

# Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Spring 5



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## Well Done!

Well done to Ted and Gabby in Year 5 who took part in the Worcestershire School Games Cross Country Finals to represent both the school and Wyre Forest. Both ran exceptionally well against over 100 other runners. Ted came 15<sup>th</sup> out of the Year 5 boys and Gabby came 8<sup>th</sup> out of the Year 5 girls. Gabby will now be invited to run in the National Schools' Cross Country Finals in Northampton during March.

Fantastic self-belief, effort and achievement seen by both of Ted and Gabby - well done!

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to:

Ezekiel who is 5;  
& Lilia who is 10.



## Y2 Mosque Trip

Well done to Year 2 who went on a school trip this week to Worcestershire Mosque to end their unit of work in R.E. for this half term. The children were warmly welcomed and they listened really well, learnt lots of interesting facts, enjoyed looking at the building and architecture and represented school brilliantly by their high level of engagement and manners.

## Voice of Jigsaw

Year 5 have been practising their singing to take part in a competition to sing the new songs for our PSHE Jigsaw programme. We have had all fingers crossed but heard this week that although impressed with the quality and enthusiasm we were not selected as the winners this time.

The judges commented upon how wonderful it was to see how well Year 5 sang together and clearly enjoyed the process. We will be receiving a school certificate and individual certificates for all of Year 5.

## Weekly Attendance W.B.: 27.01.2025

Reception: 100% 2 Late  
Class 1: 95% 2 Late  
Class 2: 94%  
Class 3: 96% 4 Lates  
Class 4: 99%  
Class 5: 97% 1 Late  
Class 6: 98% 2 Late

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## Date Reminders:

### February:

- 14.02.25: Y4 Assessed Pedestrian Training
- 14.02.25: Y4 Worship & Recognition Assembly with Y4 parents
- 24.02.25: INSET Day
- 26.02.25: Y1 Trip
- 28.02.25: Recognition Assembly with Y6 & Reception parents.

### March:

- 03.03.25: Hands On Science Workshops
- 05.03.25: Y3 Hagley Library Visit
- 07.03.25: Recognition Assembly with Y5 parents

For all future 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Willow</b>  <b>Gracen</b> <b>Aaliyah</b>	For always being focussed in all our lessons and for always striving to achieve her very best. For always working hard to be the very best he can be. For always demonstrating perseverance when working.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Lily</b>  <b>Lola</b>	For her growing confidence and perseverance, even when things are tricky. For being kind and helpful which demonstrates our value of service.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Imogen</b>  <b>Florrie</b>	For a real improvement in her focus and effort to complete work. For using the maths resources independently to help her when she finds questions a little bit challenging.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Archie</b>  <b>Nirvana</b>	For always being an outstanding role model to his peers by consistently showing our school value of respect. For improving his attitude to learning, he is showing he is becoming an independent learner and working hard to always improve his work.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Seb</b>  <b>Teddy</b>	For fantastic mental arithmetic work. For working hard to improve recall multiplication and division.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Maisie</b>	For following the correct steps to produce an accurate self-portrait.
<b>Music</b>	<b>Troy</b>	For often being recognised for setting a positive and musical example to the whole school in Singing Praise.

### Hagley Library

Please see attached a flyer about workshops at Hagley Library during half term that you may be interested in.



### Hockey Coaching

The attached flyer gives information about junior hockey coaching which may be of interest.

Please see attached flyers from the Starting Well partnership raising awareness of the free stop smoking service they offer.

Please be reminded that smart watches are not to be worn in school.

### Reminder

Half term is quickly approaching and takes place during the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February. There is an **INSET** day on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and Children are back in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Please see a range of free courses overleaf about autism and ADHD.

### **Free autism and ADHD workshops for parent carers**

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board have funded a series of free workshops available to parents and carers delivered by Autism West Midlands and ADHD Foundation Trust. These are running through until April with multiple dates and times available. From Autism West Midlands, these are live online webinars that are between 1.5 to 2 hours long, with access to recordings for up to 2 weeks after the session so you can watch it in your own time. Sessions include:

- [Autism & Anxiety](#)
- [Autism & Communication](#)
- [Autism & Sensory difficulties](#)
- [Autism & Behaviour](#)
- [Navigating the System](#)
- [Autism & the Teenage Brain](#)
- [Supporting your Autistic Teen.](#)

From ADHD Foundation Trust, these are a series of live online webinars that are 1 hour and 15 minutes long. There are two workshop series available: Set 1 for parents/carers whose child is waiting for an ADHD assessment, or for those wanting to learn more about ADHD and Set 2 for parents/carers whose child has an ADHD diagnosis and needs support. To find out more and to book the dates/times you want, download the PDF documents available half-way down [this linked page](#).

### **Free course about autism for teens**

Teen Autism Confident is a free online 6-week course about autism for autistic teens aged 13-19. It is delivered by Autism West Midlands and is an opportunity for diagnosed and non-diagnosed autistic teens to learn more about autism in small, supportive group sessions and a one-to-one meeting with an autism advisor. The course will explore topics ranging from understanding autism to self-esteem and self-image. The sessions are every Monday from 9.30am – 11am starting 24th February.

### **Free training from SENDIASS**

The SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) delivers a range of free training workshops for parent carers. These include Autism & Me; What Does a Good EHCP Look Like; How to Check a Draft EHCP; SEND – What You Need to Know; Understanding Dyslexia. Find out more on the [SENDIASS website](#).