

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Summer Term 2025

#### Staff News

We say a huge thank you and a fond farewell to some staff at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Bottomley, who has worked at Blakehill for 25 years has decided to hang up her Learning Mentor hat. Mrs Bottomley retires at the end of this term and is looking forward to spending quality time with her family. She is a wonderful and highly regarded member of our school, and we will all miss her dearly.

Mrs Bedell has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Blakehill for 25 years also. She has worked in classes across school to support the learning and pastoral needs of hundreds of children. Mrs Bedell also retires in the summer. She will be missed by everyone.

Congratulations to Mrs Johnston who, after returning from maternity leave in June after the birth of her second child, has secured a teaching job closer to home. We are sure that she will be a huge success.

A final farewell to Mr Towriss (5T) who has completed his first year of teaching at Blakehill and Miss Potts who is embarking on a new adventure at Peel Park Primary as a SEND TA.

On behalf of all staff, governors, pupils and their parents I would like to express my sincere gratitude, love and best wishes to all members of staff leaving at the end of term.

I would like to wish all existing staff, our children and their parents much love and happiness for the summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September.

#### Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

End of Year Reports to Parents  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm**

Blakehill's Got Talent  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 6 Award's Ceremony:  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9:00am**

Whole School Awards' Ceremony  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**School Closes: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and  
Reopens Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

#### School Uniform Stall

A big shout out to teaching assistant and parent Mrs O'Brien who undertook the mammoth task of organising a preloved uniform giveaway. It has been great to see so many parents taking advantage of freshly laundered uniform items.

Thank you for all donations – they really do make a difference.



#### PTFA Summer Fair

Thank you to our PTFA who organized another wonderful Summer Fair last weekend and raised more funds for the children at Blakehill. It was lovely to welcome our families and wider community.

After 12 years on the PTFA, parent Kelly Hildreth steps down as PTFA chair as the last of her three daughters leaves Blakehill. These have been 12 years of personal dedication and inspiration. Thank you, Kelly for all that you have done for Blakehill.

#### Goodbye Good Luck

The whole school will line the school corridors at the end of the school day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to applaud our Year 6 children as they complete a 'Leaver's Walk' through school to meet their parents at the main entrance. It will be an opportunity for us all to say our goodbyes and wish them well in their next stage of their academic journey.





### 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...



Schools from across the local area taking part in Blakehill's Inclusion games. Thank you, Thorpe, Low Ash and Thackley for attending.



It was all glitz and glam at our year 6 prom last week. One step closer to secondary school Year 6!



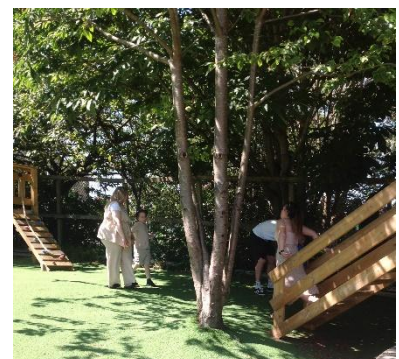
What a great turn out for Blakehill's Cross Country event this week. Another successful sporting opportunity for Blakehill children and schools in the district.



Another year of Forest School almost over too. What great outdoor learning fun we have had this year!



Acknowledging Blakehill's Sport provision, we received the School Games Gold Mark award for excellence this week. A fantastic achievement. Proud to be Blakehill!



Sports Day for the children in Rainbow Room.

