Blakehill Primary School

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OFSTED – The report is out!

We were delighted to share with you our recently published Ofsted inspection report, which recognised Blakehill Primary School had achieved a strong standard across all areas of the inspection framework.

Inspectors praised the school's commitment to high expectations, ambitious curriculum, rich opportunities, inclusive culture, and the positive attitudes of its pupils. The report highlights the strength of leadership, the quality of education, and the supportive environment that enables every child to thrive.

I am immensely proud of our entire school community. Achieving a strong standard across every single area of the Ofsted framework is a testament to the relentless dedication, passion and hard work of our staff, the unwavering support of our governors and parents, and, above all, Blakehill pupils.

It has always been important to us that children feel proud to belong to Blakehill Primary, that they feel valued and included. Inspectors saw what we see every day: a school where high expectations and genuine regard go hand in hand. We are thrilled with this recognition.

We remain committed to giving every child at Blakehill the very best start in life so that they contribute positively to the community and are ready for the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

Thank you to you all – we are a great team!! *Love, Mrs Keighley*



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Read our report

Children in Need Day

A massive THANK YOU for your contributions to this year's Children in Need Day – a whopping £4465.90 raised. Fantastic effort Blakehill!

Upcoming events/diary dates this half term

Please also see our Christmas events calendar on page 2

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

Forest Schools
Every Tuesday afternoon

Rock Steady and Learn to Rock music lessons
Every Thursday

Year 4 WW2 Day
Friday 27th November

Friday 27th November – non uniform day (donations for PTFA chocolate/bottle tombola)

Christmas Fair (school hall)
Monday 30th November PTFA 4:30pm-6pm

U11s boys football team 'Road to Wembley' Finals
Thursday 10th December

Year 1 Dodgeball Tournament
Monday 14th December

Year 6 Netball Blakehill v Thorpe
Tuesday 15th December

Years 1/2 Football Match Blakehill v Low Ash
Wednesday 16th December

School Choir visit Kipling Court and Jowett Court
Wednesday 16th December

Rocksteady concert
Thursday 17th December

School Closes on F**riday 18th December 2026** and reopens on **Monday 4th January 2027**

Blakehill Primary School

Our Christmas Events Calendar

We are fast approaching the festive season and preparations are well under way to make this another holiday season to remember. Your child's class teacher will provide more information about these events nearer to the date.

Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fair	**Monday 30th November 4:30pm – 6:00pm**
Santa's Grotto (Free)	**Thursday 3rd December**
EYFS Nativity Productions	**Wednesday 9th December 10:00am** **Thursday 10th December 2:00pm**
Year 1 Craft and Carols	**Friday 11th December** (families welcome)
Year 2 Productions	**Wednesday 9th December 2:00pm** **Thursday 10th December 10:00am**
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	**Tuesday 15th December 10:00am** at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	**Monday 14th December 10:00am** at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
PTFA Christmas Gift Stall	**Wednesday 16th December**
KS2 (Year 3-6) Pantomime	**Thursday 17th December** at Bradford Alhambra
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	**Year 1 - Monday 14th December (pm)** **Year 2 - Tuesday 15th December (pm)** **Reception - Thursday 17th December (pm)**
Christmas Dinner Day /Christmas jumpers	**Wednesday 16th December**
Carols around the Tree	**Friday 18th December**
School closes/ reopens	**Friday 18th December – Monday 4th January**



Secret Santa Appeal

School Governor, Phil Cavalier-Lumley launched this year's secret Santa Appeal during an assembly this week. The Appeal aims to provide gifts for disadvantaged children across the district.

Gift tags are available from the school office with the name and age of children should you be in a position to help. All gifts are gratefully received. These should not be wrapped, please return by 11th December.

PTFA Christmas Fair

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at this year's Christmas Fair on **Monday 30th November 4:30pm - 6:00pm.** There really is something for everyone! Thank you for all of your donations and support once again**.**

Huge thanks to our PTFA and staff who go above and beyond to make events like this happen to benefit our school community.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's evening this week and at the Open Classrooms invitation last week. We enjoy sharing your child's school success!

Thank you also for your contributions to our school library – every book bought at the Scholastic Book Fair raised 'book funds' for us and help us to keep our library fresh and interesting.

A magical £1,237 raised so far this year – we just LOVE to READ at Blakehill!



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…



Blakehill School Council are on a mission to raise awareness of safe parking – ignore at your peril! Police and road safety wardens are also doing the rounds and issuing fines for illegally parked vehicles.

Can we make it a hat-trick? Our U11 boys' team are gearing up for the final in the 'Road to Wembley' later this month. What a fabulous journey to be on!

Blakehill Primary School: Wembley semi-finalists 2024 and 2026







We love taking advantage of the winter sun – outdoor adventure is great fun for all!



We have a new addition to Blakehill Reception Class……welcome Sheldon the tortoise! Sheldon has settled well this week and enjoying all of the limelight, attention and excited faces in RP and RD.





Aside from the sound of Christmas in the classrooms and corridors, some serious drumming and rock music can be heard drifting from the school library. Rock Steady and Learn to Rock – a great way to roll!

Back by popular demand and heavy persuasion from our School Council representatives is HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY.

This Friday treat recognises children that go above and beyond to demonstrate the core values of: kindness, empathy, resilience, respect, aspiration, teamwork etc.

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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 to JAVELIN who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance Champions!

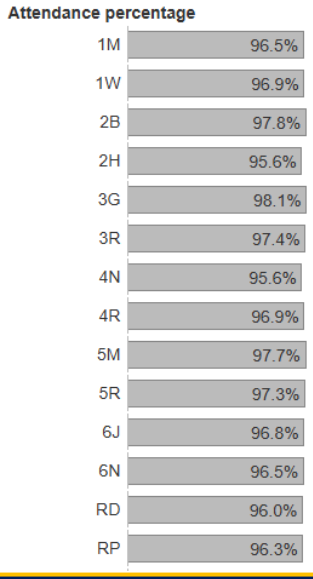
Blakehill Primary School has received its Attendance report from the Department of Education for 2025 -2026.

We are in the top 10% nationally for attendance and lowest 10% for persistent absence with no areas to improve.

Thank you to everyone for your commitment to making sure our children get the very best out of school.

Another win for Blakehill and greater recognition for our school! Proud to be Blakehill.

Which class is in the lead so far this term?



2B achieved top attendance with 97.8% last week!

Current whole school attendance: 96.8%

Celebration Assembly award winners: Friday 13th and 20th November





Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday morning at 9:15am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2026/7 class assemblies are:

6N: Friday 15th January
6J: Friday 22nd January
5R: Friday 29th January
5M: Friday 5th February
4N: Friday 12th February
4R: Friday 26th February
3G: Friday 5th March
3R: Friday 12th March
RD: Friday 23rd April
RP: Friday 7th May
1W: Thursday 20th May
1M: Friday 28th May
2H: Friday 18th June
2B: Friday 25th June

Both Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony: Friday 9th July

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 LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER DROPPING PUPILS OFF AND QUEUE AT THE OFFICE GATE.