Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Hamza Y and Haseeb M
Reception: Arham M and Isaiah Y
Year 1: Yahya H and Rayyaan G
Year 2: Nayyab M and Zahra D
Year 3: Hirah A and Aysha A
Year 4: Bilaal C and Tazkiyah A
Year 5: Aamir M and Sulaiman N
Year 6: Aisha A and Alisha N

Respect

Our school value for this half term is 'Respect'. Our quote for this half term is "Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them." J. Johnson. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what respect 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 5FM class.

Time Beaters Award

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

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

Emergency Contact Details

Please can all parents ensure that the School Office has up to date contact details and emergency contact details with work telephone numbers where necessary.

Diary Dates

23.06.2025 – Assessment Week
24.06.2025 – Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
25.06.2025 – Nursery and Reception Induction Evening
26.06.2025 – Year 4 Trip
30.06.2025 – St Thomas' Sports Week
30.06.2025 – Nursery Stay and Play
02.07.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
02.07.2025 – Nursery Stay and Play
02.07.2025 – Reception Stay and Play
03.07.2025 – Nursery Stay and Play
03.07.2025 – Reception Stay and Play
07.07.2025 – Year 6 Activities Week
08.07.2025 – Year 2 Trip
08.07.2025 – Meet the New Teacher
08.07.2025 – Year 3 Mrs Douglas' Class Assembly
11.07.2025 – Reports out to Parents
15.07.2025 – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
18.07.2025 – School closes at 2pm

Next Academic Year - Meet the New Teacher

On Tuesday 8th July, we will be holding a meeting for parents/carers to meet with your child's new class teacher from Year 1 to Year 6. The meeting will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher who will share lots of important information. There will be two meeting times to choose from: 3.30 – 4.00pm or 4.00pm-4:30pm. Please log onto to your parent pay account to book your place for one of the above meetings. We look forward to seeing you then.



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Attendance

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

R2DB	98.3%
R1SG	94.1%
C1AH	98.0%
C1SM	93.3%
C2SWd	99.0%
C2LB	96.7%
C3MB	99.7%
C3LD	97.0%
C4SW	97.0%
C4SP	98.0%
C5VKD	95.3%
C5FM/JB	100%
C6HU	95.7%
C6JM	97.0%

New to Nursery and Reception Induction Evening

The Nursery and Reception team will be holding their annual 'Induction Evening' on Wednesday 25th June. This important evening is essential for all parents to attend as it will share lots of vital information about your child starting Nursery and school in September. We look forward to seeing all our parents for at event.

Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception

We cannot wait to welcome all of our new Nursery and Reception children into school for our 'Stay and Play' sessions. We ask all parents to make every opportunity for their child to come into school on these sessions to spend time with their new teachers and other children who are going to be in the same class in September.

Reception Stay and Play

- Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 4.00pm to 5.00 pm
- Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 4.00pm to 5.00 pm

Feel free to attend both sessions with your child

Nursery Stay and Play

- Monday 30th June for all **full time** (30 hour) children 3.15 - 4.00 pm
- Wednesday 2nd July for all **Morning** Nursery children 3.15 - 4.00 pm
- Thursday 3rd July for all **Afternoon** Nursery children 3.15 - 4.00 pm

Year 6 Cricket

The St. Thomas' Cricket team took part in the inter schools Blackburn with Darwen cricket tournament at Darwen Cricket Club. The children enjoyed playing in a number of matches against other school teams and won a total of three matches. All involved had a fabulous time and represented school well with their cricketing skills and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone who participated in this sporting event.

Sports Week

Our annual Sports Day will take place the week beginning 30th 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.

Recycling

Did you know…

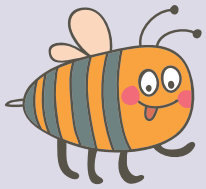
In the UK we throw away around 455,000 tonnes of plastic bottles every year – equivalent to around 9.1 billion bottles. Around 11% of our household waste is plastic and 40% of this is plastic bottles. Are we doing our bit and recycling our plastic bottles and other recyclable plastic items?

Make a pledge …

Select one thing to do from the list below, to make a change. If we all play our part, we really will make a difference!

- Walk to school for a week
- Reduce air pollution
- Recycle all of 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 from being hurt or trapped in litter.





Community Watch and Safety

We have recently been informed of several incidents in the area involving car break ins and cars being stolen. Please park with caution when parking along Newton Street, St Clements Street (towards the infant area) including the surrounding side streets.

To help reduce the risk we advise:

- Do not leave any valuable items visible inside your vehicle and on show.
- Always double check that your vehicle is securely locked, including windows and sunroofs.
- Report any suspicious behaviour to:
  Crimestoppers (anonymous) https://crimestoppers-uk.org/
  For Police non urgent 111
  https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/PEDisclaimer/Create

Increased vigilance and proactive safety measures can make a significant difference. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our community safe.

Uniform

As we are reaching the summer holiday and you will be preparing to buy your child's next academic years uniform, we have a list of our uniform and P.E kits.

School Uniform

- Royal blue sweat shirt (doesn't have to have school logo on)
- White polo shirt (doesn't have to have school logo on)
- Grey trousers/skirt/ shorts
- Blue and white pinafore in summer
- Black shoes (not trainers or boots)
- White, blue or black socks, tights or leggings.

PE kit

- Royal blue shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black plimsolls (trainers only for outdoors)
- Blue jogging bottoms and plain sweatshirt for outdoor PE
- No tights to be worn for PE
- Blue leggings can be worn under PE shorts by Year 5 and 6 girls (leggings to be purchased from the school office)

Please can we remind all parents to clearly label their child's uniform.

