

Blakedown CE Primary School



Newsletter Autumn 14



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday from
8th-14th December to:

Austin who is 6;
Gracen who is 7;
Aaliyah who is 7;
George who is 8;
Archie who is 10;
Phoebe who is 10;
Teddy who is 11



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 08.12.25

Reception: 92%
Class 1: 93% 3 Lates
Class 2: 96% 1 Late
Class 3: 98%
Class 4: 96% 2 Lates
Class 5: 92% 1 Late
Class 6: 91%

Class
3

Cross Country

A massive well done to all our Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in the cross country event last Friday morning. We had a number of very successful runners coming in under 10th place, which made our overall school place **1st**

We always encourage the children to do their best and they definitely did that in very damp and cold conditions – their camaraderie, perseverance and effort paved the way to success. Well done to them all. Several children have now been invited to run for the district in January. Well done to those children - we look forward to seeing their continued success.

Well Done Reception.

Reception Class enjoyed a special performance of Dear Santa at Stourbridge Town Hall. The children even got to meet Santa after the show, who gave the children a small present that will be waiting for them under the tree in our classroom. We were very proud of how the children sat, listened and joined in with the show. A special thank you to all those who made the trip possible.

BBC 500 Words

We are very excited to announce that some of our talented writers have made it through to the next stage of the BBC 500 Words story competition! Out of tens of thousands of entries from children all over the country, only about 5,000 stories are chosen to go through, so this is a really amazing achievement.

We are incredibly proud of the children whose wonderful imagination, hard work and creativity helped them reach the second round. They have shown great enthusiasm for writing, and we are all cheering them on as they continue in the competition.

Date Reminders:

December

- 14.12.25: iSing Blakedown Church Service @2.00 p.m.
- 16.12.25: R/Y1 Production @9.30a.m.
- 17.12.25: R/Y1 production @2.15
- 17.12.25: Christmas Community Carol Service @ 7.00
- 18.12.25: Y1/Y2 Theatre Trip
- 19.12.25: Christmas Jumper Day
- 19.12.25: Celebration Assembly with Y6 parents.

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



School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Blakedown Vision and Values

'I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made'

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

Recognition Awards for week beginning 8th December 2025

Reception	All Reception	For their enthusiasm at the 'Dear Santa' show and where they demonstrated good behaviour and listening skills.
Year 1	Austin Isla	For always being focussed to achieve his very best and thinking for himself. For bringing so much joy to her role in the nativity and being a pleasure to watch.
Year 2	Mia Gideon	For enthusiastically sharing her scientific knowledge with myself and her group during our minibeast hunt. For his creative (and sneaky) ideas/ imagination in his 'How to Catch Santa' independent writing plan.
Year 3	Lola & Lucy	For producing a thoughtful and creative dance in P.E.
Year 4	Ruby	For showing great teamwork and skill during our dance lessons in PE. She has shown a good understanding of rhythm and keeping in time with the music.
Year 5	Grace L Douglas	For her smiley and positive attitude. She always shows care and consideration towards others and works hard; trying her best in all that she does. For his consistently conscientious attitude to all learning and for making some excellent progress, particularly in maths, this term.
Year 6	Bethan & Iris	For some wonderful poetry writing that included figurative language and use of senses to engage the reader.
Writing Council	Fern & Teddy	For their fantastic start as members of our new Writing for Pleasure Council. Both of them have shown a great commitment and enthusiasm for improving writing across the school.

Thank You

Thank you to the PTA for organising wonderful events last week in the form of the Christmas Fair and Breakfast with Santa - both were really well attended and organised. During Breakfast with Santa, the children had a special time with Santa and were well supported during their activities with the Elves - thank you to all of them for their hard work too!

Online Safety.

We are keen to support you in keeping your children safe online. Recently some worrying themes have come out of discussions with children regarding access to Roblox without parental oversight. Please find attached a poster which may help if your child accesses this game.

Final Week Arrangements

We will be keeping school very structured throughout most of next week to maintain routines for all the children and ensure their last week is fun but remains educational. On Thursday 18th December, Year 1 & Year 2 will be at the theatre. On Friday 19th December there will be an opportunity for the children to play games together. All the children are allowed to bring in one item to share with others during this time, if they wish. These should not be screens or games stations, rather board games or cards.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Events! We've had a busy few weeks with wreath workshops, the Christmas Fair and Breakfast with Santa. **A MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone who's attended, volunteered, sponsored and donated.

All funds raised will go towards resurfacing the School Hall floor – total raised so far will be announced next

Santa Claus is coming to Blakedown & Hagley

Santa will be travelling on his sleigh around Blakedown on **Sunday 14th Dec from 5pm** and in Hagley on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th Dec from 6pm. Please come out and meet Santa at our 'Santa Stop' points, where PTA volunteers will be handing out sweets and collecting donations towards the school hall floor. Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

Last day of term sale! Sweets and treats for sale afterschool on Fri 19th Dec. If anyone would like to help, please get in touch.

Next PTA meeting & EGM

Thursday 13th January at 6pm (School Hall)

We will hold a short EGM at the start of our next meeting to vote on a new constitution for our charity. Copies can be obtained from blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com or the school office. All parents/guardians and school staff and are automatically members of the PTA, and have a vote on this, so please attend if you can.