Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Hamza Y and Hafsa Noor K
Reception: Maliha K and Sanaya R
Year 1: Abbas R and Ibrahim D
Year 2: Zaid H and Zayyan S
Year 3: Qasim A and Kinza S
Year 4: Safoora D and Ibraheem N
Year 5: Areebah A and Zain N
Year 6: Tayyab T and Rabiya T

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 3LD class.

Time Beaters Award

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

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Jupiter.

Diary Dates

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
19.03.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
25.03.2025 - Year 4 Mr Wallace's Class Celebration Assembly at 9am
25.03.2025 - Year 1 Mrs Harrison's Class Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm
26.03.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
27.03.2025 - Inter school Poetry Competition
02.04.2025 - Parent and Toddler Group
03.04.2025 - Parent's Evening
04.04.2025 - Eid Party
04.04.2025 - School closes for Easter at 2pm
22.04.2025 - School opens for the Summer Term

World Book Day

What an amazing day the children had in school on World Book Day. There was a love of reading permeating through school were the children engaged in a range of activities such as joining in with a live BBC Teach World Book Day event, reading in dens around school, using sentence stems to tell others about the characters that they were dressed up as and the events that occur in the books, learning about the different genres of books and how to select a book to read and they spent time learning how to write a book reviews in the style of Waterstones the book shop?

To mark the day in style, each child took home a World Book Day book of their choosing and the children voted for the best costumes in each class. A huge thank you to the children for their amazing contributions to the success of the day, the teachers for organising the events and the parents for providing such fabulous, creative costumes.



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Attendance

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

RDB	84%
RAMc	95%
1AH	93%
1SM	89%
2SW	93%
2LB	92%
3MB	96%
3LD	96%
4SW	94%
4SP	93%
5VKD	91%
5KM/JB	92%
6DR/JM	94%
6HU	95%

Parents' Evening Thursday 3rd April 2025

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We would like you to attend our Parents' Evening on Thursday 3rd April 2025. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your children's work and progress with their class teacher.

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

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

Nursery Parents' Evening

Nursery Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April 2025. We would like you to attend our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd April 2025. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your children's work and progress with their class teacher.

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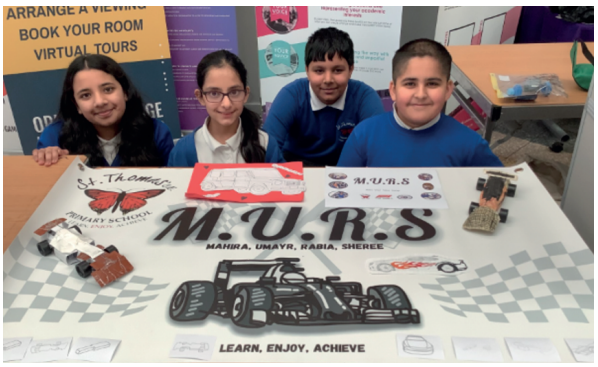
Poisson d'avril

Have you started making your fish yet? 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.

St Thomas' F1 Team

The St Thomas' F1 Team attended the 'Formula 1 in Schools' regional finals at Bolton University. The team worked hard throughout the year to research, design, test and manufacture a formula 1 car in preparation for the competition. The judges were impressed with the children's knowledge and presentational skills when outlining the rationale for their design idea. They enjoyed racing their car to highlight its performance. We are extremely proud to share that the F1 team came away with 2 awards! Well done to all of you, you have done yourselves and the school proud.



Ramadan Appeal

This year, Blackburn Food bank are holding a Ramadan appeal in order to make a real difference to the lives of families in Blackburn with Darwen.

This half term we will be collecting for the Foodbank's Ramadan appeal. Donations can be one item per family. Every donation will help ensure that no family in our community goes hungry during Ramadan and beyond.

Please send all donations with your child to their class by Monday 31st March so we can prepare for delivery. Thank you for your generosity and support.

