

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 4



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 19th May 2025 to:

Lorena who is 5;
Edward who is 7;
Florence who is 9; &
Ava B who is 11;

And for during half term to:

Kiera who is 6;
Theo who is 7;
& Isla who is 10.



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 19.05.25

Reception: 100% 3 Lates
Class 1: 97% 4 Lates
Class 2: 94% 1 Late
Class 3: 97% 2 Lates
Class 4: 96%
Class 5: 90% 1 Late
Class 6: 85%

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Well Done Reception

Well done to our Reception children who led the school in worship this week on the theme of their school learning journey so far. They spoke confidently and with enjoyment about all the things they have learnt and the experiences they have had in school this year so far. They made us all feel very proud of them especially as they had such a large audience to speak to. Their singing was beautiful too – well done!

Date Reminders:

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
- 09.06.25: Y6 Bikeability Week
- 9-13.06.25: Y1 Phonics Check Week
- 10.06.25: Y3 Lower Smite Farm Trip
- 12.06.25: Y5 Canoeing & Kayaking Trip
- 13.06.25: Recognition Assembly with Y6 Parents

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

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the children who demonstrated the act of service by volunteering during their lunchtime to improve the school grounds and encourage biodiversity. They have all made a difference.

A big thank you to Rob Clarke, the centre manager at Hodgehill Garden Centre who organised the donation of plants to help us increase the biodiversity of our school grounds and to support us to create a 'bee corridor'.



Please see the attached poster regarding an event at Hagley Library over half term.



Wednesday 28th May & Friday 30th
10am-12 & 2pm-4pm
Find all the monsters, collect a prize!

Please see the attached posters regarding free webinars for parents about Autism and ADHD.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE



School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Awards for week beginning 19th May 2025

Reception	All Reception	For all the hard work they put into learning their lines and the songs for their class worship and for the fabulous way they presented worship to the school.
Year 1	Reuben Lane	For demonstrating fantastic focus when writing his narrative, I really enjoyed reading about the orange elephant. For always being ready to learn and for always trying her very best.
Year 2	All Year 2	For all their effort this week with their special tests. Everyone has tried their best and pushed themselves to succeed.
Year 3	All Year 3 Ethan Wrench	For their enthusiasm and engagement on the trip to Kinver. For settling in well and improving his focus and effort in all lessons. Well done for a fantastic first term
Year 4	Lydia Archie	For being determined when faced with challenging tasks. Lydia will always give everything her best shot, as well as helping those around her, showing off her kind nature. For working hard on the presentation of his work.
Year 5	Ted	For working hard to proof-read and improve his writing and for helping Mrs Edmunds dig over the flower beds in preparation for planting at lunchtime. He showed great enthusiasm and skill in doing this and was a great help to Mrs Edmunds.
Year 6	Callen	For stepping into different roles during the production practice and really capturing the different characters.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the children's discos this week. Thanks also to all the volunteers who attended to offer their time and invaluable support. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the money raised from this event will help to fund more iPads in school for the children.



Please note the information below about the roles required for the PTA to continue and if you require any further information, do not hesitate to make further enquiries via the PTA contacts or Mrs Beckford-Bond. Events like the disco will not go ahead in future if the PTA does not have a core group of committee members putting themselves forward in September. This would obviously be a loss to the school community and to school funds.

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, a treasurer and a secretary**.

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

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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- Strong leaders
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