with all of entries, well done everyone! All of the artwork is proudly displayed in school for all to see. Mrs. McMahon and her team of judges will announce the winner on April 1st 2025. Good luck if you have entered!

Ramadan Appeal

Thank you to all of our families who contributed to the Blackburn Food bank Ramadan appeal. The items collected will make a real difference to the lives of families in Blackburn with Darwen. Thank you for your generosity and support.