Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Emaan N and M Zain A
Reception: Fajr Noor M and Omar I
Year 1: Nabila S and Abdulrahman K
Year 2: Huzaifa N and Amira H
Year 3: Fatimah Noor R and Aaminah H
Year 4: Muhammad Arham T and Aleeza E
Year 5: Adam Ali N and Isaac A
Year 6: Safa M and Sulaiman N

Service

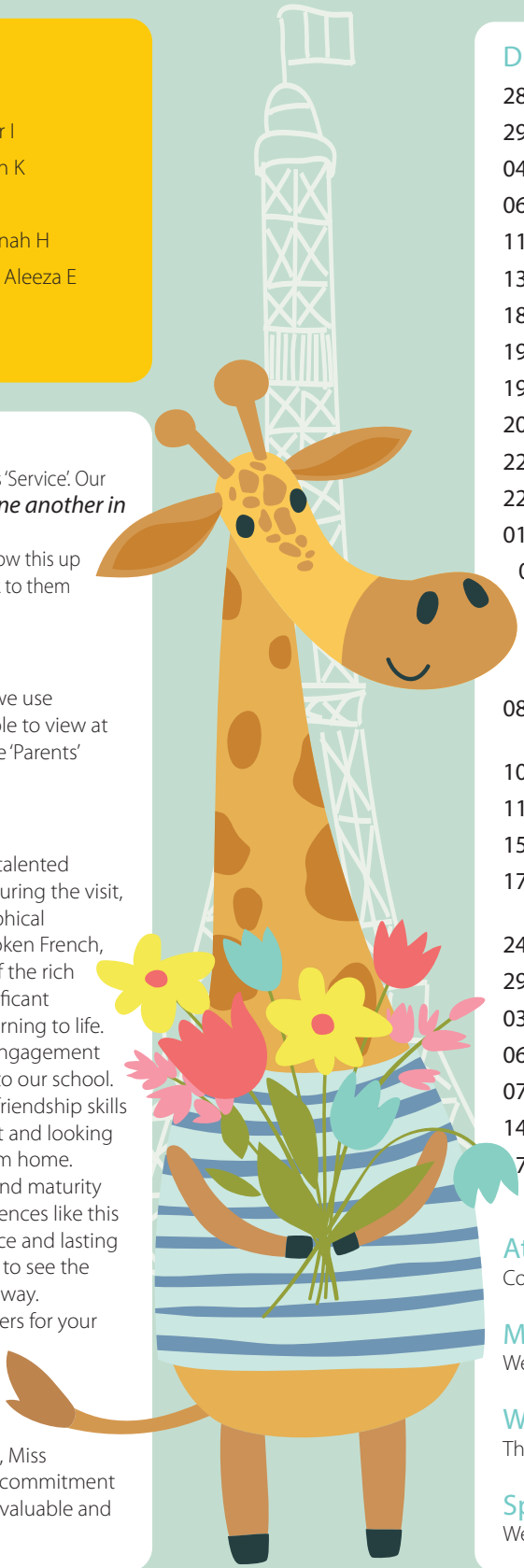
Our school value for this half term is 'Service'. Our quote for this half term is ***"Serve one another in love.'*** Galatians 5.13.
It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what service means.

St Thomas'

St Thomas' 'Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view at **stthomasblackburn.org.uk** in the 'Parents' section.

France

Well done to our wonderful and talented children on their trip to France. During the visit, they explored a range of geographical locations, developed on their spoken French, deepened their understanding of the rich history in France and visited significant battlefields that brought their learning to life. Their curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement were a credit to themselves and to our school. They demonstrated exceptional friendship skills through support encouragement and looking after one another while away from home. Their behaviour, independence and maturity made us incredibly proud. Experiences like this help to build confidence, resilience and lasting memories. It has been a pleasure to see the children grow during their time away.
Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and trust, it is valued and plays a vital role in making opportunities like this possible. Also thank you to Mr Davies, Mr Usman, Miss Georgina, Miss Roberts and Mrs Welsby for their commitment in organising and leading such a valuable and memorable trip.



