Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Muhammad Ali U and Halima I
Reception: Amal F and Uswa J
Year 1: Anas U and Musa S
Year 2: Muhammad M and Kulthum P
Year 3: Elias F and Zaira P
Year 4: Kauthar N and Yahya F
Year 5: Duaa T and Talha A
Year 6: Aisha P and Zainab S

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 Musa N in 5JK class.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 5SG class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to RAY class.

Time Beaters Award

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

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

1JM and 4SW Class Assemblies

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the class assemblies for classes 1JM and 4SW. The children really enjoyed celebrating their hard work with you and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us to share in these special moments. We look forward to welcoming more families into school for future assemblies each half term.

Diary Dates

09.02.2026 – Children Mental Health Day
10.02.2026 – Whole School Poetry Day
11.02.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
12.02.2026 – Parents Lancashire Mind Presentation
13.02.2026 – Safer Internet Day
13.02.2026 – School closes for half-term
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



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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	93.0%
RAY	94.0%
1SM	87.0%
1JM	92.0%
2SW	95.7%
2BM	91.7%
3VKD	94.3%
3SY	86.6%
4SW	93.3%
4MB	91.6%
5JK	93.0%
5SG	97.0%
6HU	95.9%
6DR	92.7%

Safer Internet Day

On Friday 13th February, the children will be taking part in a range of activities to mark Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

With AI becoming an increasingly common part of everyday life, it is important that children develop the skills and confidence to make safe and informed choices when using smart technology. Throughout the day, staff will support the children in exploring the impact of AI on our lives, discussing how it can be used positively, and offering guidance to help them use technology safely and responsibly.

EYFS Outdoor Area

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and co-operation as work begins in the EYFS outdoor area. We will do everything possible to keep disruption to a minimum and to ensure that robust safety measures are in place at all times for the safety of our children, staff and families.

We would especially like to thank our reception children, parents and staff for their flexibility and co-operation with the temporary changes to drop off and hometime collection arrangements.

This marks the start of a very exciting transformation of our early years outdoor area, and we are really looking forward to the fantastic new facilities that will enhance and support the children's learning. We will keep you informed of progress. As you can see from the before and after pictures from this week's work, significant progress has been made already.



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. On Wednesday 11th February we have an exciting visit from Hannah Grundy who is from Family Hub. Hannah will share with parents and carers all about what resources and facilities are at the Family Hub, as well as some valuable parenting tips. 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

