Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Eleggua S and Muhammad Yusuf P
Reception: Aaliyah S and Fatimah M
Year 1: Muhammad Azaan C and Hania U
Year 2: Khadija R and Adeela A
Year 3: Maryam P and Simra T
Year 4: Leena P and Isa I
Year 5: Mihrimah A and Amana C
Year 6: Aleena K and Safa A

Perseverance

Our school value for this half term is 'Perseverance'. Our quote for this half term is ***"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*** Philippians 4.13. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what perseverance 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.

Sports Star

Well done to Taimur T in 3VKD class.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 6HU class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to 3SY class.

Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to 2SW class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning planet 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 27th February in non-uniform clothes.



Diary Dates

23.02.2026 – Start of Spring 2
25.02.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
27.02.2026 – F1 in Schools Competition
02.03.2026 – Year 6 Electricity Workshops
03.03.2026 – Year 5 Online Safety Workshop
03.03.2026 – Parents Online Safety Workshop
04.03.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
09.03.2026 – Assessment week
11.03.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
13.03.2026 – British Science Day
17.03.2026 – Year 3 School Trip
18.03.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
21.03.2026 – Design Technology Day
23.03.2026 – Indian Dance Workshop
24.03.2026 – Indian Dance Workshop
25.03.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
26.03.2026 – Parents Evening
27.03.2026 – School closes at 2pm
13.04.2026 – Start of Summer 1
15.04.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
22.04.2026 – Parent and Toddlers

World Book Day Friday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March, we are exploring the theme of 'Courageous Advocacy'. We are planning an exciting day around a book titled Say Something by Peter H Reynolds. The book explores the concept of how we can use our voice to stand up for the right things in a positive way; this could relate to bullying, climate change and topics such as recycling.

Year Nursery & Reception – Litter and recycling
Year 1 & Year 2 – Friendships
Year 3 & Year 4 – Health and well being
Year 5 and Year 6 – The Awe and Wonder of Nature

This year we are inviting all children to come dressed as a hero. We know that all heroes don't necessarily wear a cape, your child may like to come dressed as their hero, this could be a family member who they look up to, a doctor or nurse, sports star etc. This could also be a homemade outfit that promotes recycling or an outfit that has positive phrases and words on based on friendships. Follow the link to listen to stories on the World Book Day website.
www.worldbookday.com/families/share-a-story-corner

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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. As a reminder:

- Please call the school office before 8.30am if your child is not going to be at school
- Absence due to illness can be unauthorised, if we suspect your child is well enough to come to school. This can also result in a fine of up to £160 per adult per child for persistent absence.
- Pupils with less than 90% attendance are referred to as persistent absentees.
- Holidays in term time will receive a fine (up to £160 per adult per child) and could lead to prosecution or other legal interventions.

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	85.9%
RAY	95.0%
1SM	87.3%
1JM	89.7%
2SW	95.7%
2BM	93.3%
3VKD	92.3%
3SY	95.0%
4SW	95.0%
4MB	87.7%
5JK	90.7%
5SG	96.7%
6HU	99.3%
6DR	98.0%

Parents and Toddlers

Following on from the huge success of St Thomas' parent and toddler group, we are continuing to run the sessions this term! Each week, toddlers can explore a wide range of toys and activities designed to support their language, physical and social development. We also enjoy welcoming guest specialists in early childhood development, who share valuable tips and engaging activities with our families.

Last Wednesday we had a visit from Hannah Grundy who is from Family Hub. Hannah shared information on half term clubs, workshops and parenting clubs. She also shared valuable tips on toileting and diet. Feedback from parents and carers was that the session was very informative and helpful. For more information on the services that Family Hub offer, please visit:
https://familyhubsbwd.org

Our sessions also offer a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to connect, chat and build friendships within our school community.
Venue: St Thomas' School Hall
Day: Wednesday
Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am
Cost: £1.50

EYFS Outdoor Area

Work is progressing in the EYFS outdoor area and we would once again like to thank parents and carers for your continued support and co-operation. The area has now been cleared and is ready for the next exciting phase beginning after half term.

Reception children will continue to line up at the picnic benches area (St Clements entrance) for drop-off and collection, and we thank parents, staff and children for their co-operation whilst these temporary arrangements are in place.







Exploring Parables through Lego Serious Play

Some of our Worship Team were recently invited to a Primary Pupils RE Conference 'Lego Serious Play'. The children had a wonderful day taking part in learning through Lego. They learned about how Lego can support learning in RE through collaboration and deep reflection. We were proud to observe their mature attitude and articulate responses. As usual our children displayed impeccable behaviour and made us very proud. Well done children!