Diary Dates

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
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
7.07.2026 – School Closes for the Summer holidays at 2pm

Attendance Award

Congratulations to both 6HU class and RDB class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to RAY class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

Sports Star

Well done to Muhammad Hamzah M in 3SY class.

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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	99.3%
RAY	96.9%
1SM	94.7%
1JM	96.9%
2SW	94.7%
2BM	91.7%
3VKD	92.8%
3SY	97.4%
4SW	93.3%
4MB	95.8%
5JK	88.3%
5SG	92.7%
6HU	99.3%
6DR	95.3%

Nursery Trip

The nursery children had a wonderful time on their trip to The Little Lancashire Village. They explored the various rooms, including a pizza shop, dentist, café and supermarket. The children demonstrated a strong understanding of different roles and occupations, using a rich range of language throughout their play. All the children showed great confidence as they took on different characters, working both independently and collaboratively with their friends. It was lovely to see their creativity flourish as they acted out real life scenarios and built on each other's ideas. The children also showed curiosity as they moved between the different environments. It was fantastic to see such positive interactions, with lots of sharing, turn taking and imaginative play. This experience supported their social development as well as their understanding of the world. Well done Nursery, we are very proud of you all!

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic school trip to Blackpool Zoo where learning came to life in an exciting and memorable way. As part of our science topic on living things, they explored a wide variety of animals and learned about their habitats, linking this to their geography work on biomes around the world. One of the highlights of the day was seeing a baby elephant, which everyone found absolutely adorable! Everyone also enjoyed an entertaining and educational sea lion show, where they discovered more about marine animals. It was a wonderful experience that combined fun with learning. The children had a fantastic day and represented the school superbly throughout the day.

Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the World Museum in Liverpool. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the hands on encounter with Egyptian artefacts. Investigative skills were applied to work out the types of materials used and which God matched with which amulet. Pupils' knowledge grew when they explored the Egyptian Mummy Section and the Natural History Section, where, dinosaur bones and interesting fossils were observed. Overall, the children had a great day and enjoyed talking about their favourite museum exhibitions and the knowledge that they had acquired during their visit. As always, St Thomas' children's behaviour is exemplary, they represented school very well when on their trip.

Reception Class Admissions

We are very pleased to welcome our new Reception children. A very warm welcome to all families who have been offered a place with us for September, we are truly looking forward to you joining our school community.

You will soon receive a letter outlining induction sessions starting to help settle your child into their new class. We will also be in touch next month with more exciting details about what to expect, but in the meantime, feel free to explore our school website for lots of useful information. We can't wait to meet you all.
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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 confident 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.

Year 2 SATs

Year 2 SATs begins Monday 18th May 2026.

All of the children are working hard in the build up to the SATs assessments in Year 2. We are proud of all of the children for their hard-work, positive attitude and know that they are set to do well. On the week of the SATs all of the year 2 children are invited to come into school's breakfast club. This will be a positive start to each day, where the children can engage with their class teachers, talk with their friends and eat a healthy breakfast to promote a good level of concentration in preparation for the different tests. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for their support.

Climate Change

As you are aware St Thomas' School has been participating in projects relating to courageous advocacy and how we can, whatever our age, make a difference to the future of the planet and to stand up to injustices. Our school council along with our Unity Team have led on recycling projects across school.
Climate change is the long-term warming of the planet caused by human activities like the burning fossil fuels (gas, coal, oil) which trap heat in the atmosphere.

Here are some climate change facts: -

- Over the last 50 years over 9,000 billion tonnes of ice have melted from glaciers in the polar regions.
- Sea levels have gone up by 20 centimetres since 1900.
- Around 15 billion trees are cut down every year, this releases cardon dioxide into the atmosphere.
- In the last 10 years the planet has been its warmest on record.

We need to act now!

What can we do? If we all make a pact to save energy by turning off lights, computers and televisions when not in use. This will make a positive impact on our planet.