

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2025

World Book Day

What a fabulous effort everyone made yesterday, dressing up for World Book Day. The corridors and classrooms were filled with characters from our favourite books and we were amazed at the creative costumes. Well done children and thank you parents/carers.

Another memorable school day!



What a day for our girls who represented Bradford in the Girls National Cup! They certainly did the City of Bradford, Blakehill and themselves proud. After an amazing effort, they lost in the semi-finals against the tournament winners Hull City. Unbelievable effort from our superstars!

To celebrate women and girls playing football, Bradford City has invited local women's and girls' teams to attend the 'Her Game Too' fixture against Crewe Alexander. Tickets for this game are £3.10 per ticket.



Crossing Patrol

After much campaigning from the school council, Blakehill now has a crossing patrol. We are delighted to introduce Richard who now helps our children and families cross Highfield Road safely.



Upcoming events/diary dates this term

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

Positive Start daily 8:30am-8:45am

7th March

1M class assembly

11th March

Open classroom- children and parents are welcome to visit classrooms and view children's books before parent consultation evenings.

11th March

Buckden House Residential Parent Meeting 5pm-6pm

14th March

Mid-term reports go out to parents

17th – 20th March

Neurodiversity Week

18th March

Parent Consultation Evening

19th March

Parent Consultation Evening

21st March

Red Nose Day

21st March

Year 5 Visit to St Cuthbert's Church

25th March

Reception Farm Visit

4th April

Close for Easter

22nd April

School Reopens

Last week we had another amazing, very popular Cross-Country Event! Over 200 children took part from 10 different primary schools. It was fantastic to see so many children joining in and cheering runners on.
A big thank you to our PTFA on the sweet stall and parents for supporting the event.



Telegraph and Argus Education Awards

We are really excited to announce that our Headteacher – Mrs Keighley, and a pupil in Year 3 have been selected as finalists in this year’s T & A Education Awards. Blakehill won **School of the Year** at the awards back in 2022. Miss Dickinson and Mrs Taylor also won awards in 2024 so we are delighted to be once again representing our school in 2025.
Thank you to all of the parents who submitted nominations both for members of staff and for the school.

Blakehill Primary School
Do you want to be part of an amazing team?
Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA)
Are you creative, motivated and driven?
Do you want to support the school with fundraising and events?

Our PFTA is made up of a group of amazing volunteers who work hard to raise funds for our school. These funds are spent on events or resources for the children. Since our request for additional volunteers, we have had 7 new members join the team.

The next PTFA meeting is on Monday 10th March at 6.15pm.

Telegraph & Argus
BRADFORD & DISTRICT
EDUCATION AWARDS
In partnership with Bradford College
Celebrating Education and Learning in 2025

During half term, Mr Lumb offered a cross-country running club to the children at Blakehill. The children who attended the club enjoyed the additional training for the cross country events.



Easter Egg Appeal

We are incredibly grateful for the donations of Easter eggs to our annual JCI Easter Egg Appeal. Collection will continue until 31st March. Any eggs are greatly appreciated.



As a school we are always keen to develop our strategies to support our children with additional needs. We work closely with the local authority Scil team and staff receive regular training. Staff recently received training on supporting children with Dyslexia. These strategies are embedded in daily teaching. To support parents to understand how children are supported, Nicola Gaunt delivered a session to parents.



Wrose Carnival

This year Blakehill aim to be involved in the Wrose Carnival Parade. The theme is 'What Makes You Happy'. The school council will be working with the organisers to design a Blakehill parade. To support the funding of the carnival, the organisers have asked for any donations for their raffle. Please send any donations to the school office.

Our next parent workshop with AWARE is on 8th May. This is to support families of children who have a diagnosis of autism or children who show traits of autism.

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...

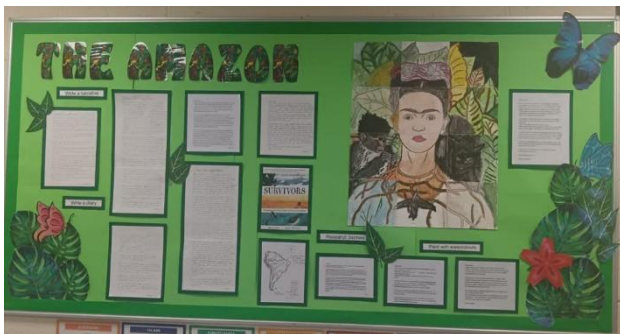


More fantastic World Book Day Costumes

Our boys' football team finished 3rd in the Hanson competition



Year 3 STEM Lego workshop



At the Hanson Academy Winter Games, our mixed Netball team won the tournament finishing unbeaten.



The corridors have a fresh new look and are filled with the children's work. Each year group has produced a display to showcase the work they have been doing in English lessons. Take time to read some of the fantastic pieces of writing during your visit at parents evening.

Blakehill Values and Ethos

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Friday 7th March 2025

iving 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 **Javelin** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

Whole school attendance is 96.8%

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:

1M Friday 7th March	3R Friday 23rd May
RD Friday 14th March	3N Friday 13th June
RD Friday 21st March	2SG Friday 20th June
5P Friday 28th March	2H Friday 27th June
5J Friday 25th April	1W Friday 4th July
4SJ Friday 2nd May	1M Friday 11th July
4R Friday 9th May	

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.

Making every day count! 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

Celebration Award winners on Monday 24th February and 3rd March.

