Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Haniya H and Anaya H
Reception: Hannah H and Aasiyah-Noor J
Year 1: Zakariyya A and M. Arham
Year 2: Rayya S and Anayah H
Year 3: Nayyab M and Aaminah A
Year 4: Zohha N and Angela C
Year 5: Aayan R and Hania R
Year 6: Zara F and Sara N

Thankfulness

Our school value for his half term is 'thankfulness'. Our quote for this half term is... ***"Always be thankful."*** *(1 Thessalonians 5.16).* It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about all the things that we are thankful for.

St Thomas'

St Thomas''Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view at **stthomasblackburn.org.uk** in the 'Parents' section.

Sports Star

Well done to Ruqqaiya S in R2AYclass.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 2BM class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to 5JK class.

Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to 3VKD class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

School Photograph

School photographs will be taking place in school on Monday 6th October 2025. Please ensure your child arrives to school in full clean smart uniform. Please note: If we do not have photograph consent from our general consent form, your child will be unable to have their photograph taken. If you would like a new form, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

01.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
06.10.2025 – School Photograph Day
07.10.2025 – FLU Vaccination
08.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
11.10.2025 – World Mental Health Day
15.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
16.10.2025 – Reception Reading Meeting
22.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
24.10.2025 – Inset Day – School closed for children
29.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
03.11.2025 – Inset Day – School closed for children
04.11.2025 – Start of Autumn 2
12.11.2025 – Year 3 Cinema Trip
14.11.2025 – Anti Bullying Day
14.11.2025 – Year 4 Cinema Trip
19.11.2025 – Year 5 Cinema Trip
19.11.2025 – Year 2 Fire Safety Talk



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Attendance

Daily attendance in school is of the greatest importance for your child's learning. Children are required to be in school for 190 days of the year. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, visits, holidays and any non-urgent appointments. We thank all of our parents in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

RDB	90.5%
RAY	92.3%
1SM	88.0%
1JM	98.0%
2SW	97.0%
2BM	98.3%
3VKD	97.0%
3SY	94.7%
4SW	97.0%
4MB	96.3%
5JK	94.0%
5JY	97.7%
6HU	97.7%
6DR	94.7%

Parents and Toddlers

St Thomas' continues to welcome all parent and toddlers to 'Parent and Toddler' sessions. It has been wonderful to see so many new parents and children in attendance. The sessions enable parents and carers to chat to others and bring their toddlers along to make new friends, play and develop critical skills.

Venue: St Thomas' School Hall
Day: Wednesday
Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am
Cost: £1.50

Library

St Thomas' promotes the importance of reading with all our children and library sessions will shortly be starting at school. We are excited to share our wonderful and varied selection of books with the children. The option to give consent for your child to take a book home is now on Parentpay so please ensure that this is completed so that children are able to enjoy our books at home as well as in school.

Updated Contact Details

Please ensure school has your updated email and contact details. We will be sending all letters and messages via email to the details we have on our school system. If you are unsure, please ring the school office to confirm or alternatively email us at: office@stthomasce.blackburn.sch.uk.

Uniform

A reminder about our school uniform at St Thomas'. Please can we make sure that all our children are wearing the correct school uniform. May we also ask that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, this will ensure that we can locate any misplaced items. Follow the link below for our uniform page on our school website. Thank you
www.stthomasblackburn.org.uk/parents/uniform/

Guided Reading Workshops

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the guided reading workshops for years 4, 5 and 6. We once again received lots of positive feedback from all of the parents who attended. Parents continued to share fantastic feedback on how informative the sessions were in providing guidance on supporting children's reading at home. The children were really excited and proud to work alongside their parent and it has been wonderful to share how we teach reading here at St Thomas'.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mahamroot and family! They are our lucky raffle ticket winners of a £10 Waterstones book voucher for attending the Reading Workshop!

We are so excited to celebrate their win and cannot wait to see the wonderful reading journey continue at home. Remember, every time we come together to read, we're building brighter futures, one page at a time!

School Admissions

The school admissions process is now live for Reception and High school application forms. All applications are submitted online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions and Blackburn with Darwen admission team contact details are 01254 666605 and admissons@blackburn.gov.uk. Should you require any assistance, please ring the school office who will be more than happy to help you should you encounter any issues. Please remember, if your child attends our St Thomas' Nursery, you do not automatically get a place in Reception class, you will need to complete an application as detailed above. If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child please speak to the school office so that your child's name can be added to the list.

The deadline dates for all applications are set out below:
Secondary School Admissions - 31st October 2025
Reception Class Admissions – 15th January 2026
Nursery Class Admissions – 16th January 2026

