# Newsletter

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## Golden Children

***Nursery:*** Yahya D and Hannah Z
***Reception:*** Muhammad Israr U and Muhammad Yusuf H
***Year 1:*** Nimra H and Zahra S
***Year 2:*** Abdul Gafoor B and Afsa H
***Year 3:*** Zakariyya C and Ayaan Z
***Year 4:*** Muhammad Rehan N and Naya K
***Year 5:*** Sulaiman N and Aleena S
***Year 6:*** Muhammad P and Musa M

## Friendship

Our school value for this half term is 'Friendship'.
Our quote for this half term is "Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5.11. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what friendship 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 5KM/FM class and 6JM class.

## Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to 1AH class.

## Winning Planet Team

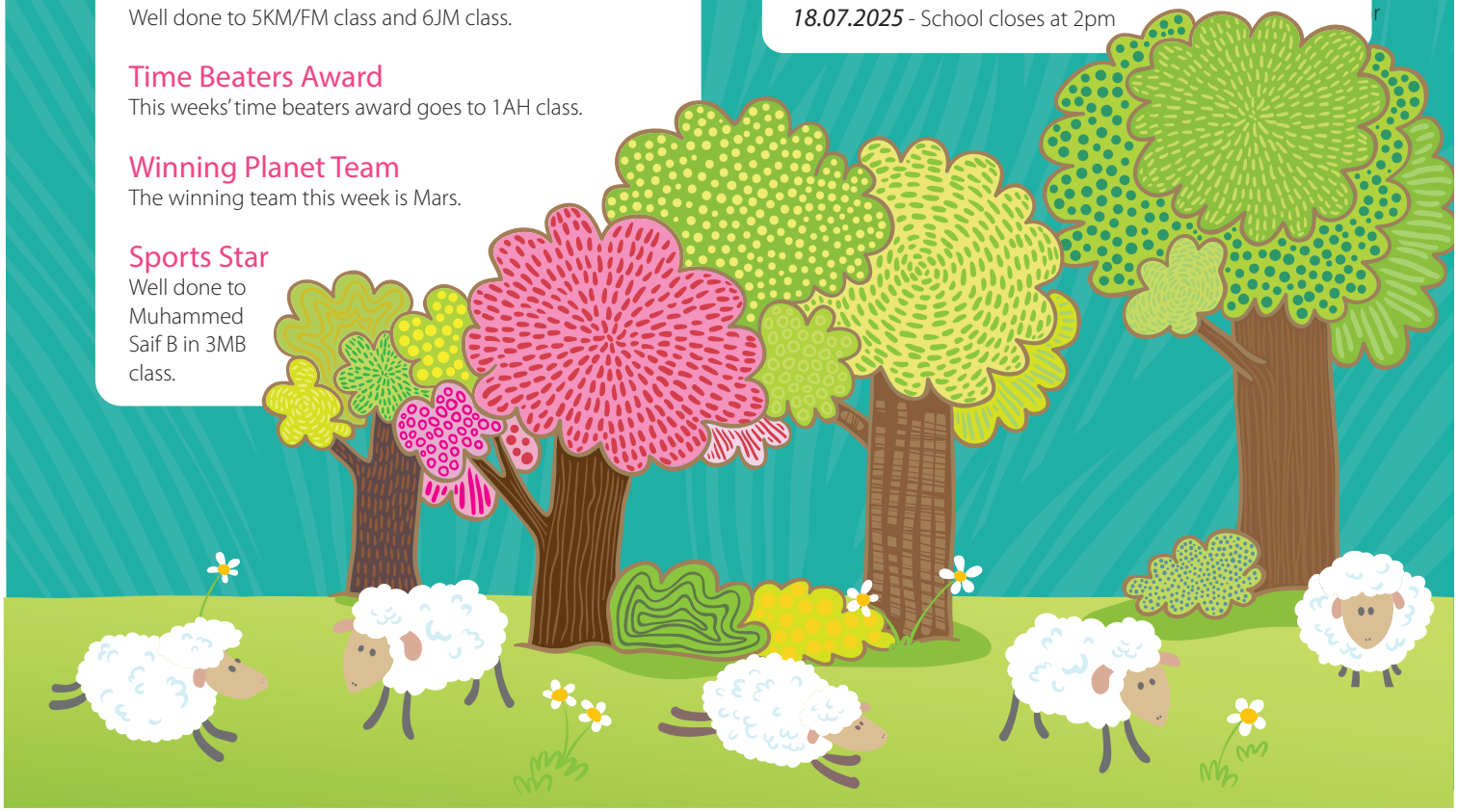
The winning team this week is Mars.

## Sports Star

Well done to Muhammed Saif B in 3MB class.

