

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 2



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday from
8th-14th September to:

Florence who is 5;
Zac who is 5; &
Lucy who is 8;



Weekly Attendance

W.B.: 08.09.25

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

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School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Harvest

During Harvest time, we usually collect donated non-perishable and packaged items to send to the Black Country Food Bank. We will be celebrating Harvest time in school on Friday 3rd October when Year 6 will be leading their class worship with the school and their parents, so if you would like to donate to this, the food bank is currently asking for the following items:

UHT milk; coffee
Tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding
Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce; tinned baked beans
Tinned meat (e.g. ham, corned beef, hot e.g. chicken curry, stewed steak)
Tinned carrots and peas; tinned soup
Jam; peanut butter
Squash; fruit juice
Tinned potatoes
Toilet rolls; deodorant; razors
Shaving foam; shower gel
Toothpaste; shampoo
Nappies sizes 5, 5+, 6 and 7

If you would like to donate, we are accepting these from 22nd September up to 3rd October.

Date Reminders:

September:

15.09.25: Y5 Bikeability
16.09.25: Reception Forest School
19.09.25: Recognition Assembly with Y4 parents
19.09.25: Y6 Shakespeare Workshop
24.09.25: Y1 Animal Man visit
26.09.25: Recognition Assembly with Y3 parents

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

Sports Car Park

Please note from Tuesday 16th - Tuesday 23rd September the car park at the rear of school will be down 10 spaces whilst work is undertaken on the surface and to create more spaces. Please consider parking elsewhere during this time or walking if you live close enough. The car park can still be used however will be busier than usual due to this work.

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

Trips & Visits

Our curriculum is enriched with a variety of planned trips and visits across the year. As you know, we ask you to make a contribution to these. Whilst most of our trips are related to learning we are unable to demand payment and need to ask for a contribution, however school budgets are such that there is no available school budget to pay for these and realistically if parents do not contribute it means that school has to make a cut back elsewhere to afford to attend. Residential trips are different and classed as an added extra which school are able to request payment for.

Over the last two years, due to some parents not contributing for one reason or another, school lost £1000+ each year out of the budget.

School is not able to sustain this.

It is appreciated that budgets for families are all different and no one child should not be able to go due to financial constraints, however this year if we do not receive enough contributions by the cut off dates, we will not be able to experience the planned trips as they will need to be cancelled. Please contact school if you need support or an extended contribution plan for any of the trips that are forthcoming as we would like all of the children to attend as many of the experiences that we have planned as possible.

If you feel that you might qualify for free school meals, some of this can be used to support the contributions for trips. Please see the [FSM/Pupil Premium page](#) on our website for details and the link to apply.

Church Harvest Festival

St James' the Great Church, located next to the school is celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 14th September at 11.00 a.m. All families are warmly welcomed to attend.

Please be reminded that children with shoulder length hair or longer should have this tied back from their faces with a navy blue band.
Many thanks.

Class Briefings

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the class briefings this week. We hope that you found them useful and informative. For those that were unable to attend, the slides will be added to your child's class website page.

Get dotty with us - Create your own masterpiece! 🎨

We will be celebrating creativity through art on International Dot Day, 15th September, inspired by the much loved book *The Dot* By Peter H. Reynolds. This special day encourages children to celebrate creativity, imagination and the confidence to 'make their mark'. Across the school, children will be taking part in art-based activities to create their own unique 'dot' and contribute to displays that showcase individuality and self-expression. We look forward to sharing their wonderful creations with you soon! We also welcome parents to join in at home too - why not create your own dot artwork together and share it with us?

PTA Update

As your new PTA committee, we'd like to say hello and let you know a bit more about the PTA and how you can get involved. Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to the previous committee - Summer, Lucy and Suzie - for all their amazing work over the past few years.

The PTA's role is to raise additional funds to support the school with learning. Last year the PTA paid for many online subscriptions and purchased 15 new iPads and a charging station for the children to use.

We have already started to plan some fundraising activities but would love to hear your ideas too.

Please do get in touch and come along to our PTA meetings. You can contact us at blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com, catch one of us in the playground, or speak to your class rep.

We're looking forward to working with you all and the school in the year ahead.

Laura Preston, Laura Kerr, Becky Lesniak, & Laura Scott

Recognition Awards for week beginning 8th September 2025

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| Reception | Everyone 😊 | For completing their first week of primary school in Reception Class. |
| Year 1 | Isaac Arthur Nancy | For always being ready to learn and for trying his best in all his work. For showing enthusiasm for all the learning activities this week and for sharing your super ideas. For demonstrating fabulous learning behaviours, you have been a great role model to others. |
| Year 2 | Mila Aria | For working with quiet focus and determination in all learning tasks. For always being ready to learn and being an excellent role model to her peers. |
| Year 3 | Reggie Bethany | For demonstrating and developing a mature learning attitude and for showing joy and pride in his work. She really impressed her teachers during her role play performance as 'the beautiful bird'. Her confidence is gradually increasing, which is a joy to see, and her books are always beautifully presented. |
| Year 4 | Spencer Amelia & Jacob | For showing an excellent attitude to his learning, being ready at the beginning of every lesson and keen to participate. Both recognised for being focussed in maths; working hard to deepen their learning independently |
| Year 5 | Archie & Benji | For consistently demonstrating excellent learning behaviours in all lessons, trying their best, working hard and making a superb start to Year 5! 😊 |
| Year 6 | Fern | For her super contributions to class discussions and great focus throughout all tasks. |

Please see additional posters attached to the newsletter about other 'Dot Day', a heritage day at Stourport Basin and an event to mark the end of the reading challenge.

PTA meetings

Everyone is welcome, please join us to discuss fundraising activities and ideas for the Christmas Fair:
Thursday 2nd October,
6pm, School Hall
&
Thursday 13th November,
time tbc

Save the date!!

Friday 5th December
School Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December
Breakfast with Santa

More details to follow

Bag2School Collection

The PTA has arranged a Bag2School collection for **Friday 3rd October**. This is a great chance to get rid of good quality unwanted textiles (clothes, shoes, bags, etc.) and raise money for our school. More information will be shared soon, but details on what can be donated can be found at <https://bag2school.com>.

