

# Blakedown CE Primary School

## Newsletter Spring 9



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### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to:

Gideon who is 6;  
& Arthur who is 8.



### Weekly Attendance W.B.: 10.03.25

Reception: 100% 3 Lates  
Class 1: 97% 3 Lates  
Class 2: 96%  
Class 3: 88% 1 Late  
Class 4: 96%  
Class 5: 96%  
Class 6: 88% 3 Lates

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### British Science Week 2025

The week in school we have been celebrating British Science Week 2025. Each year there is a new theme, and for 2025 it is 'Change and Adapt'. Through a variety of activities, we have thought about how the world is changing and how we can adapt to those changes. We have used resources from a variety of sources such as the National Farmers Union and Blue Cross. Attached to this newsletter is a pack full of activities suitable for home learning. Please send in pictures of any science activities you may choose to do at home, we would love to see them.

### Free School Meals Guidance

There is new guidance coming into force from 1<sup>st</sup> April with regards to Free School Meals not being protected when pupils move from the primary to secondary phase. This does not affect anyone who is already confirmed as eligible, but could impact on anyone who has not already applied and is confirmed as eligible for Free School meals. This is NOT the same as Universal Infant Free School Meals that children are now entitled to whilst they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please find attached the school guide about Free School meals and Pupil Premium eligibility. If you think you may qualify please apply before 28<sup>th</sup> March using the [Citizen Portal – Sign in](#).

### Date Reminders:

#### March:

- 17-19.03.25: Y4 Pioneer Trip
- 19.03.25: Y5 SEND Review Meetings
- 19.03.25: Parent Forum
- 21.03.25: Recognition Assembly with Y4 Parents
- 21.03.25: Kidderminster Harriers - Y5 & Y3 Sessions
- 25.03.25: Y2 Performance
- 25.03.25: Y5 Trip - Compton Verney
- 26.03.25: Parents' Evening 2
- 27.03.25: Y2 Dance Festival
- 28.03.25: Recognition Assembly with Y1 Parents
- 28.03.25: Kidderminster Harriers - Y5 & Y4 Sessions

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

### Change of date:

Due to staffing issues, we have had to change the date of the Year 2 performance to **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 a.m.**

### Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

### School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect



**Recognition Awards for week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Isla</b>  <b>Austin</b>	For pushing herself in both maths and literacy and wanting to show her teachers more. For offering his ideas more readily and for fabulous focus and effort in everything he does.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Mia</b>  <b>Kiera</b> <b>Ava-Rose</b>	For always being so enthusiastic, engaged and finding joy in all her learning. For always trying her best to achieve in all she is asked to do. For always thinking of others and being a kind friend.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Francesca</b>  <b>Lily</b>	For effort and enjoyment during the preparation for the dance festival. For challenging herself and trying something new that pushed out of her comfort zone.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Jude</b> <b>Ava</b> <b>Olivia</b> <b>Roscoe</b>	For attempting an increasing amount of work with independence. For pushing herself to try questions when she is unsure. For offering more discussion input about the shared reading texts. For working extra hard and putting in lots of effort with his reading and spellings.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Alfie</b>  <b>Isaiah</b>	For his brilliant work converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. He was focussed and persevered when faced with the challenging questions. For his excellent poem based on Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting. He went above and beyond using the success criteria and worked hard to ensure his poem was the best it could be.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Lilia</b>	For always being kind and caring towards others and for living out the school value of service by always offering and finding ways to help others.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Finlay</b>	For creating a great atmosphere through language choices in his writing.

**Parent Forum**

As an alternative to the termly Parent Forum Group, Mrs Nash (Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo) and Mrs Griffith (Chair of the Governing Body) will be available at the end of the day in the playground on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.20 p.m., to gain your views about school.

Please come and have a chat.  
We look forward to seeing you.

**Worcestershire FA Disability Newsletter**

We have been asked to share the Worcestershire FA Disability newsletter for February with all parents/families at school in case it is of interest:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/sLiLsUHgWReggXIW?ref=email>