## Diary Dates

*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 1 Mrs Majid's Class Assembly 2.45pm
*21.05.2025* - Parent and Toddler Group
*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
*11.06.2025* - Year 5 Trip
*11.06.2025* - Parent and Toddler Group
*17.06.2025* - Reception Trip
*18.06.2025* - Year 1 Trip
*26.06.2025* - Year 4 Trip
*30.06.2025* - St Thomas' Sports Week
*08.07.2025* - Year 2 Trip
*11.07.2025* - Reports out to Parents
*15.07.2025* - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
*18.07.2025* - School closes at 2pm



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## Attendance

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

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|---|---|
| R2DB | 95.3% |
| R1SG | 96.7% |
| C1AH | 90.7% |
| C1SM | 96.7% |
| C2SWd | 93.4% |
| C2LB | 99.3% |
| C3MB | 97.3% |
| C3LD | 97.3% |
| C4SW | 93.3% |
| C4SP | 97.0% |
| C5VKD | 92.0% |
| C5FM/JB | 100% |
| C6HU | 96.3% |
| C6JM | 100% |




## SATs Week Year 6

Year 6 SATs begins Monday 12th May 2025. We wish all of our Year 6 children good luck for their SATs tests. We are so proud of all of the children and know that they have worked very hard in preparation. We are confident that they will do very well.

Thank you to our parents who have also supported their children through this process. SATs is nothing to worry about and we will make the process as worry-free as possible. Early nights and a good breakfast always help. All children must be in all week and are invited to attend breakfast club which is £1.50 per day. As with previous years, this encourages children to start the day in a calm and worry-free manner. All payments are to be made through ParentPay. Please ensure you sign your child into breakfast club, to do this simply follow the information that was sent via email. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher

## Year 2 SATs

Year 2 SATs will begin in school the week beginning Monday 20th May 2024. If you are sending your child into breakfast club during Assessment Week, don't forget to pay through ParentPay. The children are working really hard in order to prepare for the different tests and we are so proud of all their hard work and efforts. A huge thank you to all of our parents for their support.

## Sports Week

Our annual Sports Day will take place the week beginning 2nd June 2025. Please note that this date is very much dependent on the weather. The week will be organised as follows:

| *Date:* | *Class:* |
|---|---|
| Monday 30th June | Years 5 and 6 |
| Tuesday 1st July | Years 3 and 4 |
| Wednesday 2nd July | Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Thursday 3rd July | Nursery and Reception |

We are asking the children to come in for the day in their sports clothes and to wear an item of clothing linked to their planet colour:

Mars – Red
Venus – Blue
Saturn – Yellow
Jupiter – Green

Parents and carers are invited to watch on your child's allocated day from 2.15pm. Please use the back of school opposite Lidl to enter and stand behind the barrier on the school field. We look forward to welcoming you to our sport day, a day that celebrates the power of sports and the potential within each of our students. If the weather is warm, please you provide your child with a sun hat and apply sun screen at home. Children do not need to bring bottles of water from home as all children are provided with one to keep hydrated. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. Together, let us create a memorable Sports Day that our young athletes will cherish for years to come.

## FLL LEGO League

St Thomas' MICRO Ocean Team had an incredible day at the First Lego League National Finals in Harrogate. The first task of the day was to execute their robot, programming precise instructions for it to perform all of the tasks set out on the circuit table. The team was awarded an impressive score of 185 in their final robot game! Next the team presented their 'micro ocean' project to the judges, this was the highlight of the competition. Here the children impressed the judges with their depth of knowledge, creativity and thorough research.

Team 'Micro Ocean' had a fantastic experience and shone when competing against high school teams from across the country. We hope that this experience has inspired each one of them as they look ahead to future careers in science, technology, engineering and innovation.




## What is Pollution?

Pollution is when the environment (air, water, land) becomes dirty and unhealthy because of harmful substances. It can be caused by things like factories, cars, rubbish, and even things we use every day. Pollution can be bad for people, animals, and the environment.

### *What can we do?*

See the table below and select one thing to do to make a change. If we all play our part we really will make a difference.

| | |
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| Walk to school for a week | Reduce air pollution |
| Recycle all your paper rubbish | Stop the cutting down of trees to make paper |
| Drop off unwanted clothing to a charity shop | Stop clothing from going into a landfill site – it will not decompose! |
| Take your rubbish home and put it in the right bin to be recycled | Don't litter – protect creatures for being hurt or trapped in litter. |

## Parking Safely

Please ensure you park safely when dropping off and picking up your child(ren) from school. We have had some very serious near miss collisions. Please park on the Lidl car park as opposed to the narrow road between school and Lidl and similarly, please avoid parking on the small road outside of the main school gates off Newton Street. The heavy congestion around these areas make it unsafe for our children to walk into school. Please park further away from school and make the short walk to the school gates with your child.

Children need the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents/guardians on the way to school. They need to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risks when walking around their local community. Furthermore, walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

## End of School Day Collection

Once you have collected your child, please do not leave them unsupervised on the field while picking up other children or heading to Lidl. To ensure a safe and smooth dismissal, we ask you exit promptly after pick up with your children. Please be aware that once children have been dismissed into your care, any incidents that may occur become your responsibility.