Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: M Ayan M and Aaminah P
Reception: Haseeb M and Hamza Y
Year 1: Ahmed R and M Ayaan A
Year 2: Jeremiah S and M Yusuf R
Year 3: Mikaeel M and Eesa T
Year 4: Zainab K and Hirah A
Year 5: Mustafa I and Aliza M
Year 6: Areebah A and Anayah S

Year 3 Trip to Brockholes

The children in year 3 visited Brockholes Nature Reserve this week as part of their learning about Rivers. The children had an amazing day, learning about how rivers are formed, seeing evidence of river erosion, den making with large branches and seeing how fire is made from rubbing flints together! The children's behaviour and manners shone through throughout the day and the weather was glorious.



Diary Dates

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 – Eid Party
27.03.2026 – School closes at 2pm
13.04.2026 – Start of Summer 1
15.04.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
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
29.04.2026 – Parent and Toddlers
04.05.2026 – School closed
06.05.2026 – Parents and Toddlers

Justice

Our school value for this half term is 'Justice'. Our quote for this half term is ***"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of Justice."*** (Nelson Mandela). It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what justice 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 Mokadas I in 3SY class.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 5JK class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to 4MB class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

Eid Mubarak

As Ramadan comes to an end, we wish our families, friends and community a joyful Eid celebration. May Eid bring peace, happiness and endless blessings to you and your loved ones.

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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	94.7%
RAY	96.9%
1SM	89.3%
1JM	94.1%
2SW	97.7%
2BM	90.0%
3VKD	94.5%
3SY	96.7%
4SW	94.0%
4MB	95.5%
5JK	100%
5SG	95.0%
6HU	99.3%
6DR	92.3%

1SM and 4MB Class Assemblies

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in year 4 Mr Bethell's class and year 1 Mrs Majid's class who celebrated their amazing work in their class assemblies this week. The parents were immensely proud of the hard work and efforts of their child over the spring term. The staff and chidlren wanted to say thank you to all of the parents who attended. As always, your support is invaluable.

Eid-Ul-Fitr

The children across school will be celebration Eid on Friday 27th March. They will be enjoying a special lunch of traditional food and will be having a class party. All children are invited to come to school in their Eid clothes on this day. Please can all children wear sensible footwear and we ask that children do not wear jewellery for health and safety reasons. We cannot wait for the celebrations to begin.

Parents' Evening Thursday 26th March 2026

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

We would like you to attend our Parents' Evening on Thursday 26th March 2026. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your children's work and progress with their class teacher.

To book an appointment visit:
https://blackburnstthomascofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk.
Please contact the school office should you need assistance with booking your appointment.

Nursery Parents' Evening

Nursery Parents' Evening will take place on, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 2026.

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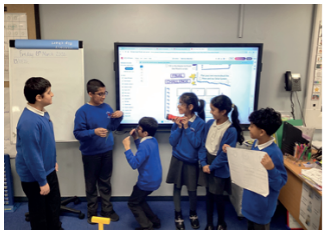
British Science Week

During British Science Week, our theme was 'Curiosity – What's your question?'

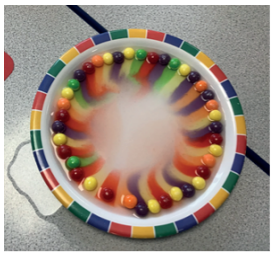
Each class explored a scientific question, working collaboratively in groups to share ideas and develop their thinking. The children used their speaking and listening skills to make predictions, plan investigations, and present their findings to their peers.

The children investigated a wide range of exciting ideas from discovering which material makes the best handkerchief to exploring how light travels between the Sun and the Moon. It was truly wonderful to see and hear the children thinking, questioning and communicating like scientists as they explored their ideas.









Indian Dance Workshops

On Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March 2026, we are excited to announce that the whole school will be participating in an Indian Dance Workshop. Traditional dance routines set to music will form the basis for the dancing sessions lead by a specialist dance teacher. Please make sure that your child has their indoor PE kit in school for both of these days so that they can fully participate in what is guaranteed to be a fantastic and enjoyable experience.