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Summer Term 2025

Welcome back to the final term of the school year, particularly to the children and families of new starters. The brighter and warmer months bring further opportunities to take our learning outdoors with visits, sports days and Blakehill's 50-year anniversary ahead of us.

There is so much happening this term. Please see the diary dates section of this newsletter for an overview of key dates and upcoming events. Class teachers will provide more details nearer to each event should this be required.

Assessment

Children in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will participate in national standardised tests this term. Parents will already have information about these, and key dates can be found in the diary dates section. It is vital that children attend school every day and get plenty of sleep during the assessment window to ensure that they are at their very best during the administration of the tests.

Staff in school will be able to support you should you have any concerns or need further information.

Year 6 Key Dates

During this final term, Year 6 staff are busy preparing our eldest pupils for their transition to secondary school. In addition to whole school events, here are some key diary dates just for our Year 6 pupils and their families:

- Year 6 Secondary transition day: **Wednesday 2nd July.**
- Year 6 Prom: **Wednesday 9th July - 6.30pm – 8:00pm.**
- Year 6 Production; **Monday 16th July - 6:00pm.**
- Year 6 Award's Ceremony: **Tuesday 22nd July - 9:00am.**

Staff News

Today we bid farewell to Mr. Hargreaves, Blakehill's PE coach who is leaving Blakehill to focus on developing his own company. Mr. Lumb and newly appointed coach Mr. Hawthorn will provide PE lessons across school for the remainder of this year.

It is also the end of an era for two highly experienced members of staff that, after 25 years at school, are hanging up their Blakehill uniforms to start a new chapter. Mrs. Bottomley, school's Learning Mentor and Mrs. Bedell, Year 6 Teaching Assistant will retire in July. We will all miss them dearly.

On behalf of governors, staff, pupils and Blakehill families, I would like to wish Mr. Hargreaves, Mrs. Bottomley and Mrs. Bedell much love and happiness for the future.

On Monday 12th May, Miss Gardner (KS1 Phase Leader) returns to school after her maternity leave. We are looking forward to having her back in school.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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

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

Year 1 visit to Rodley Nature Reserve:
1M Tuesday 6th May
1W Thursday 8th May

Year 5 Wonder Dome Workshop in school
Thursday 8th May

Whole School Claret and Amber Day
Friday 9th May

KS2 (year 6) SATs Week
Wk. comm. Monday 12th May

School closed for half term
**Friday 23rd May and reopens on
Wednesday 4th June**

Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 5th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check
2nd - 13th June

Year 6 Visit to Danelaw Viking Museum
Monday 9th June

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
Wk. comm Monday 9th June

Whole school Shakespeare Workshops
Wednesday 11th June
Thursday 12th June

PTFA Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 13th June

Year 5 visit to Merton Park
Tuesday 24th June

Sports Days 2025
Monday 23rd June – Year 5 and 6 (am)
Monday 23rd June – Year 1 and 2 (pm)
Tuesday 24th June – Year 3 and 4 (am)
Tuesday 24th June – Reception (pm)

Health Week - week commencing **Monday 23rd June 2025**

Teachers are planning activities for Health Week 2025 to raise an awareness of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Activities will include physical activity, healthy eating, visits from health professionals, competitions and good old-fashioned fresh air fun!

Sports days will take place during Health Week and this year will be participant and competition focussed. Families are welcome to attend. Dates and times are provided below.

Monday 23rd June – Year 5 and 6 (9:30 am)

Monday 23rd June – Year 1 and 2 (1:30 pm)

Tuesday 24th June – Year 3 and 4 (9:30 am)

Tuesday 24th June – Reception (1:30 pm)

There will be a whole school inflatable obstacle course on **Thursday 26th June** for all children to enjoy.

Parents/carers who have a health/wellbeing background and would like to visit school to work with the children, please contact Mr Lumb via the school office.

50 Years of Blakehill Primary School Celebrations

On **Friday 4th July**, the whole school will celebrate 50 years of the opening of Blakehill. We are marking this occasion with a day of celebration; food, dance, music and fashion from the 1970s. Special guests, past staff members and a range of activities and entertainment will help us to make this a day to remember.

More details to follow.

Reach for the Stars

Our vision for Blakehill is that all staff strive for excellence with the aim of inspiring children to develop skills, knowledge, and values that will guide them toward a fulfilling and successful life.

To achieve this, we continuously seek professional development opportunities that help us to be the very best that we can be for Blakehill children and their families.

Congratulations to Mr. Sugden, Mr. Lumb and Mrs. Javed who have all recently passed their NPQ (National Professional Qualification) and who are committed to doing just that.

Sun Safety

How much nicer are the days when the sun is shining and the temperatures are rising? It is great to see our children taking full advantage of the great weather at lunch and breaktimes.

As always at this time of the year, we encourage children to wear sunscreen and sunhats to school and remind them about the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Water bottles and light clothing are also advisable.



Striving for Excellence

Well done to Miss Dickinson (Reception) for achieving the Silver Arts Mark Award.

This award recognizes the work that school does to inspire young people to create, experience and participate in art and culture. What an achievement!



Learning = Fun

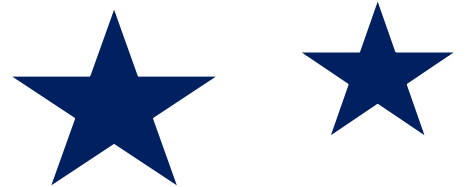
Learning should be fun, engaging and exciting and we continue to try to provide many opportunities to enrich the learning for our pupils. Visits, visitors and events help us to do this. Follow us on Facebook for more...



The countdown to the Year 4 multiplication test is on! Daily rapid recall of our times tables facts is well under way and these children are the first 10 pupils who achieved their badges in recognition of their success. I am looking forward to giving out more badges next week – keep practicing Year 4!



What fun we had last week when the circus came to Blakehill! It was great to see our Reception children practising new skills.



So proud of our U11 boys' team for representing Blakehill in the recent Blackpool Cup. Great teamwork and sportsmanship!



Forest schools rock at Blakehill. We LOVE outdoor and explorative learning!



Teamwork makes the dream work. Mrs. O'Brien joined the school council this week to propose a uniform swap shop. The children were excited to hear her ideas and work together on this project

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 – house of last term – non uniform day for you today!

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance – Advice to Schools

New regulations issued by the Department for Education to schools in the recent drive to improve attendance will be implemented from September 2024. All schools are required to follow the guidance. Mrs. Gould, our attendance leader will provide information to parents later this term focusing in particular on how the new measures will affect our families. A link to the guidance is provided below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63049617e90e0729e63d3953/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf

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:

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

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.

Celebration Assembly Winners for 28th April



Enjoy the extended weekend. School is closed for the Bank holiday on Monday 5th May. School reopens on Tuesday 6th May