Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Zaydaan R and Farah I
Reception: Khaalis E and Eesa D
Year 1: Safa Noor K and Aiza I
Year 2: Muhammad M and Rayyaan G
Year 3: Aaminah A and Abdul Gafoor B
Year4: Fatima U and Aaminah M
Year 5: Aliza M and Muhammad Mumtaz K
Year 6: Maryam P and Khadija I

Truthfulness

Our school value for this half term is 'Truthfulness'. Our quote for this half term is "Tell the truth to each other." Zechariah 8.16. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what Truthfulness 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 Year 2 Miss McCrystal's Class.

Time Beaters Award

Congratulations to Year 6 Miss Robert's Class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars.

Overall Winning Planet Team

The winning team this academic year is Mars!

Sports Star

Well done to Aiza I in Year 1 Mrs Majid's Class.

Diary Dates

14.07.2026 – Leavers' Assembly Year 6
17.07.2026 – School Closes for Summer holidays at 2pm
01.09.2026 – Inset Day - School closed for children
02.09.2026 – School Opens for New Academic Year
22.10.2026 – School Closes for Half Term Holiday

Meet the New Class Teacher Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the New Class Teacher' meeting. We were delighted with the excellent attendance.

We hope you found the meeting informative and that it provided a valuable opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn more about the year ahead. We greatly value the positive partnership between home and school and look forward to working together to support every child's learning and wellbeing.

Should you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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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.

Classes	Attendance
RDB	96.5%
RAY	84.3%
1SM	97.5%
1JM	95.3%
2SW	97.0%
2BM	99.3%
3VKD	94.8%
3SY	96.7%
4SW	93.3%
4MB	98.7%
5JK	95.9%
5SG	94.3%
6HU	95.9%
6DR	91.7%

Blackburn Library Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat'.

From July 1st 2026, Blackburn Library's Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat' begins for all children aged 4 to 12 years old. Are you ready to join in with this event? You can visit the library in the town centre and borrow books for your child to read or for you to read to your child for free! The Reading Challenge sets the task for children to read 6 books over the summer holiday. Not only will your child earn lots of exciting things such as a certificate and medal they will have had an exciting time reading lots of fabulous stories.

As a school we hold reading at the heart of what we do as we know that children who read are the children who succeed!

Have you signed up yet?

Happy Retirement and Goodbye from Mrs Morton

Dear St. Thomas' Family

I am writing to let you know that I am retiring, and to say thank you for the wonderful time I have had during my time at St Thomas'. It has been a true privilege to be part of this school community, and I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making my years here so special.

I joined St Thomas' in February 1994 and over the years I have been lucky to get to know and work with many wonderful colleagues. It is hard to believe that my teaching career has now spanned 38 years in total, beginning as Miss Hall.

The dedication of the staff, the support of families and the enthusiasm of the children have made my time here both rewarding and memorable.

Looking back, I feel very grateful for the many experiences I have had, especially the fabulous school trips. From Towerwood at Lake Windermere, dressing the children up as evacuees on the steam train and the incredible ukulele trips. Thank you for all the immense fun and laughter over the years.

The most rewarding part of being a teacher has been the incredible families I have met along the way, and of course, your absolutely amazing children! Thank you again for your support, your kindness and your friendship. I leave with very fond memories and a great sense of pride in having been part of St Thomas'.

And finally, as we always say- 'Once a St. Thomas', always a St. Thomas'.

From Mrs Morton

Classes Academic Year 2026-2027

We are excited to announce the staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year **2026–2027**. With our dedicated team of teachers and support staff, we are confident that your child will continue to thrive in a nurturing and high-quality learning environment.

Classes are as follows:

Current Teacher	Next Year's Teacher	Year
New Nursery Children	Ms Ayub	Nursery
Nursery (Morning & Afternoon)	Mrs Briggs	Reception
Nursery (Morning & Afternoon)	Mrs Yaseen	Reception
Mrs Yaseen	Mrs Blezard	Year 1
Mrs Briggs	Mrs Majid	Year 1
Mrs Majid	Miss McCrystal	Year 2
Mrs Myhill	Miss McGrail	Year 2
Miss McCrystal	Miss Daya	Year 3
Miss Ward	Mrs Davidson	Year 3
Mrs Davidson	Mrs O'Hara/Mrs Douglas	Year 4
Mrs Yates/Miss Daya	Mr Bethell	Year 4
Mr Wallace	Miss Keryk	Year 5
Mr Bethell	Miss Gallagher	Year 5
Miss Keryk	Miss Roberts	Year 6
Miss Gallagher	Mr Usman	Year 6

Year 6 Activities Week

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of our year six children, year six parents and staff for making 'activities week' a huge success. The year six children took part in many exciting activities, including fine dining, bowling, Nando's and the cinema. The children's behaviour was exemplary and fun was had by all. Thank you to the year six teachers for organising all of the events.

Planet Team Party

The overall winners of the years, planet team Mars (red), will be celebrating in the school hall on Wednesday 15th July. Children who are in planet team Mars are invited to come into school in non-uniform clothing in preparation for the planet team party. I am certain that all of the parents and children of Thomas' will join us in saying a huge well done to the children who are in this team across school.

End of Year Reports

You will have received your child's end of year report. A drop-in session is available on Tuesday 14th July, if you have any queries which you would like to discuss further with your child's class teacher. Please contact the school office.