

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Spring 1



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January

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 8th-14th January

2024 to:

Joseph who is 6;
George who is 6;
Douglas who is 8;
Amos who is 9;
Amelia who is 10; &
Troy who is 10.



Weekly Attendance W.E.: 12.01.2024

Reception: 97%
Class 1: 100% 3 Lates
Class 2: 99% 7 Lates
Class 3: 97%
Class 4: 88%
Class 5: 95% 5 Lates
Class 6: 97% 1 Late

Class
1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Spring Term 2023-24. The staff and I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas period and have been able to share it with friends and loved ones. We would like to thank you for all your Christmas and New Year wishes, cards and presents.

The [school calendar](#) on the website has been updated with all the events for the term, please refer to this to keep up to date with what is going on in school, additions are made regularly when new dates are known

The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you again across this term.

Recognition Assemblies

I am pleased to say that inviting a year group of parents at a time to attend recognition assemblies last half term has worked well and will continue this term. Please see which year group's parents are invited for this half term below. All dates are on the website and for the following half term:

Friday 12th January: Year 6
Friday 19th January: Year 3
Friday 26th January: Year 1
Friday 2nd February: Reception
Thursday 8th February: Year 2

As last half term, we will need to restrict attendees to two people per child in that year group as this is the maximum we will be able to fit in safely at any one time with the rest of the school.

Please also note that as the school is at work during this time that the use of phones by parents/carers on entry to school is not allowed, we ask that you turn these off, mute or leave them at home whilst being in school.

We very much look forward to seeing you during this celebratory time.

Date Reminders:

January:

16.01.24: Reception Forest School
17.01.24: Year 3 Swimming
18.01.24: Year 4 Pioneer Trip Meeting

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 8th January 2024

Reception	Ava-Rose Maddie	For her fantastic listening skills at all times and impressing her teachers with this. For consistently showing fantastic focus and perseverance when completing her work.
Year 1	Dimitri Olivia Joseph	For demonstrating super focus in phonics lesson. For always being ready to learn and for trying her best in all class activities. For being such an enthusiastic learner, he always wants to know even more.
Year 2	Jude Kobe	For always trying his best in music and learning a new skill singing in a round. For improving effort and concentration.
Year 3	Reuben	For his focus and concentration when sharing a class text and being able to recall and explain in detail, showing understanding.
Year 4	Lilia Ted	For her wonderful ideas for our new literacy book, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope.' Lilia has been able to use her imagination to think of magical items she would take on a quest and give fantastic reasons for why she has chosen those items. For his enthusiasm during class discussions around our new History focus - Anglo-Saxons. Ted has been able to infer information from primary sources of evidence and give reasons as to what he has inferred.
Year 5	Bobby	For being a kind and caring member of the class, who always works hard and tries his best in all that he does. Bobby also makes positive contributions to class discussions and demonstrates what he has learnt with enthusiasm. This has been particularly evident in maths and English lessons this week.
Year 6	Sophie Matilda	For continued help around the classroom and showing a more mature attitude towards learning. For her consistent focus and hard work across the curriculum.

Pioneer Meeting

Year 4 and parents are invited to attend a short briefing on Thursday 18th January at 3.30 p.m. in Class 4, regarding the upcoming residential trip in March. The meeting will last about 30 minutes.

Primary Applications for children starting September 2024

Please be reminded if you are applying for your child to start school in September 2023 that the **closing date for applications is 15th January 2024 – next Monday**. If you have friends with children who will start in September 2024, please also remind them of this important cut-off date.