

Blakedown CE Primary School



Newsletter Autumn 1



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WELCOME BACK TO AUTUMN TERM

A very warm welcome back to school, it has been lovely to see you all back this week and I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have welcomed 28 new Reception children and also two other children, one in Year 1 and another in Year 6. The school now holds 194 children; with most available spaces in Year 1.

Our new Reception children have made a great start to their school journey this week, they have had two half days and a day that includes lunch today. We look forward to having them in school full time every day from next week. Over the summer break we have said a goodbye to Mrs Linsdell-Marshall; we thank her for all her hard work and dedication in wrap around care and wish her the very best in her new ventures. We also give a warm welcome to Miss Slater who is filling in for Mrs Anderson whilst she recuperates after an operation. We hope that Mrs Anderson has a quick and successful recovery and we see her back soon.

The website calendar has been updated with forthcoming known events in the 'Diary Dates' page and this will continue to be refreshed when new dates and events are confirmed.

We are all looking forward to another successful year, working in partnership on behalf of the children.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday from
1st -7th September to:

Nancy who is 6;
Wilfred, Henry &
Frank who are 8;
Amelia who is 9; &
Brooke who is 10.



Weekly Attendance

W.E.: 05.09.25

Reception: 100%
Class 1: 96% 1 Late
Class 2: 100% 2 Lates
Class 3: 96%
Class 4: 99%
Class 5: 97%
Class 6: 98%

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Date Reminders:

September:

- 10.09.25: Class Briefings
- 12.09.25: Recognition Assembly with Y5 parents
- 15.09.25: Y5 Bikeability
- 19.09.25: Recognition Assembly with Y4 parents
- 19.09.25: Y6 Shakespeare Workshop

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

Mobile Phones

As a reminder - children are **not** allowed mobile phones in school. The only exception to this is for children in Year 6 who walk directly home as they may need to bring their phones for safety during their journey home. If this is the case, these children should turn off their phones at the school gates and hand them in on entrance to school. Phones are then returned at the end of the day and can be turned on when children leave the school grounds.



Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Assemblies

Parents are invited to attend Friday recognition assemblies on a rota basis as below. Please also see the website calendar. These are usually around 15-20 minutes long and start at 8.55 a.m. When classes lead worship during this time, the recognition part follows afterwards and so during these weeks assembly will last a little longer. Please note that during assemblies, all phones should be turned off or turned to silent and should not be used whilst in school.

- 12.09.25: Year 5 parents
- 19.09.25: Year 4 parents
- 26.09.25: Year 3 parents
- 03.10.25: Y6 parents (Harvest worship)
- 10.10.24: Y2 parents
- 17.10.24: Year 1 parents
- 23.10.25: Reception parents (Thursday a.m.)

Year 6 – High School Applications

Parents/carers of Year 6 received a transfer pack via ParentMail yesterday. We have been asked to remind you to check that this has been received and that the application process is online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications should be completed by the closing date of **31st October 2025**. You will be notified of the outcome of your application on **1st March 2026**.

Class Briefings

Class briefings are being held for parents on Wednesday 10th September at 4.00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from your child's teachers about what happens in their class across the year, the age group curriculum and expectations and how you can support from home.

Briefings will last for approximately 30-40 minutes. Most classes have been paired up so that you can hear the most relevant information. Please see below for which classroom to visit:

- Reception: Reception classroom;*
- Year 1 & Year 2: Year 2 classroom;*
- Year 3 & Year 4: Year 4 classroom;*
- Year 5 & Year 6: Year 6 classroom*

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, but if you are not able to attend the briefing slides will be available on the class pages of our website after the event.

Green Eco Award

Dear Parents and Carers,
I wanted to share some very exciting news with you all ... our Eco-Schools Green Flag application has been successful.

Not only have Blakedown CE Primary School achieved a Green Flag but by going the extra mile and having high expectations we have achieved an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with **Distinction!** I am feeling really proud right now of the whole school community and of our fantastic Eco-Committee 🌱

Thank you for all your efforts and support, these are really appreciated, as together we have **all** made a difference 🌍

Mrs Edmunds

Silver Level Award!

We have achieved the School Games Mark at Silver Level for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: accessing a range of sporting events externally organised by Wyre Forest School Sports Partnership including hockey, cricket, athletics, golf, dance, cross country and football. Holding a range of events internally and ensuring that events are open to all pupils as well as supporting those who need additional activities to support them physically, socially and emotionally.

We look forward to applying in 2026!



REMINDERS

Snacks and Water:

At break time, children are allowed fruit/vegetables only. From Year 3-6, fruit/veg snacks need to be provided from home. We have a number of children with allergies, therefore **nuts are not allowed** to be brought into school.

All children should come with a water bottle filled with fresh water each day so that they can have continuous access to a drink without the need to leave the classroom. Please ensure your child has one with them each day.

Medication:

If your child has started a new medication such as an inhaler over the summer break, please do not forget to bring this into school - you will be requested to complete a form so that we know correct dosages. Additionally if you had medication returned at the end of the year please ensure up to date replacements are now in school. All medication needs to be brought to the school office not sent via the children in their book bags.

Uniform & PE Kits:

Please note the school uniform policy and expected clothing on the website. Additionally, no branded PE hoodies/sweatshirts should be worn, PE tracksuits and t-shirts should be plain navy blue.

Personal Details & Consents:

If you have changed your address, telephone number or email addresses over the summer, please make sure you let us know your up to date details. This is also required if any changes occur during the year. If you wish to change any of your consents, please let us know.

Bikes & Scooters:

If children ride their bikes or scooter to school, please note that they should dismount on school property as pathways are busy at entrances and exits and this will ensure everyone stays safe on site.

Dogs:

School is a dog free zone. That means that dogs are not allowed anywhere on site, whether they are being held, on leads or tied up on the school property. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Parking:

We kindly ask that you do not park at the front of school during drop off/collections and do not block the driveway at **any** time. If you need to collect your child during the day for any reason please park in designated parking spaces away from school and walk to the pedestrian gate. Please note parking at Blue Hoots is not available unless you have a child in nursery and are dropping them off, and parking on the sports driveway is also not allowed due to safety.

Please see attached flyers
for community sport and
music opportunities that
are available to our
children in the local
areas.

Attendance

As you may be aware, last year [new regulations](#) came into force and became statutory for schools: [Working together to support school attendance guidance](#) which made changes to register coding, penalty notices and mandating schools to [share their attendance data](#). The school's policy reflects these changes, please also take note that parents/carers can be fined for taking children out of school for 10 consecutive sessions (5 consecutive days, whether this crosses a weekend or not). Attendance is high on the governments agenda as part of their improving education policies.

Parents are expected to ensure that unless their children are ill, their child attends school punctually every day. To help with this please see the expectations below.

What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30 a.m. each day of your child's absence and at the latest by 9.20 a.m.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters, however it is preferable where possible that these are not in school time.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. (unless they have a diagnosed illness, high temperature and have had vomiting/diarrhoea in which case they *must* stay off 48 hours after the last bout).
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance and/or punctuality with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Please visit our [attendance page](#) on the website for more information.