Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Anayah I and Adam W

Reception: Zohan A and Zakaria A

Year 1: Sana C and Mohammed Ayaan A

Year 2: Hafsa U and Hafsah S

Year 3: Burhan M and Maryam A

Year 4: Amara F and Muhammad Zakariyya P

Year 5: Eshaal A and Mihrimah A

Year 6: Ameera F and Mohammed S

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.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 5SG class and 6HU class.

Most Improved Attendance

Well done to RAY Class

Winning Planet Team

The winning planet team this week is Venus . The winning planet for the half term is Mars. The children in planet team Mars can come into school on Friday 5th June in non-uniform clothes.

Sports Star

Well done to Amilah M in 6DR class.

SATs Week Year 2

The year 2 children sat the end of primary school assessments last week. We would like to say a huge well done to every child, we are extremely proud of their consistent hard work and continuous efforts all year. We are confident that all of their hard work will be reflected in their scores. A huge thank you to our parents who have supported the children throughout this process, as a school, we value your support.

Half Term

We hope you have a lovely and rest full half term. We cannot wait to see the children back to school on Monday 1st June 8.45am.

Diary Dates

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 at 2pm - Summer holidays

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The week beginning Monday 8th June is the week of the Phonics Screening Check for all year 1 children across the country. This statutory assessment is carried out annually for all children who are in year 1. The phonics check is a one to one assessment that assesses a child's phonic knowledge. As a school, we ask that you regularly go through the phonics homework, this will support your child and give them the best chance of success. We wish all the year 1 children good luck for the assessment and as a school we would like to thank all of our parents for their continued support.



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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	94.8%
RAY	93.3%
1SM	93.7%
1JM	93.3%
2SW	95.3%
2BM	92.7%
3VKD	96.2%
3SY	89.6%
4SW	93.7%
4MB	95.8%
5JK	96.6%
5SG	99.7%
6HU	99.7%
6DR	99.3%

Good News

The Global Neighbours accreditation scheme was launched in 2018 as a way of inspiring, engaging and helping young people to understand more about the inequalities in this world. By encouraging them to find their voice and be heard, the scheme equips them to become courageous advocates for change.
At St Thomas' School we have been focusing on recycling and developing our awareness of climate change and global warming. This has led to many positive actions across the school community, with pupils becoming more environmentally aware and taking an active role in caring for our world. Through class projects, discussions and practical activities, children have developed a greater understanding of global inequalities and the importance of protecting our planet for future generations.
These efforts have helped our school achieve the Bronze Global Neighbours Accreditation, recognising our commitment to learning about global issues and inspiring pupils to become courageous advocates for change. We are proud of the enthusiasm shown by our children and staff and look forward to continuing our journey towards making a positive difference both locally and globally.

Our report read: -
"It's fantastic to see how the whole school community at St Thomas CE Primary have become inspirational Global Neighbours and are actively engaging in challenging inequality in our world.

Pools to Schools

We are extremely excited to let you know that pool is coming back to St Thomas' playground for a total of two weeks in June. From the 1st June 2026 until 12th June 2026, all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be given the opportunity to swim. This is an amazing opportunity for our children and we are all extremely excited. Letters that outline when your child's class is to swim have already been sent home, please check Parent Pay. If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher or ring the school office.

Nursery and Reception Class Induction Evening

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.

The EYFS induction evening is to take place on Wednesday 17th June 2026. This is an information evening for all parents of Reception and Nursery aged children who will be joining our setting in September. Your attendance at this event is of the highest importance. You will meet your child's new teacher, visit their new classroom and find out how you can support your children as they transition into either Nursery or Reception. Watch out for your invitation to this event in the post. 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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Siam's Inspection

Following our Siam's inspection, we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The inspector was pleased to see the warm relationships, positive learning environment and strong sense of community within our setting.

We will update all families as soon as we receive the official outcome letter. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences and opportunities for all of our children.

Cancer Bank Charity 'Cookie Bake Sale'

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who supported the school council chosen charity 'Cancer Bank'. The school council had a fabulous afternoon decorating the cookies with Dolce Catering staff. As a school community we raised a total of £400.00. This is a huge amount of money and we are certain that a large number of essential items can be bought and distributed to cancer sufferers who live and amongst us in our school community. These items will bring comfort and relief to individuals who may be experiencing cancer poverty. Thank you once again for helping all of our children to show the value of service to those in their community. We would also like to say thank you to Dolce Catering Services for donating the cookies for the sale.

Climate Change : - Deforestation

Help us to stand up to injustices of climate change. Forests absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide another greenhouse gas from the air and release oxygen back into it. The Amazon Rainforest is so large and efficient at doing this that it acts like our planet's air conditioner limiting climate change. Sadly, many rainforests are being cut down to make wood, palm oil and to clear the way for farmland, roads, oil mines, and dams.

