


Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 5



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JUNE



Beatrice who is 8;
Nanaki who is 9;
Grace who is 9;
& Erica who is 10.



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 02.06.25

Reception: 98% 5 Lates
Class 1: 89% 2 Lates
Class 2: 94%
Class 3: 97% 3 Lates
Class 4: 94% 1 Lates
Class 5: 98% 1 Lates
Class 6: 97%



Class
R & 5

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the final half term of 2024-25. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We have a busy time ahead of us and have a range of different experiences and opportunities planned for the children across this half term. Please refer to the date reminders on the newsletters as well as the website calendar to ensure you do not miss out on any of the events. We look forward to sharing this time with you and your children in the build up to the summer.

Well done...

To Reception for the positive way they represented themselves and the school on their visit to Lower Smite Farm this week. And to Year 2 who impressed all the volunteers at the Carpet Museum during their trip with their high engagement, interest and well-mannered behaviour.

Date Reminders:

June:
09.06.25: Y6 Bikeability Week
09.06.25: Y5/6 Top-up Swimming
9-13.06.25: Y1 Phonics Check & Y4 MTC 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
16.06.25: Y5/6 Top-up Swimming
17.06.25: Class Photographs
18.06.25: Y1 Botanical Gardens Trip
19.06.25: Sports Day 9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m
20.06.25: Recognition Assembly with Y1 Parents

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

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Year 4 will be taking their MTC next week. They have been practising hard and the try it out checks are showing that their hard work is paying off. Thank you for all your support in practising these at home.

Y1 Phonics Check

Next week is the designated period for children in Year 1 to take their phonics check. The children will work one to one with Mrs Edmunds and the results of the check will be shared with you on their annual written report which is due out at the beginning of July.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE



Recognition Awards for week beginning 2nd June 2025

Reception	Dexter Olivia Ruby	For his super singing and contributions in music this week. For making such a fantastic start to her school journey at Blakedown. For her enthusiastic participation in all of the activities during our visit to Lower Smite Farm. She demonstrated fabulous speaking and listening skills throughout the day.
Year 1	Teddy Meredith	For always listening carefully and making thoughtful contributions to our class discussions. For always being ready to learn and modelling fabulous learning behaviours.
Year 2	Rayner	For her engagement and full participation during the class trip to the Carpet Museum – her knowledge and interest really stood out.
Year 3	Freddy Heath	For a greater focus on his work and sharing ideas with the class. For really taking an interest in our Iron Age topic and reasoning out why it might have been a violent time. Great ideas!
Year 4	Reuben	For his continued enthusiasm, always having his hand up and showing brilliant work ethic.
Year 5	Lilia	For the way she constantly shows kindness and care for others in school, both children and adults, and her positive attitude towards serving and helping others.
Year 6	Year 6 have been out this week at Ingestre Hall.	

THANK YOU!

The Eco-Committee would like to say a very BIG thankyou to everyone who has contributed to our latest initiatives 🙏

Over the following 2 weeks we will counting, sorting and using the single used plastics you have collected. We will share our work with you in our next newsletter.

Thank you once again as together we have all made a difference 🌍

The Eco-Committee

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

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.

Suits people who are...

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

Busy Bees Wrap Around Care

For any parents who need to use our wrap around care provision - Busy Bees, from September - there is availability.

Please get in touch to make your bookings:

wrap@blakedownprimary.worcs.sch.uk

