Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Hooria M and Ruhaan K
Reception: Anaya K and Idrees C
Year 1: Parishay B and Wasim I
Year 2: Inaaya T and Dawood Q
Year 3: Afsa H and Syed Haider
Year 4: M Yahya F and Noraiz Z
Year 5: Uthmaan M and Hadia R
Year 6: Barirah S and Amilah M

Service

Our school value for this half term is 'Service'. Our quote for this half term is ***"Serve one another in love.'*** Galatians 5.13.
It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what service 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.

SATs Week Year 6

Year 6 SATs begins Monday 11th May 2026.
We wish all of our Year 6 children good luck for their SATs tests. We are so proud of all of the children and know that they have worked very hard in preparation. We are con¬fident that they will do very well. Thank you to our parents who have also supported their children through this process. SATs is nothing to worry about and we will make the process as worry-free as possible. Early nights and a good breakfast always help. All children must be in all week and are invited to attend breakfast club. As with previous years, this encourages children to start the day in a calm and worry-free manner. Please ensure you sign your child into breakfast club, to do this simply follow the information that was sent via email. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher

Jewellery

Please ensure children do not come to school wearing jewellery. Children are allowed to wear small studs (gold, silver or clear). If other jewellery is worn, you children will be asked to remove. Please be aware that children cannot join in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings.

Reception School Places

On Thursday 16th April 2026 reception school places have been allocated, you will have received an email from the admission department of the local authority. Please ensure that you accept your child's place as soon as possible. Congratulations to those of you who have secured a place at St Thomas' Primary School. We are busy preparing your child's induction to school and are excited to see you all soon.

Diary Dates

20.04.2026 – Year 4 School Trip
21.04.2026 – Year 5 School Trip
22.04.2026 – Parent and Toddlers
22.04.2026 – Nursery School Trip
28.04.2026 – Police Talk Nursery
29.04.2026 – Parent and Toddlers
04.05.2026 – School closed May Day
06.05.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
11.05.2026 – SATs Week Year 6
13.05.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
18.05.2026 – SATs Week Year 2
19.05.2026 – 5JK Class Assembly
19.05.2026 – RDB Class Assembly
20.05.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
22.05.2026 – Parliament Trip 6HU
22.05.2026 – School Closes for Half Term
01.06.2026 – School Opens
01.06.2026 – Pools to School
01.06.2026 – Multiplication Tables Check Year 4
08.06.2026 – Pools to School
08.06.2026 – Phonics Screening Check Week Year 1
10.06.2026 – Reception Trip
11.06.2026 – Singing Event Year 6
15.06.2026 – Assessment Week
17.06.2026 – Nursery and Reception Induction Evening
24.06.2026 – Year 2 Trip
29.06.2026 – Sports Week
03.07.2026 – Parliament Trip 6DR
06.07.2026 – Activities Week Year 6
07.07.2026 – Meet the New Teacher Meeting
14.07.2026 – Leavers Assembly Year 6
17.07.2026 – School Closes for the Summer holidays at 2pm

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 3SY class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to 1JM class.

Winning Planet team

The winning team this week is Saturn.

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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.

RDB	93.3%
RAY	88.6%
1SM	90.3%
1JM	93.8%
2SW	95.3%
2BM	90.0%
3VKD	93.8%
3SY	97.8%
4SW	88.7%
4MB	91.6%
5JK	91.7%
5SG	89.3%
6HU	94.8%
6DR	89.7%

National Year of Reading 2026

Did you know that this year is the 'National Year of Reading'? This is a Nationwide campaign to promote children's love of reading and to boost children's engagement in reading. At St Thomas' reading is at the heart of our school curriculum and we are proud to announce that this week some children will be earning their gold reading badges. We know that a child who reads often is a child who succeeds. During the school day we have many opportunities to read and our class and school libraries hold a number of varied and rich books.

There are many ways in which you can support and develop your child's love of reading at home. You can go to the local library and borrow books for free, you can make time everyday to sit and share a book together, find out what types of books your child is interested in reading and ensure that they are regular users of the school library.

" Reading is a passport to lots of exciting adventures."

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

