Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Abdul-Sami Q and Juwayriyah S
Reception: Inaya N and Abdussamad C
Year 1: Zakariya A and Ghufairah S
Year 2: Uswa U and Nadir B
Year 3: Zahra D and Humaira U
Year 4: Zaineb I and Hassan N
Year 5: Aisha P and Safoora D
Year 6: Aleena S and Maryam

Sports Star

Well done to Aamir M in 6DR class.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 2SW class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to 5JY class.

Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to 4SW and 3VKD classes.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Jupiter.

Diary Dates

14.10.2025 – Year 6 WW1 Workshop
15.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
16.10.2025 – Reception Reading Meeting
22.10.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
22.10.2025 – Year 6 UK Parliament Visit
24.10.2025 – Inset Day – School closed for children
03.11.2025 – Inset Day – School closed for children
04.11.2025 – Start of Autumn 2
05.11.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
12.11.2025 – Year 3 Cinema Trip
12.11.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
14.11.2025 – Anti Bullying Day
14.11.2025 – Year 4 Cinema Trip
19.11.2025 – Year 5 Cinema Trip
19.11.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
19.11.2025 – Year 2 Fire Safety Talk
24.11.2025 – Assessment Week
26.11.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
03.12.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
09.12.2025 – Parent Progress Meeting
10.12.2025 – Parents and Toddlers
11.12.2025 – Reception Phonics Meeting

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.



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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	98.6%
RAY	90.0%
1SM	91.0%
1JM	95.3%
2SW	99.0%
2BM	98.3%
3VKD	98.3%
3SY	95.0%
4SW	96.0%
4MB	98.0%
5JK	96.0%
5JY	96.3%
6HU	96.0%
6DR	90.3%

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

UK Parliament Visit

Year 6 have been given the amazing opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to explore London and find out more on how our country is governed. The day will start at approximately 5.30am (times may change) at Preston Train Station, returning to the train station the same day at approximately 8.00pm.

The cost of the trip is £35.00 which includes the train journey and an evening meal. Places are limited so please book as soon as possible via Parent Pay.

Snacks

Children can bring a healthy snack into school to eat at break time. Please can all parents be aware that the snacks provided for break time should not be crisps, chocolate bars and/or nuts. When children eat sugary foods, they are less likely to concentrate during lessons. Therefore, please ensure your child is given a healthy option such as fruits and raisins.

Please note that St Thomas' is a 'nut free' school, this is to protect our children with severe nut allergies.

Reception Phonics Meeting

A reminder that all reception parents are invited into school on Thursday 16th October 2025 for our annual phonics meeting. The phonics meeting is an opportunity for the reception teachers to share how we teach early reading at St Thomas' and how you can support your children at home on their reading journey. To secure your place please sign up to a session on Parent Pay. The sessions will be held in your child's classroom; please enter school via the door that your child is dismissed from each day. We look forward to seeing all of the reception parents there.

Year 6 World War One Workshop

We are excited to share that Year 6 children will be participating in an interactive workshop run by Great War Workshops on Tuesday 14th October. During this workshop, the children will learn all about World War 1 and will have the opportunity to dress in the uniform of a British soldier of the first world war. The children will also gain a deeper understanding of the life of a soldier and be able to investigate and handle a wide range of artefacts to further develop their understanding.

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

