Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Mirha N and Alina S
Reception: Umar R and Musa Y
Year 1: Izhaan S and Aasiyah Noor J
Year 2: Mohammed Ayaan A and Zaynah I
Year 3: Abbas R and Hussain S
Year 4: Aliza B and Mariyam D
Year 5: Muhammad P and Muhammad Zakariyya P
Year 6: Owais A and Ayaan R

Diary Dates

13.10.2026 – Y3 Mrs Davidson class assembly
13.10.2026 – Y2 Miss McCrystal class assembly
14.10.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
14.10.2026 – Yorkshire Build Society Workshop
21.10.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
22.10.2026 – Half term school closes 3.15 pm
23.10.2026 – Inset Day - School closed for children
02.11.2026 – Inset Day - School closed for children
03. 11.206 – School Opens Autumn Term 2
04.11.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
06.11.2026 – Year 2 Child Safe Talk
06.11.2026 – Year 6 Road Sense Talk
11.11.2026 – Parents and Toddlers
12.11.2026 – Yorkshire Build Society Workshop
18.11.2026 – Parents and Toddlers

Generosity

Our school value for this half term is 'Generosity'. Our words of wisdom for this half term is **'God loves a cheerful giver'** 2 Corinthians 9.7. 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 Qasim R in Year 4 Miss O'Hara and Mrs Douglas' class.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6 Miss Robert's class.

Time Beaters Award

This weeks' time beaters award goes to Reception Mrs Briggs' Class.

Winning Planet Team

The winning planet team this week is Mars.

World Mental Health Day 2026 – Wear Something Yellow

A huge thank you to all of the children who came to school wearing something yellow to acknowledge World Mental Health Day.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of activities designed to raise awareness of mental health, encourage open conversations, and highlight the support available to help us all look after our wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make the day such a positive and meaningful one!



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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. 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	96.70%
RAY	90.00%
1SM	96.60%
1EB	96.20%
2BM	91.00%
2LM	97.30%
3VKD	95.30%
3ZD	98.00%
4MB	95.00%
4KO	96.70%
5JK	95.20%
5SG	97.00%
6HU	98.70%
6DR	100.00%

Homework

Please note that all homework will be sent home each Friday and collected in the following Thursday. This cycle will repeat for the duration of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

Parents & Carers Coffee Morning

Come and join our coffee morning at school on a Thursday morning!

Our coffee morning provides support and guidance with things such as, routines and strategies to help you child at home as well as a chance to connect with other parents and carers. Of course, not forgetting the coffee and cake provided! If you are interested in joining us for future session, please contact the school office for more information.

Parents and Toddlers

St Thomas' warmly welcomes all parents, carers and toddlers to our Parent and Toddler sessions. Our sessions provide a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to socialise, meet other families and share experiences, while our little ones can play, explore, learn and develop important skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. The sessions are held every Wednesday at 10.00 am.

Harvest Appeal

A huge thank you to all of our families for your incredibly generous donations to Blackburn Foodbank this Harvest. Our Harvest collection has now come to an end, and we were delighted by the wonderful response from our school community. Your donations of tinned rice pudding and other essential food items will help support local people who may be facing difficult times. The school council team counted over 300 tins!

We are so grateful for your kindness, generosity and continued support. Together, we have helped make a real difference to our local community.



Primary School Admissions for September 2027

Applications are now open for children starting primary school in September 2027. Applying online is quick, easy and secure. You will receive a confirmation email once your application has been submitted and can access your application at any time. You can apply online through Blackburn with Darwen Council's Parent Portal: **www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb**

As some schools receive more applications than places available, it is important to understand the admissions process and submit your application correctly and on time. Before completing your application, we recommend that you read the information and guidance available on the school admissions process, as well as the admission policies of your preferred schools: **www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/you-apply-school-place**

If you require any help or advice, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01254 666605 or email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

Should you require any further assistance, please ring the school office who will be more than happy to help you should you encounter any issues. Please remember, if your child attends our St Thomas' Nursery, you do not automatically get a place in Reception class, you will need to complete an application as detailed above.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child, please speak to the school office so that your child's name can be added to the list.

The deadline dates for all applications are set out below:
Secondary School Admissions - 31st October 2027
Reception Class Admissions – 15th January 2027