

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2026

Parent/ Carer/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Appointment booking for our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings are now available via eSchools.

Parent Consultations are:

Tuesday 24th March 3:45pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 25th March 3:45pm-7:00pm

Pupil mid-term reports will be sent to parents on **Friday 20th March**. This will contain information about your child’s progress, achievement, learning behaviours and attendance. You can discuss these with your child’s class teacher during your appointment.

Updated media and photo consent forms will be included in the envelope containing your child’s mid-term report. Parents should complete and return these to ensure their preference is recorded and implemented.

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.

A reminder that parents/carers can withdraw consent for their child to participate in the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe assembly on **Tuesday 10th March**. The assembly is delivered annually and is designed for primary school children. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms, including bullying; the ability to recognise the signs of abuse; how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse; to make children aware of how to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline. Please return the consent form attached to the email sent on 6th March or contact the school office.



Break The Rules Day

In celebration of the life and work of *John Froud*, all money raised from our Break the Rules Day on **Friday 20th March** will be donated to the Zephaniah Trust. Thank you for your support with this.

Blakehill in Bloom

Our school garden and grounds are looking great thanks to Mr Hepton. We love this time of year when Spring flowers are blooming. Look out for our gardening club enthusiasts next term bringing colour to our borders.



Upcoming events/diary dates
this term

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

Year 2 visit to Harlow Carr
Monday 9th March

Whole School Science Week - Blast Off
Wk. commencing 9th - 13th March

Cross Country event at Marley Playing Fields
Tuesday 10th March

Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball Event
Thursday 12th March

Rocksteady Concert
(parents welcome)
Thursday 12th March

Year 5 visit Immanuel Performance –
Jesus Christ Superstar
Tuesday 17th March

Parent Workshop – PDA
Thursday 19th March

Break the Rules Day – in support of
Zephaniah Trust
Friday 20th March

Staff News

We would like to wish Year 6 Teaching Assistant Miss Power, much love and luck as she commences her maternity leave next Friday. We are all looking forward to meeting the new addition when they arrive.



Congratulations to School Cook, Michelle and her wonderful team of kitchen staff - another 5 star rating!

School Closures

Easter closure **Friday 27th March**

Reopens **Monday 13th April**

Bank Holiday Monday: **Monday 4th May**

Spring Bank closures:

Closes **Friday 22nd May**

Reopens **Tuesday 2nd June**

Upcoming PTFA Events

Thank you once again to our dedicated PTFA who continue to support school with fundraising ideas and activities. Some dates for your diary:

- Mother's Day Stall. £3 per gift: **Friday 13th March** (in school)
- Easter Competitions. Decorate a boiled egg/colouring competition: **Thursday 26th March**
- Father's Day Stall. £3 per gift: **Wednesday 17th June** (in school)
- PTFA Summer Fair: **Saturday 20th June 1pm-3pm**

Easter Egg Appeal

We are once again grateful for any donations of Easter eggs to this year's Easter Egg Appeal. All donations provide an 'Easter treat' for children who live in poverty across the Bradford district. Thank you to governor, Mr. Cavalier-Lumley for delivering an assembly to raise awareness of this earlier this week.

Striving For Excellence

The Local Authority conducted an independent safeguarding review in February. The outcome of this was highly positive and reflects the school's commitment to maintaining a strong culture of safeguarding across the school.

Key findings:

- ✓ *Blakehill Primary School is a welcoming and calm school, where well established policies mean that robust safeguarding is evident across the school.*
- ✓ *It was clear that all systems and processes for safeguarding are effective and there is a strong culture of child-centred safeguarding practice that has been established by the Headteacher and School Leadership. Importantly, all practices are understood and delivered by staff at all levels.*
- ✓ *All members of the school community said the same things about safeguarding. It was clear from the children that they are kept safe and are extremely happy at Blakehill. They were articulate and positive about all the things staff do.*
- ✓ *There is an effective culture of safeguarding at Blakehill Primary School. The staff not only feel valued but appreciate how the Leadership manage all aspects of safeguarding and operate an 'open-door' policy to raise concerns or seek advice.*
- ✓ *The day was conducted professionally and with great attention to detail throughout. It was evident from the detailed interactions with leaders, teaching staff, children, and governors that everyone at Blakehill Primary School is aware of the various elements that safeguarding covers and a consistency in responses from all groups met.*

Recommendation

- Maintain the excellent practice, and the offer provided for the children, families and staff as this is real strength of Blakehill, all underpinned by the clear ethos and effective management of the school leaders.

We are incredibly proud of our school. Together we Can!



Telegraph and Argus Education Awards

We are really excited to announce that a member of Blakehill staff and a pupil in Year 6 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, so we are delighted to be once again representing our school in 2026.

Well done to Isla-Rae (6H) and Miss Potter (SEND Teaching Assistant) for getting to the final.

We have everything crossed for you!



World Book Day 2026

It was great to see so many Blakehill pupils and staff enjoying the activities of WBD 2026 including dressing up for the occasion - you looked AMAZING.

Competition winners for our design a menu for your favourite book character and creating a mask of a book character will be announced next week. Good luck everyone!



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...



World Book Day in Reception is always so much fun. From Gruffalo to The Cat in the Hat, we LOVE celebrating our favourite book characters!



The return of the sunshine this week saw hundreds of smiling faces, opportunities for outdoor play and friendship. Long may it last!



Enjoy and Excel

Blakehill Primary School continues to be a sporting force to be reckoned with as team after team, event after event we stomp home with certificates, medals and trophies. These awards recognise superb sportsmanship, respect, skill and resilience – all fantastic life skills.



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 **JAVELIN** house team of the week!

Attendance – Making EVERY Day Count!

Fixed Penalty Notices

Holidays taken during term time are subject to a fixed penalty notice as part of the Local Authority campaign to improve attendance across the district.

Schools do not benefit from any fines - this is paid directly to the council however Local Authority schools like ours are obliged to follow the guidance and procedures.

How is your class doing?

Class	Attendance percentage
1M	95.6%
1W	96.8%
2G	97.3%
2H	97.5%
3R	96.7%
3S	97.2%
4N	97.6%
4R	98.0%
5J	96.7%
5S	96.0%
6H	96.4%
6N	97.2%
RD	97.4%
RS	96.5%

Whole school attendance is: 96.9%

Bradford: 94.1%

National 94.8%

Celebration Assembly Winners
Monday 23rd February



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>	3S: Friday 23 rd May
5S: Friday 21 st November		2G: Friday 5 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	5S: Friday 27 th March	
6N: Friday 16 th January	5J: Friday 17 th April	1M: Friday 3 rd July
3R: Friday 23 rd January	RS: Thursday 23 rd April	Both Reception Classes: Friday 10 th July
3S: Friday 30 th January	4N: Friday 24 th April	
2G: Friday 6 th February	4R: Friday 1 st May	
2H: Friday 13 th February	3R: Friday 8 th May	
	3N: Friday 12 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 NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR RS
ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 23rd APRIL