

Blakehill Primary School

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New to Reception.

We are delighted to offer tours of the school for prospective Reception Class children and their parents. Please see the dates below for availability and reserve your place by contacting our school admin team.

Is your child due to start Reception 2026?

To arrange a tour, please contact the school office:
Tel: 01274414355

Tuesday 4th November: 9:30amThursday 13th November: 9:30am and 1:30pmTuesday 18th November: 9:30am and 1:30pmWednesday 19th November: 9:30amTuesday 25th November: 9:30am and 1:30pmTuesday 2nd December: 9:30am and 1:30pmTuesday 6th January 9:30amWe look forward to welcoming you

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

Proud to be BlakehillWhere children come firstEarly notification - Parent/Teacher Consultation EveningsTuesday 18th November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.Wednesday 19th 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 20th October via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Year 4 Residential

Children in Year 4 visited Nell Bank Outdoor Learning Centre in Ilkley this week and had a wonderful time engaging in outdoor activities and learning. Behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary and it has been a delight to spend time with them. After a non-stop few days, I am sure the children will be exhausted on their return to school today. A huge thank you to staff that attended.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

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

Year 1 visit to Industrial Museum
(Washday workshop)
Thursday 23rd October

Bradford City of Culture Week
Monday 20th October

PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 21st October at 6:00pm

School Closes:
Thursday 23rd October. This will be a Break the Rules non-uniform day

School reopens
Monday 3rd November

Year 5 Residential to Buckden House
Monday 3rd November – Friday 7th November

Reception Class Planetarium
Wednesday 5th November

Year 6 Knife Crime Workshop (WYP)
Thursday 6th November

Be a Chorister – Bradford Cathedral visit school
Thursday 13th November

Year 5 Drama Session – Bradford City of Culture
Monday 17th November

Break the Rules Day

How much do we all LOVE to break the rules at Blakehill?!

School Council have decided that the non-uniform day planned for **Thursday 23rd October** should be an opportunity to do just that! 50p for each rule broken.

PTFA Events

We are always looking for new members who are enthusiastic about helping us raise funds for the 'sparkly' bits of school. For example, last year, the PTFA bought:

- Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies
- Equipment for Reception outdoor provision
- 15 IPADs for classrooms
- Santa's Grotto
- Books
- A whole school pantomime
- Inflatable Fun Day treats (ice-creams) for the whole school

Here are a few dates for your diary:

Christmas Fair: **Monday 1st December (after school)**

Secret Santa Gift Stall: **Wednesday 17th December**

School disco: **Tuesday 10th February**

We love to see new members and would be delighted to see you at our next meeting which is in school on Tuesday 21st October at 6:00pm. It is a great way to get involved in school life!



Another great achievement for Blakehill at the Keighley & Craven Cross-Country League at Cliffe Castle this week, a special mention to Lexi who placed 3rd in her category.

School Lunch Increase.

The price of a school dinner will increase to £2.55 from 3rd November.

Opportunities for All

We are incredibly proud of our offer of a broad and rich range of opportunities, visits, extra-curricular activities and experiences at Blakehill Primary School.

Once again, this year we are organizing and hosting a series of sporting events specifically for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Children from five schools across the district will participate in 'Inclusion Games' throughout the year.

At Blakehill Primary School we understand the importance that sport plays in all of our lives. Our aim for Inclusion Games is that ALL children are able to participate, have fun, foster a feeling of belonging and well-being and develop a range of skills, self-esteem and confidence.

The first of these events was on Thursday 16th October.

Making The Difference

The most important aspect of our work is ensuring that the pupils at Blakehill are happy and safe and that they receive the best quality of education.

As a school team, we actively seek external validation to quality assure the work we do in school.

During 2025/26 we have commissioned several reviews and external audits that will seek to validate the school's work and ensure that we continue to provide excellence for the children at Blakehill Primary School.

Focus of reviews 2025/26:

- A curriculum and teaching review
- Safeguarding audit
- An audit of school's recruitment, single central record keeping
- A review of school's provision for disadvantaged pupils

This year, school continues to work with the English and Maths Hub, the Local Authority and a number of external agencies to provide a continuous cycle of staff professional development.

We are also expecting an OFSTED visit towards the end of the school year.

Together We Can

WANTED: PARENT GOVERNOR

Are you interested in helping our school to continue to thrive? Parent Governors play a key role in shaping the vision and direction of our school, representing the views of parents, and helping ensure the very best for all our pupils. You don't need any special qualifications—just enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to make a difference.

Please contact the school office to express your interest.

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...



Forest School Fun – Blakehill children just love outdoor learning!

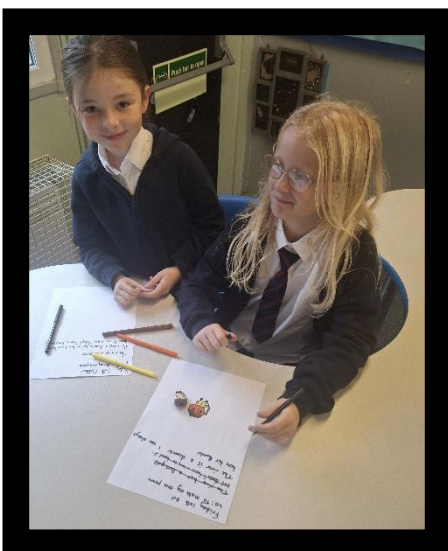


Another brilliant turn out at Blakehill's Cross-Country event – over 175 children from schools across Bradford attended.

Blakehill leading the sporting way!



Our School Council getting real life experience of what it is like to be a councillor with Bradford Cllr Parsons this week.



Tranquility Lunchtime Club provides a quiet space for children to retreat to.



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 to **JUPITER** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance groups	Current 2025
Whole school	97.2%
Boys	97.63%
Girls	96.8%
Persistent absentees	7.9 %

Great start with attendance so far this year Blakehill. Whole school attendance is well above national (95.8%) and Bradford (95.5%).

100% attendance prize draw winners.



2H and 4N are our top attending classes with 100%!

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2025/6 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 14 th November	<u>1W: Thursday 26th February</u>	2G: Friday 5 th June
5S: Friday 21 st November		3N: Friday 12 th June
4R: Friday 28 th November	1M: Friday 6 th March	2H: Friday 19 th June
4N: Friday 5 th December	RD: Friday 13 th March	<u>1W: Thursday 25th June</u>
6H: Friday 9 th January	RS: Friday 20 th March	1M: Friday 3 rd July
6N: Friday 16 th January	5S: Friday 27 th March	
3R: Friday 23 rd January	5J: Friday 17 th April	Both Reception Classes:
3S: Friday 30 th January	4N: Friday 24 th April	Friday 10 th July
2G: Friday 6 th February	4R: Friday 1 st May	
2H: Friday 13 th February	3R: Friday 8 th May	
	3S: Friday 23 rd May	

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.

Celebration Assembly award winners
Monday 7th and 15th October.

