

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Spring 6



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 10th -16th February 2025 to:

Tabitha who is 6;
Keeley who is 8;
Ethan who is 8;
Betsy who is 10;
✦ Ummaymah who is 11.



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 10.02.25

Reception: 93% 2 Lates
Class 1: 94% 6 Lates
Class 2: 91% 4 Lates
Class 3: 96% 2 Lates
Class 4: 99%
Class 5: 98% 1 Late
Class 6: 94% 1 Late

Class
4

Date Reminders:

February:

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: Reception & Y3 Hagley Library Visit
07.03.25: Recognition Assembly with Y5 parents

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

World Book Day Events

During the week beginning 3rd March, school is planning on celebrating World Book Day right across the week with varied events. They are as follows:

Wednesday 5th March - Reception and Year 3 will be visiting Hagley Library during the morning. Reception do this regularly as part of their curriculum, but Year 3 missed out last year due to train cancellations and so are going this year instead.

Thursday 6th March - World Book day tokens will be handed out to the children, this is the official World Book Day.

Friday 7th March - children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas. We will be holding a House Team competition in the afternoon where we play a book themed 'Guess Who' game and sharing books within our House Teams.

Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March - Parents are invited to read with their children in their class before between 8:30 and 8:50. A bell will ring to signal to parents that it is time to leave and for school to commence.

Also look out for information from the Eco team about a book swap opportunity during the week.

Wrap Around Care Assistant

We are looking for an additional wrap around care assistant to join our team on Mondays 2.30-5.15 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 3.00-5.35 p.m. and Friday 7.15-8.45 a.m. Please call the office for information and an application form.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Awards for week beginning 10th February 2025

Reception	Teddy Lorenzo	For extending himself to write a sentence at the end of phonics. For focus and perseverance when writing.
Year 1	Ramaiya Rae	For always demonstrating excellent manners and for being kind to others. For always walking into the classroom with the hugest of smiles and with buckets of enthusiasm for day ahead.
Year 2	Lucy Remi Charlie	For always looking for ways in which she can help others. Lucy demonstrates kindness and our value of service in all that she does. For always approaching everything that she does with a kind and sensible attitude. For approaching everything he does with a cheerful smile and a positive outlook.
Year 3	Alex Ethan	For trying his best, being ready to learn and persevering. For doing his best and listening to feedback to improve his work
Year 4	Hugo Lucy	For his excellent independent work while writing a newspaper report. He has shown great effort and thoughtfulness in structuring his writing, ensuring it is clear, engaging, and well-organised. For showing fantastic perseverance while learning her times tables. She has worked hard to improve her confidence and accuracy, demonstrating great determination.
Year 5	Neve	For working conscientiously when writing her own fairy tale and pushing herself to make interesting vocabulary choices.
Year 6	Amelia	For writing a wonderful character description that included figurative language and adventurous vocabulary choices.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to those who will be celebrating over half term 17th – 23rd February 2025 to:

Isla who is 5;
Harley who is 10;
Kairi who is 10;
& Poppy who is 10.



Well done to all Classes for embracing the Big Schools Birdwatch over the past 2 weeks. A big shout out to Year 4 who made eco feeders – these are hanging from our trees in the field.

The Eco-Committee submitted the data earlier today and we have been congratulated for taking such a full part in the birdwatch. We have been sent a Schools for Nature certificate, signed by Sir David Attenborough and we are also allowed to use the logo above.

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](#).