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Spring Term 2025

What a busy couple of weeks it has been since my last newsletter!
 The dinosaurs visited Reception class, Year 2 took a trip down Pudding Lane to learn about the Great Fire of London and Year 6 recreated a tropical rainforest experience as part of their Amazon topic!
 There are still lots of exciting learning opportunities scheduled for the coming weeks!



Keeping Us Safe

What a welcome addition the new road markings outside school are! Despite some initial confusion and delay to these being replaced, they appear to be doing their job in being a visible deterrent to irresponsible parking.
 Thank you to all of our parents for being considerate of where we park, enabling the children of Blakehill the safe access to school that they deserve. Long may it last!

PTFA Disco

Spring Term School Discos will be on Tuesday 11th February.
 Reception and KS1: 5:00pm-6:00pm
 KS2 6:15pm-7:15pm
 Admission per child £2.50. Maximum of £5.00 per family.

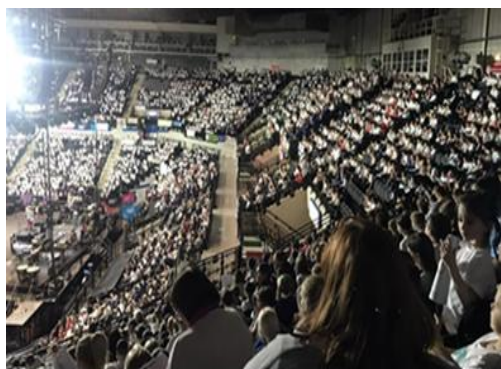
All children collected from the Year 1 and 2 playground after the disco.



Young Voices 2025

We are really looking forward to taking another group of budding singers to the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield on Wednesday 12th February.

It really is a fabulous experience and one that the children at Blakehill have enjoyed for the last 15 years!



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

Arts Week
Monday 3rd February

Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Wed 5th - Fri 7th February

Cross Country Event at Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 5th February

Year 3 Parent Meeting – Nell Bank
Thursday 6th February 4:45pm

Wear a Scarf to School Day
Friday 7th February

Year 2 Multi Sports Comp
Monday 10th February

U9s Football finals
Tuesday 11th February (am)

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KS2 6:15-7:15

Young Voices Choir Sheffield
Wednesday 12th February

Year 6 Dodgeball Championship
Thursday 13 February

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

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 SENDCo's 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! Thank you Mrs Gould for organising.

Supporting Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing

A growing number of concerns are being raised by parents relating to their child's mental and emotional health and well-being. This concern is shared by colleagues across Bradford and beyond and is quickly becoming a national concern. We understand that this can be very worrying for parents. We all want to protect our children from the stresses and anxieties of life and often feel helpless and unsure of what to do when our children are feeling this way. Growing up is not easy and it's up to us as adults to help our children navigate life so that they have the skills and knowledge to do this independently in later life.

Blakehill works with a range of agencies who visit school to provide individual, group and whole school support. Our PHSE and safeguarding curriculum aims to develop children's emotional wellbeing and health and helps children develop essential life skills, from emotional well-being and social skills to health education. Our pastoral team provide additional in-house support and expertise.

We will continue to provide parent conferences, delivered by external partners which are really useful in supporting us as parents and teachers. Please look out for these on our Facebook site/via email.

Links to some of the expert support agencies that schoolwork with can be found on our school website (link below)

https://www.blakehillprimary.co.uk/web/mental_health_support/609600

Please do not hesitate to contact school should you require support/direction with this.

Together We Can

Staff News

Following an operation next week, Mrs. Keighley will be absent from school for approximately six weeks. The school will be 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 during her absence.

Wear A Scarf to School

To raise awareness of children's mental health, we are encouraging the whole school to wear a scarf to school on **Friday 7th February**.



Wear Your

SCARF

Day



Cross Country Champions

We are proud of all of the children that participated in the recent KS2 Cross Country finals at Woodhouse Grove – it is such an achievement to be able to represent school at this highly regarded event. Seventeen of Blakehill children qualified and will represent school in the regional Cross-Country Finals.



Appointment booking for our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be available from Monday 24th February via ESchools.

Parent Consultations are:

Tuesday 18th March 3:45-7:00

Wednesday 19th March 3:45 – 7:00

Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

Please also see your child's class pages on the school website.



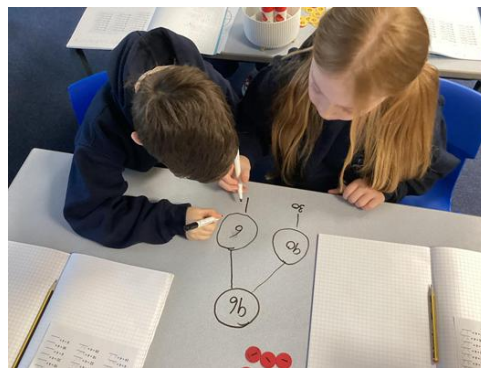
The girls that can! Our U11 girls' football team winning time after time!



Whether it's a peaceful lunchtime, one filled with energy or a quiet game focused break, there is always plenty of activities to be involved in at Blakehill. There's something for everyone!



Math learning in Year 3 is fun, collaborative and practical!



We are loving our forest school on a Tuesday afternoon. Outdoor learning is the best! Even the muddy boots are worth it!

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 KINGFISHER who are currently in the lead with 245 house points!

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 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2024-25 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 15 th November	1W: Friday 28 th February	2SG: Friday 20 th June
5P: Friday 22 nd November	1M: Friday 7 th March	2H: Friday 27 th June
4SJ: Friday 29 th November	RD: Friday 14 th March	1W: Friday 4 th July
4R: Friday 6 th December	RS: Friday 21 st March	1M: Friday 11 th July
6GH: Wednesday 5 th March	5P: Friday 28 th March	Both Reception Classes: Friday 18 th July
6N: Wednesday 12 th March	5J: Friday 25 th April	
3R: Friday 24 th January	4SJ: Friday 2 nd May	
3N: Friday 31 st January	4R: Friday 9 th May	
2SG: Friday 7 th February	3R: Friday 23 rd May	
2H: Friday 14 th February	3N: Friday 13 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.

Whole school attendance is: 96.7%.
Well done Blakehill!

Celebration Assembly Winners
Monday 20th and 27th January

