

Blakehill Primary School

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Together We Can

We are eagerly awaiting our OFSTED Inspection which is due imminently, and looking forward to sharing all of the great work that the staff, parents, governors but most importantly, the children do, to make Blakehill such a fabulous place to learn and work.

As a long serving Teacher and Headteacher, with the majority of my experience at Blakehill, I have always valued strong relationships with the children, parents, staff and governors and my commitment to children's long-term development rather than simply academic outcomes is paramount to my ambition.

I am confident that the Inspection will acknowledge the great work that we do collectively as a school community, with our children being at the heart of all of our actions.

Thank you all for your continued support and appreciation. It is very much valued and appreciated.

The Changing Face of School Council

We were delighted to introduce our new School Council during assembly today. Members of each class from Year 1 - Year 6, nominated by their peers, meet every two weeks to discuss ideas to support further school improvement. They keep us very busy! Thank you to Mrs Gould for co-ordinating School Council and for supporting them with their ongoing campaigns. Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates!

Parent Governor Recruitment Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for a new Parent Governor to join our dedicated and experienced governing body. Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil Blakehill can stand for election, can nominate someone and can vote. If you would like to be considered for nomination, please contact the school office in writing to express your interest by 22nd October 2026. Come and make a difference. Good luck! Email: office@blakehill.bradford.sch.uk

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Morley (Year 1) and Miss Mortimer (Year 4) who are both expecting babies in the New Year. Good luck to you both.

Early notification - Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 24 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 25 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to meet and speak with their child's class teacher at our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Ten- minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

You will be able to book an appointment for this from Monday 2nd November via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Wake up Shake up daily
8:30am -8:45am

Forest schools
Every Tuesday afternoon

Rock Steady and Learn to Rock
Music Lessons
Every Thursday

Flu Immunisation Programme
Friday 25th September

Year 1 Monster Day
Monday 28th September

Sikh Faith Tutor in Year 3
Monday 28th September

Year 5/6 Cross Country Event –
Bingley
Wednesday 30th September

Individual pupil photographs:
Friday 2nd October

Year 6 Chocolate Factory Visit
**Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th
October**

Parent Coffee Morning – School
Nurse attending
Friday 9th October at 9:00am

Year 1 Local Area Walk
Tuesday 13th October

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank
**Wednesday 14th October – Friday
16th October**

Reception Parent Phonic Meeting
Thursday 15th October at 3:30pm

Parent Sleep Clinic
**Wednesday 21st October at
9:00am**

Year 1 visit to Industrial Museum
(washday workshop)
Thursday 22nd October

School Closes:
**Thursday 22nd October. This will
be a non-uniform day**

School Reopens:
Monday 2nd November

**Year 5 Residential to Buckden
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th
November**



Extensive outdoor provision

A broad and rich extra-curricular offer



A positive learning environment where children thrive.

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027?

To arrange a tour, please contact the school office: Tel 01274 414355

To gain the most out of your tour, we recommend that you try visit school when the children are in class.

Thursday 22nd October at 9:30am

Wednesday 11th November at 9:30am and 4:00pm

Friday 13th November at 9:30am

Wednesday 18th November at 9:30am and 4:00pm

Thursday 19th November at 9:30am

Wednesday 25th November at 9:30am

Wednesday 6th January at 9:30am and 4:00pm

Thursday 7th January at 9:30am

Friday 8th January at 9:30am

We look forward to welcoming you to Blakehill Primary School

Places on each tour are limited. Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



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Excellence AND enjoyment!

Forest Schools Reminder

Children taking part in forest school sessions are asked to wear weather appropriate clothing. Wellies, warm jackets and hats are recommended please!

Mobile Phones/ SMART Watches – Reminder

Blakehill is a mobile phone free environment. SMART watches, or devices that can be used to receive/make communication are not allowed to be worn by pupils in school.

Thank you for your support.

Positive playtimes - improving social and emotional wellbeing

It is great to see the children having so much fun and enjoying lunch and break times. The addition of new play equipment, the range and organisation of activities provided, the wellbeing garden, school lunchtime library, Tranquillity club and an increase in adult participation including; Lunchtime Supervisors, Teaching Assistants, Mr Lumb, Mrs Shaw, a member of the Senior Leadership team and the occasional energetic Teacher means that we are all involved in promoting positive interaction during these less structured times of the school day.

