

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 3



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 12th May 2025 to:

Mabel who is 7;
Eirinn who is 7;
Ella who is 8;
Lucy who is 10;
& Seb who is 10.



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 12.05.25

Reception: 97% 2 Lates
Class 1: 98% 1 Late
Class 2: 96%
Class 3: 97%
Class 4: 97%
Class 5: 93% 1 Late
Class 6: 99%

Class
6

Notice of Sports Day Date:

Please note that **Thursday 19th June** is the date that we are planning on holding our Sports Day. It will be held in the morning from 9.00 a.m. starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, with all KS2 classes beginning their races around 10.15 a.m. We are aiming to finish in time for lunchtime at 11.45 a.m. You are welcome to attend part or all of the event and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this day.

Well Done Year 6

Well done to Year 6 for their effort, concentration and perseverance this week whilst undertaking their statutory tests. Although these results are used as a measure of progress and attainment across the school in literacy and numeracy, they do not measure the beauty of each individual, their kindness, their character, their support for one other, their ideas, skills, interests and abilities in all other areas of life which are captured in their every day experiences and opportunities. Year 6 have managed this week exceptionally well and we are proud of who they are.

Date Reminders:

May:

- 20.05.25: Y3 Trip to Kinver Edge Rock Houses
- 21.05.25: Reception Class worship with R Parents
- 22.05.25: Y5 Cricket Festival
- 22.05.25: PTA Discos
- 23.05.25: Recognition Assembly with Y1 Parents

June:

- 2-6.06.25: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 2-6.06.25: Y6 Ingestre Hall Residential
- 04.06.25: Reception Lower Smite Farm Trip
- 05.06.25: Y2 Carpet Museum Trip
- 06.06.25: Recognition Assembly with Y5 Parents

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

Free Stop Smoking

Please see the attached poster for details regarding a free stop smoking service offered by the NHS.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE



School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Awards for week beginning 12th May 2025

Reception	Arthur	For really pushing himself and sharing what he can do with his teachers.
Year 1	Gideon Mila Ava-Rose & Aria	For always being ready to learn and for trying his very best in all he does. For always reading with super prosody, I really enjoy listening to you read. For finding joy when planting, you both did a great job on improving our outdoor environment.
Year 2	Theo Joseph	For his focus in maths – he is trying so hard to use the methods he is shown which and this is allowing him to tackle some tricky maths questions. For his excellent contributions during class discussions where he shares his knowledge of many topics with us.
Year 3	Imogen Thea	For her perseverance and presentation with our recent fraction work. For a greater attention to detail when presenting her work using kinetic letters.
Year 4	Aria Evelyn	For being enthusiastic and engaged within learning her times tables. She has been consistently trying her hardest and making brilliant progress. For being a kind and conscientious member of our class, always helping those around her and trying her very hardest with every lesson.
Year 5	Neve	For her fantastic descriptive writing when practising ideas for writing our own traditional tale.
Year 6	All Year 6	For their calm and focused approach to dealing with their external tests this week – they have all done us proud with the way that they approached these – well done!

MEDICATION

Please note that if your child requires prescribed medication at any point which cannot be given to them either side of the school day, this should be brought to the office by a parent/carer so that information on dosage and storage can be discussed and recorded. Your child's class teacher will need to know that medication is required, but the medication itself should **not** be put directly into your child's book bag as this is a safety issue to them and other children who may open it. At the end of the day, staff will return the medication to the office, where parents/carers are asked to collect it and to check that it is the correct medication before it will be returned. Many thanks for following these important procedures.

PTA Information

As you are aware, the current PTA Committee will be stepping down from their roles in September. The PTA play an important part in the school community, providing opportunities for additional activities and events for children and families alike, whilst also raising much needed funds that support the children's resources in school. For those of you who may be interested in being involved but would like to know more, please see below some extra information about the role of the different members of the committee. It is hoped that there are many of you interested to continue and build on the successes of previous and our current PTA so that this important and valued element of school life does not just fizzle out. As a minimum, for the PTA to continue, it would require a **chair, treasurer and secretary**.

If, after reading you are interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch via email blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com or your class rep.

PTA Chair

Leads the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members.

The chair's responsibilities:

- Chairs and facilitates meetings in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute
- Sets the date and agenda for meetings and keeps the discussion on track
- Delegates tasks to committee members
- Ensures decisions are implemented
- Liaises with the school about fundraising priorities
- Welcomes and motivates new volunteers
- Is a designated signatory on the PTA bank account
- Ensures the PTA is registered with regulatory bodies eg, the Charity Commission, and submits reports where necessary.

Suits people who are...

- Strong leaders
- Diplomatic and fair
- Enthusiastic
- Good delegators

PTA Treasurer

The treasurer controls the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions as well as charity law. They make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team.

The treasurer's responsibilities:

- Manages the day-to-day finances
- Keeps a detailed and accurate record of the PTA's financial activity
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way
- Arranges floats for events
- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers
- Makes Gift Aid claims
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses
- Completes the Charity Commission annual return (if registered)
- Gets accounts audited where necessary

Suits people who are...

- Confident at handling money and budgets
- Good with numbers
- Methodical

PTA Secretary

The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

The secretary's responsibilities:

- Assists the chair with planning meetings
- Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decision made and relevant action points
- Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets
- Ensures meetings have enough attendees to form a quorum
- Keeps records
- Shares information

Suits people who are...

- Great communicators
- Accurate writers

Other Roles:

Grants Secretary

A grants secretary's role is to research and apply for grants. This involves working with the school and committee to establish what needs funding, finding grants that are suitable for your school, gathering evidence and writing applications. Writing skills are crucial and a fundraising background would be beneficial.

Year reps

Year group reps are a visible point of contact between parents and the PTA. They can help to spread messages more locally and mean the rest of the committee isn't spreading itself too thin in reaching out to the community. It also means all year groups are represented. Year reps are key in securing volunteers for events.

Lottery Organiser

A monthly school lottery or 100 club is a simple way to have a steady flow of income. It can be the responsibility of one person to set it up, promote it to the community, organise and oversee payments and draw the monthly winner.

Second-hand Uniform Coordinator

Second-hand sales are a great money makers while providing a service to parents and preventing waste. A second-hand uniform coordinator takes in unwanted uniform, washes it and then sells it on.

PTA Co-Chair

The co-chair supports the chair in their role and also takes over in their absence. The role involves working closely with the chair in their work, including running meetings, encouraging volunteer participation and organising events.

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