

# Blakedown CE Primary School

## Newsletter Summer 13



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### Well Done!

This week Year 3 & 4 performed their summer concert to their families - this was a wonderful display of singing, group recorder playing and individual instrument performance. The children from these year groups were a little nervous at first, but quickly gained confidence to perform in front of their audience. The individual instrumentalists were very brave with their performances and it was an enjoyable afternoon of music - well done to all of them! Well done also to Year 5 & 6 who performed their summer production 'Family Stars' fantastically this week. The children showed confidence in their acting and solo singing and the roles suited the individual children and their characters perfectly. I think we have found some future actors, comedians, rock stars and musicians within these classes! The group singing was joyful and uplifting, with the children singing together and in parts - both performances were enjoyed thoroughly by the audiences.

Thank you for coming and supporting the children and being supportive and encouraging audiences, and to the PTA for all the wonderful refreshments.

### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July to:

Alex who is 7;  
Imogen who is 7; &  
Nyla who is 9.



### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday this week. We hope that it gave you all the opportunity to visit classrooms and teachers for next year and started to build the important relationship between home and school.

### Notice for Current Year 4

Please note that your child will be taking part in level 1 Bikeability early in September when they are back in school as a Year 5. Therefore, if your child cannot ride a bike it would be useful to practise over the summer holidays so that they can take part in this. They will also need a bike that is in good working order and a helmet.

### Weekly Attendance

W.E.: 12.07.2024

Reception: 99% 3 Lates  
Class 1: 96% 4 Lates  
Class 2: 95% 3 Lates  
Class 3: 94%  
Class 4: 98%  
Class 5: 91%  
Class 6: 95% 1 Late

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### Date Reminders:

#### July:

15.07.24: Y6 Leavers' Service  
16.07.24: Moving up day  
17.07.24: Reception Stay & Play  
18.07.24: Y6 Day2Remember  
19.07.24: Celebration Assembly with Y6 parents

For all future dates, including recognition assembly dates, please refer to the school website calendar.

### Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

### School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

### Recognition Awards for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Lane</b> <b>Phoebe</b>	For her positive attitude to learning and pushing herself to achieve her best. For never giving up and always trying her best, even when she is finding something challenging.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Lola</b> <b>Wilf</b> <b>Dimitri</b>	For brightening every day with a smile. Lola is always happy to come to school and is enthusiastic about all our learning. For always making thoughtful and valuable contributions to our class discussions. For working really hard to show greater focus when writing. A huge well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Dexter</b> <b>Thea</b>	For his effort when writing a diary entry about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. For her focus during our history learning on ancient Pompeii.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Hugo</b> <b>Brooke</b>	For being kind, supportive and patient when supporting a Year 2 child to learn new skills in PE. For a super improvement in her writing, she is adding more detail and writing at greater length.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Max</b>	For being enthusiastic during our recent geography topic on sustainability. He has started to write an excellent letter to our local MP discussing recommendations for greater sustainability in our local area.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Primrose</b>	For always working hard and trying her best in all that she does.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Archie</b> <b>Year 6</b>	For making good choices and being a kind friend to others at Ingestre Hall last week. For working hard all year and achieving well, the results of which can be seen in their wonderful SATs results and also for showing independence, responsibility and independence at Ingestre Hall, mixing with other children well and joining in fully with all the arts activities.

#### End of Term Arrangements

As a reminder, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, your child's books will be available to take home at the end of the day. Please ensure your child brings a strong bag (a bag for life would be ideal) to school on this day so that the books can be placed directly into these at home time. On our last day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the children can bring one game or toy to play with during the afternoon alongside others as an end of term treat. Please do not send anything electronic or items with lots of very small pieces that could be lost or anything that is easily broken.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This year has been very busy for Blakedown C of E Primary School, and it's hard to believe that we are already into our final few days of the summer term, with so much from the year to celebrate and still more to look forward to in September.

Each year as a Governing Body we look back and reflect on the achievements for the school all made possible by the amazing teaching and non-teaching staff and volunteers at the school. Congratulations and thank you for all the hard work and organisation behind making a successful and busy year.

As Governors we are impressed and delighted with all the hard work and determination that each child has shown this year, I am sure that you as Parents and Carers are all justifiably proud of your children. Working together in joy and service we can achieve our very best and share by good example of our behaviour the school values of peace, trust, forgiveness, perseverance and respect that guides us all as family of learners.

The Governing Body has been busy throughout the year giving up their time on a voluntary basis to meet and monitor the School Development Plan and carrying out various other roles. Our main objective is to be a critical friend to the school and to ensure that Blakedown C of E Primary continues to provide an outstanding education to all pupils and that it strives to continually improve that provision.

As Chair of Governors, I would like to thank personally the members of the Governing Body for all their support and commitment this last academic year.

Sadly, it is that time of the year when we say farewell to a very special group of children our Year 6 pupils and their families. Our Year 6 have all achieved so much. Their level of personal development, alongside their academic achievement has been excellent. Year 6, we will miss you all, but we know that you are ready for a new challenge. Good Luck in Year 7.

Blakedown C of E School Governors are also very grateful to all the PTA Committee. The PTA put in a great deal of hard work into fund raising, every parent and carer is by default a member of the PTA; but it is the small PTA committee is at the heart of the events that raise so much money for the school. As Chair of Governors, I make a plea on behalf of the PTA for more parents to actively join this wonderful group to help organise and support the several fund-raising events held throughout the academic year. You will be making a difference for your child/children as all the money raised goes to provide many of the things we now take for granted that help the pupils learn and enjoy school. I know from personal experience that you make friends for life with the other parents you meet through PTA.

Finally, it only leaves me to thank our Parents and Carers, once again for your support throughout the year. We have a wonderful community and by working together we have seen our children flourish academically, socially and spiritually.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer and hope that you all come back rested and refreshed ready for the next set of challenges in September.

Regards  
Freda Griffith

Chair of Governors

## Summer Reading Challenge

*On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, all teachers will be collecting in reading books and records so there will be no home reading books after this date. This is so that we can prepare practise reading books in line with the end of year reading assessments that have been completed and pass them on to your child's new teacher, ready for September.*

*We still encourage ALL children to read for twenty minutes a day and to read for pleasure over the six weeks holidays. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to be able to access the Collins e-learning books.*

*There is also a reading challenge at your local library which all age groups can take part in during the summer holidays. The Reading Challenge runs every year, presented by the Reading Agency, this year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers', inspiring children's creativity.*

*'Come to Hagley library to join the Summer Reading Challenge! It's free to join for children age 4-11 years*

*Read 6 library books to complete the challenge, to earn a medal and certificate and collect rewards for each book you read!'*

*To sign up pop into your local library! For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge visit: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/worcestershire-libraries/read-and-discover/summer-reading-challenge>*

*There are also book recommendations for every age group in school on our school website which will help you to select books that are appropriate for the age of your child. <https://www.blakedowncofeprimary.co.uk/phonics-early-reading-and-reading-guidance/>*

*Also, if Year 6 pupils could please check at home to see whether they have any school library books and return them before the end of term, we would really appreciate this too.*

*Have a great summer and keep reading! 📖👤*