Little hands are an important part of keeping our school tidy, safe and enjoyable too!



You're Invited: Phonics Information Session for Parents

We are excited to invite you to a **Phonics Information Session** to help you better understand how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. Childcare is provided!

Date: Thursday 15th October

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Reception Classrooms

During this session, we will:

- Explain the phonics programme we use in school
- Show you how we teach reading and writing through phonics
- Share practical tips and resources for supporting your child at home
- Answer any questions you may have

Whether you're new to phonics or just want a refresher, this is a great opportunity to see how we lay the foundation for reading success. **We hope to see you there!**

The Best Days of our Lives
We look at enriching learning experiences every day, providing our children with a curriculum that is broad, rich, engaging and meaningful. Take a peek at some of our learning so far...

European Languages Day proved to be a huge success. In fact,...it was c'est magnifique!! Thank you to Mrs Javed and our fantastic kitchen staff! Proud to be Blakehill!



Busy, busy, busy! Join the 177 children at Blakehill who have already signed up for one of our afterschool clubs this half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - AUTUMN 1 & 2 (Tues 1st September - Fri 11th December 2026)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yrs 3 - 6 Cross Country 7/9/26 - 7/12/26 13 weeks	Yrs 1 & 2 Idle FC Football Training 8/9/26 - 8/12/26 13 weeks	Yrs 4 - 6 Games Console 9/9/26 - 21/10/26 7 weeks	Yrs 2 - 6 Drama Club 10/9/26 - 10/12/26 13 weeks	Yrs 1, 2 & 3 Multi - Sports 11/9/26 - 16/10/26 6 weeks
				
Yrs 1 - 6 Mindful Colouring 7/9/26 - 7/12/26 13 weeks	Yrs 1 - 6 Forest Schools 8/9/26 - 20/10/26 7 weeks	Yrs 3 - 6 School Choir 9/9/26 - 9/12/26 12 weeks		
				
Yrs 1 - 3 Fun Dance 7/9/26 - 7/12/26 13 weeks	Yrs 4 - 6 Cooking Club 8/9/26 - 20/10/26 7 weeks			
				

Showing appreciation of our lovely team of teaching assistants this week for National Teaching Assistant Day. You all play a massive part in the success of our school.

Congratulations also to Miss O'Brien, receiving a well-deserved nomination for Teaching Assistant of the Year!



What we achieve out of school is just as important as what we achieve in school. From fishing to gymnastics, swimming to cricket, Blakehill children enjoy and excel!



The children in Rainbow Room are ALWAYS busy. This week we have been developing our fine motor and music skills.



Inquisitive
minds in
Year 1



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 Friday afternoon celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced.

Well done to **JAVELIN** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

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100% attendance at school is extremely important in helping all pupils achieve their full academic potential. We recognise that good attendance and punctuality are crucial to raising standards and pupil attainment. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. During our weekly celebration assembly, the highest attending class of the week receives a £5 voucher to spend or save. All children that have 100% attendance that week are entered for a weekly prize draw.

How is your class doing?

Attendance percentage	
1M	98.5%
1W	96.8%
2B	97.6%
2H	96.4%
3G	98.4%
3R	98.7%
4N	95.4%
4R	96.6%
5M	97.5%
5R	99.4%
6J	95.3%
6N	96.1%
RD	98.3%
RP	98.2%
National	96.3%
Local Authority	96.4%

**Current whole
school
attendance:
97.3%**

**5J and 5M top
attending classes
last week with
100%!**

**Celebration Assembly award winners: Friday 18th
September**

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday morning at 9:15am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2026/7 class assemblies are:

6N: Friday 15 th January	3R: Friday 12 th March	Both Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony: Friday 9 th July
6J: Friday 22 nd January	RD: Friday 23 rd April	
5R: Friday 29 th January	RP: Friday 7 th May	
5M: Friday 5 th February	<u>1W: Thursday 20th May</u>	
4N: Friday 12 th February	1M: Friday 28 th May	
4R: Friday 26 th February	2H: Friday 18 th June	
3G: Friday 5 th March	2B: Friday 25 th June	

Please note:

For child protection and safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are for personal use only and not shared on social media etc. unless express permission from the parent concerned is given.
PLEASE LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER DROPPING PUPILS OFF AND QUEUE AT THE OFFICE GATE.

