

Blakehill Primary School

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Summer Term 2025

50 Years of Blakehill Primary School

What a fabulous day we have had celebrating 50 years of the opening of Blakehill Primary School. Opened in January 1975 as a First School, Blakehill replaced Thorpe First school after its closure in November 1974.

Consisting of only 5 classes and 140 children, we have grown so much over the last 50 years to a much larger Primary School with 60 staff and 420 children on roll.

Today the children learned a little bit more about what our school was like when it first opened and what life was like back in 1975. We celebrated with a whole school assembly, a Reception and KS1 parade, music and dance from children in KS2 and a throwback festival on the field this afternoon.

Even the kitchen staff were involved with a typical 1970's school dinner menu.

A time capsule filled with memorabilia from 2025 will be buried in the school grounds for future generations to uncover.



Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

Year 6 SATS results
Tuesday 8th July

New Reception Starters
'Stay and Play' sessions
Tuesday 8th July (pm).

Current Reception
'Stay and Play' session
Wednesday 9th July (pm).

Non uniform day – donations for PTFA
Summer Fair
Thursday 10th July

PTFA Summer Fair
Saturday 12th July
1:00pm-3:00pm

End of Year Reports to Parents
Friday 18th July

Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony
Friday 18th July at 2:30pm

Blakehill's Got Talent
Monday 21st July

Whole School Awards' Ceremony
Tuesday 22nd July

**School Closes: Tuesday 22nd July and
Reopens Wednesday 3rd September**

Year 6 Key Dates

Year 6 Prom: **Wednesday 9th July at
6.30pm – 8:00pm.**

Year 6 Production; **Wednesday 16th
July at 6:00pm**

Year 6 Award's Ceremony: **Tuesday
22nd July at 9:00am**

Congratulations to Teaching Assistant and school's Pastoral Worker Mrs. Shaw who was appointed as the school's Learning Mentor. Mrs. Shaw will take the reins in September from Mrs. Bottomley who is retiring in the summer.

Some big boots to fill!

Good luck Mrs. Shaw.



On Wednesday, pupils met with their new class teachers in preparation for September. This year we welcome Teaching Assistants Mrs Gasson and Mr Stoyles who join the team at Blakehill.

There continues to be at least one Teaching Assistant per class with additional staff employed to support pupils with additional needs. The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher continue to have teaching commitments also.

We are very much looking forward to working with the children and their families once again next year. Below are the classes for 2025/26.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Stocks Mrs Spivey Mrs Gasson	RD-1M Miss Morley Mrs Hand	1W-2H Miss Hulston Mrs Sheerin	2H-3R Mrs Roberts Mrs Walker	3R-4R Mr Rhodes Miss Collinson Miss Potter	4SJ-5S Mr Sugden Mrs O'Brien	5J-6H Mrs Hall Miss Power
Miss Dickinson Mrs Lister	RS-1W Mrs Watts Miss Hart	1M-2G Miss Gardner Mrs Brook	2S-3S Mrs Scott Mrs Cookson	3N-4N Mr Nicklin Mrs Howell-Gott	4R-5J Mrs Javed Mr Stoyles	5T-6N Mrs Nelson Mrs Wright

Our Year 6 pupils visited their secondary schools this week. They were excellent representatives of Blakehill Primary School. Good luck to you all in this next chapter.

Pupil's workbooks

This year all pupil's workbooks will be sent home at the end of term. Please send a carrier bag in with your child from Monday 14th July. Any content should NOT be shared on social media due to GDPR.



Good luck to our school dodgeball team who have travelled to Stoke on Trent today to compete in the national finals. We are the only school in Bradford to get into the finals. We are thinking of you!



Fantastic effort from our U11's Girls at the West Yorkshire Cricket Finals. Proud to be Blakehill 💙💙

Reports

End of year reports will be sent to parents on Friday 18th July. These are in a sealed envelope. We encourage pupils not to open these prior to their parents receiving them. Enclosed in the envelope is information on your child's progress, attainment, attendance and behaviours for learning. If you child has taken part in any external testing, e.g., KS2 SATs, Year 4 multiplication check or the Year 1 phonic screening check, this data will be shared with you in the report.

There is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback via a comment if you would like to do so.

It has been a pleasure to read every child's report again this year.

New Reception Starters

It was lovely to meet the parents and families of our new Reception starters last week. There is a welcome 'Stay and Play' session on the 8th July. I am really looking forward to meeting the children and welcoming them to Blakehill.

Thank you to all staff that were able to attend and meet with our new parents.

PTFA – Summer Fair Reminder - Everyone welcome!

This year, the summer fair is on **Saturday 12th July between 1pm and 3pm**. We will be having a non-uniform day on **Thursday 10th July**. Instead of the usual £1 'fine' we will be asking for donations for our various tombola stalls:

- Bottle tombola
- Jar tombola
- Good as new tombola

Learning = Fun

Learning should be fun, engaging and exciting and we continue to try to provide many opportunities to enrich the learning for our pupils. Visits, visitors and events help us to do this. Follow us on Facebook for more...



It's a serious matter being an Anglo-Saxon! Year 5 returned to the 21st century after a whole day recreating life in the past; protecting the homestead, growing and harvesting your own food and making your own earthenware.

And then.... just like that, the Romans invaded Blakehill! Togas at the ready Year 4!



Back on home turf, children reaping the benefits of home grown food as part of the Grow to School campaign.



A brilliant day in the sun on the inflatables again this year. This is what children remember!



Blakehill Values and Ethos

House Points

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up, even when faced with challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise individual and collaborative achievements. All children belong to a house team. The names of these teams have strong links with Bradford and are named after Jowett cars.

KINGFISHER KESTREL JAVELIN JUPITER

During our Monday morning celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced. Well done **JUPITER** house. Half term winners and a non-uniform day for you today!

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance: Annual breakdown of school's attendance figures.

Attendance groups	School 2025	School 2024	National 2024
Whole school	96.6	95.8%	94.3%
Boys	96.7%	95.8%	94.1%
Girls	96.5%	95.8%	94.5%
Pupils with an EHCP	95.1%	94.2%	89.2%
Pupils in receipt of FSM Free school meals	93.8%	93.7%	92%
Persistent absentees	6%	7%	16%

100% attendance

WELL DONE
BLAKEHILL!



Celebration Assembly Winners for Monday 16th June



Class assemblies are held every Friday at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that you are on time to avoid disruption to the assembly. The dates and time of these are:

3R: Friday 23rd May

3N: Friday 13th June

2SG: Friday 20th June

2H: Friday 27th June

1W: Thursday 3rd July

1M: Friday 11th July

Both Reception Classes: Friday 18th July

Please Note: For safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are used for personal use only and not shared on social media unless permission from the parents concerned has been given. Thank you.