

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2025

Welcome Back

As we break up for half term, I'm reflecting on what a busy few weeks it has been. We started the new term with severe weather and online learning and then quickly moved into sports tournaments, a Year 6 residential, visitors and workshops in school, a whole school pantomime and even a disco. After all that, a well deserved rest is needed for the staff and children. Best wishes

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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

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

Blakehill Brew Coffee Mornings
Fridays 9:00am – 10:00am

Reception and KS1 Reading Cafe
Individual days

School closes
Friday 14th February and reopens
Monday 24th February

25th February
School Easter Egg Appeal

5th March
Class photographs

6th March
Parent Workshop Dyslexia

28th February
1W class assembly

6th March
World Book Day

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.

14th March
Midterm Reports will go out to parents

18th March
Parent Consultation Evening

19th March
Parent Consultation Evening

21st March
Red Nose Day

4th April
Close for Easter

REGIONAL FINALS

Well done to our Girls' football team who have made it through to the regional finals where they will represent the city of Bradford.

We are incredibly proud of the girls and their achievements.

The regional finals are taking place today. We are sending them lots of luck and hope today goes well for them.



Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 18th March 3.45pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th March 3.45pm - 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. These provide an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss their child's learning with class teachers.

Ten-minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

The online booking system will open 24th February.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Debra Ali, a dedicated and well-loved member of our School Governing Body. Debra was an integral part of our school community, offering invaluable support, wisdom, and guidance to staff, students, and fellow governors. Her unwavering commitment to our school's growth and success will always be remembered.

Debra was known for her kindness, passion, drive and her genuine desire to make a difference to the lives of the children at Blakehill.

Our thoughts are with Debra's family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time. Please keep them all in your thoughts.



Parent Conferences – Working Together

Parents/carers of children with additional needs, SEND and social, emotional and mental health needs often feel isolated and frustrated when seeking support for their child. Blakehill SENDCos and the pastoral team are relentless in their mission to provide Blakehill parents with onsite support, information and guidance from local and national professionals.

Our next parent session is on **6th March**. We have managed to secure two workshops on the day: 9:00am and 3:15pm. The focus is: An Introduction to Dyslexia – reading writing and spelling difficulties and will be delivered by Nicola Gaunt (specialist teacher)

This is an opportunity for parents who have similar concerns or worries to share experiences and speak with key professionals. Everyone welcome!

Staff News

Following an operation last week, Mrs. Keighley is recovering at home and will be absent from school for approximately six weeks. The school remains in the safe hands of Mrs. Gould as Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Scott Assistant Headteachers and the rest of the wonderful Blakehill staff team.

We wish Mrs. Keighley a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in school soon.



Awards

All members of staff at Blakehill work incredibly hard and want the best for the children at Blakehill. Understandably, we are really proud to see that this has been recognised and we have not one, but two finalists through the finals of the Education Awards.

Watch out for more details.

Bewerley Park Residential

Located within an area of outstanding natural beauty in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Bewerley Park is the home base for outdoor adventures with an abundance of outdoor activities on its doorstep!

Year 6 had a fabulous time on their 3 day residential learning new skills, developing resilience and working together. Skills which will help them with their move to upper school.

Thank you to Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Hall, Mr Nicklin, Miss Power, Mrs. Wright and Mr Lumb for giving up their time to take the children on this wonderful experience.



PFTA

Our wonderful PTFA worked their magic to bring us Neon Discos for the children in KS1 and KS2. The funds from these events are used to provide extra opportunities and resources for the children in school.

Our PFTA are always looking for new volunteers to support the amazing work that they do. Are you ready to take on this challenge?

Please speak to the office if you like to join our fantastic group of parents in their work.



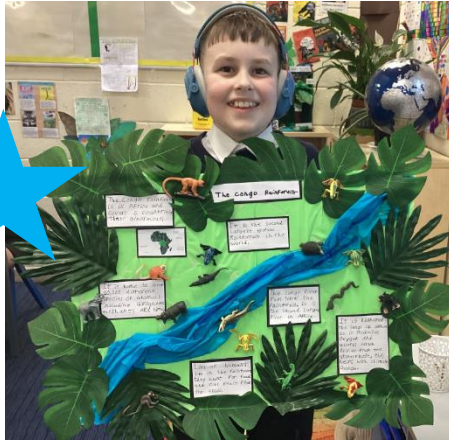
On Friday 7th February, children wore their scarfs to school to school to support children's mental health week.



Thank you to our parents who are being considerate of where they park, enabling the children of Blakehill the safe access to school that they deserve.

We regularly receive feedback from local residents that some parents continue to block access to their driveways. Please be mindful of our neighbours.

Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.
Please also see your child's class pages on the school website.



Our children singing at the Young Voices 2025 concert in Sheffield

Fabulous independent study projects from Year 6.

Fun and laughter at our wonderful PFTA disco



Year 2 had a fabulous evening at the multi sports competition and resulted in coming 1st place.



Year 6 made some amazing memories during the Beverley Park residential.

A tough course for our runners at Cliffe Castle.



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.

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.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2.45. Parents are *careers welcome to attend these:*

- 1W Friday 28th February
- 1M Friday 7th March
- RD Friday 14st March
- RD Friday 21st March
- 5P Friday 28th March
- 5J Friday 25th April
- 4SJ Friday 2nd May
- 4R Friday 9th May
- 3R Friday 23rd May
- 3N Friday 13th June
- 2SG Friday 20th June
- 2H Friday 27th June
- 1W Friday 4th July
- 1M Friday 11th July
- Both reception classes Friday 18th July

Mr Lumb is running cross country sessions on 17th, 18th and 19th February 9:00am - 10:30am, for pupils in Years 3-6. Thankyou to those who have booked on. Please meet Mr Lumb on the school field.

Whole school attendance is: 96.7%
Well done Blakehill!

Celebration Assembly Winners
Monday 3rd and 10th February



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