Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Salahuddin M and Muhammad Ali R
Reception: Muhammad Musa S and Ferhad H
Year 1: Shimaz M and Zayd P
Year 2: Abdullah H and Umayrah M
Year 3: Umair S and Fatima K
Year 4: Subhaan H and Owais A
Year 5: Aaliyah P and Areebah A
Year 6: Shayaan M and Zahra 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 6HU class.

Time Beaters Award

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

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Jupiter.
The winning planet for the half term is Saturn. The children in planet team Saturn can come into school on Friday 6th June in non-uniform clothes.

Sports Star

Well done to Isaa T in 2SW class and Ahmad Raza I in 6JM class.

Year 2 SATs

Last week our Year 2 children sat their school assessments. As a staff, we would like to say a huge well done to every child, we are extremely proud of their consistent hard work and continuous effort throughout the school year. A huge thank you to our parents who have supported the children throughout this process, as a school we value your support immensely.

Diary Dates

02.06.2025 – School opens
02.06.2025 – Pools to School
03.06.2025 – Year 4 Multiplication Check
04.06.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
09.06.2025 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
09.06.2025 – Pools to School
11.06.2025 – Year 5 Trip
11.06.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
16.06.2025 – Pools to School
17.06.2025 – Reception Trip
18.06.2025 – Year 1 Trip
18.06.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
26.06.2025 – Year 4 Trip
30.06.2025 – St Thomas' Sports Week
02.07.2025 – Parent and Toddler Group
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.

R2DB	92.1%
R1SG	94.5%
C1AH	94.6%
C1SM	98.3%
C2SWd	91.6%
C2LB	95.3%
C3MB	98.3%
C3LD	97.9%
C4SW	95.8%
C4SP	98.8%
C5VKD	94.2%
C5FM/JB	96.3%
C6HU	100%
C6JM	98.3%

Magic Map Writing

A number of children entered a 'Magic Map' writing competition. The competition was open to all children in classes from year 3 to year 6. The focus of the writing competition was to write an adventure story in 100 words! The stories were created in the children's own time at home and school submitted the 47 stories created. The winners of the competition were to have their stories published in a book of short stories. We are proud to announce that all the entries were selected as winners and all 47 short adventure stories are to be published! The young write judges wrote "having all your pupils' work published is something to be proud of, it doesn't happen every day! We were impressed with their writing and it is clear that you've really inspired and engaged them". This is a remarkable achievement for our children which goes to show the talented writers that we have in school. A huge well done to the children who entered and won!



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.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The week beginning Monday 9th June is the week of the Phonics Screening Check for all year 1 children across the country. This statutory assessment is carried out annually for all children who are in year 1 across the country. The phonics check is a one-to-one assessment that assesses a child's phonic knowledge. We wish all the year 1 children and teachers' good luck for the assessment and as a school we would like to thank all of our parents for their continued support.

Pools to Schools

We are extremely excited to let you know that pool is coming back to St Thomas' playground for a total of three weeks in June. From the 2nd June 2025 until 20th June 2025, all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be given the opportunity to swim. This is an amazing opportunity for our children and we are all extremely excited. Letters that outline when your child's class is to swim will be sent home for your information.

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 …

The average person in the UK uses around 200kg of paper every year. We must try hard to recycle all paper and card waste, for every tonne of recycled newspaper, we save 17 trees!

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 you rubbish home and put it in the right bin to be recycled
- Don't litter – protect creatures from being hurt or trapped in litter.