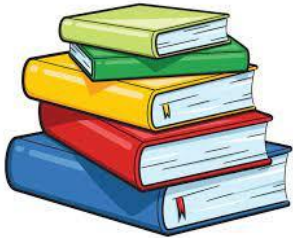


# Blakedown CE Primary School

## Newsletter Spring 8



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### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday  
between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March  
to:

Winnie who is 5;  
Ava-Rose who is 7;  
✦  
Ted who is 10;



### Weekly Attendance W.B.: 02.03.2026

Reception: 99% 3 Lates  
Class 1: 99% 4 Lates  
Class 2: 98% 2 Lates  
Class 3: 93%  
Class 4: 96% 2 Lates  
Class 5: 97% 3 Lates  
Class 6: 96% 2 Lates

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### World Book Week

This week as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are launching an exciting reading challenge which is called 'Blakedown Bookopoly' and is based upon the well known game 'Monopoly.'

To encourage reading for pleasure, try new reading experiences and explore ways we 'read our way' we would like the children to try and complete as many of the Bookopoly challenges by **Friday 22nd May**.

The children do not need to do the challenges in order around the board and can complete them in any order they wish. If a challenge is tricky for anyone to do on their own, then an adult can help. No evidence is needed to prove that a challenge has been achieved, but just recording the book on the back of the Bookopoly sheet will show the journey of each challenge.

When the challenge has been completed, the children can post their sheet, clearly labelled with their name and class, into the box in the school entrance. We will then pick a winner from the entries, at random. The prize is a £50 book voucher.

We hope that the children enjoy this challenge and we look forward to seeing how many take part.

**If you have any questions about the challenge, please speak to Miss Low or Miss Jones who are leading on this challenge.**

[Bookopoly Challenge Sheet](#)

### Date Reminders:

#### March:

09.03.26: Y6 Science @ Haybridge  
11.03.26: Y1 Forest School  
11.03.26: SEND Meetings  
11.03.26: Y2 Parents' Evening 1  
12.03.26: Y2 Parents' Evening 2  
13.03.26: Recognition Assembly with Reception parents  
13.03.26: Reception Forest School

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



### Blakedown Vision and Values

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

**JOY**

**SERVE**

**ACHIEVE**

### School Christian Values

*Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect*

## Recognition Awards for Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Arthur Atlanta</b>	For super effort in his letter formation. For always being ready to learn and trying her best in all that she does, (and for sharing her lovely smiles and giggles with us).
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Teddy Ezekiel</b>	For his love of learning and curiosity, it is simply never-ending. For being very thoughtful and demonstrating the act of service by making each member of the class a wellbeing bracelet.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ramaiya</b>	For achieving well in her mental maths work.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>George J Reggie George G Laney-Jai</b>	For demonstrating a positive learning attitude. For fabulous fluency improvements in his reading. For a noticeable improvement in his presentation and handwriting. For demonstrating her use of strategies and resources in mental maths.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Jude  Ethan W</b>	For becoming more independent in his learning and taking responsibility with his belongings. For showing great enthusiasm and confidence in sharing his interests with the class. Ethan's collection of coins has fascinated lots of other children and adults in the classroom and has reminded everyone to find something they enjoy doing and to be proud of it.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Archie  Jesse &amp; Isaiah</b>	For his enthusiasm for reading; sharing books with Miss Low that he has enjoyed and that link to the learning experiences in the classroom. For sharing their Phoenix comic book collections with the class and explaining why they enjoy them; answering questions about them with confidence and enthusiasm.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Ted  Erica</b>	For always offering to help with all eco related activities. It is always hugely appreciated. For showing a great understanding when working with percentages and percentages of amounts.
<b>Eco &amp; Writing Council</b>		For their act of service to school by organising and running the World Book Day Book Swap, which meant that they sacrificed their lunchtime to help run it.



### World Book Day Visitor

Thank you to the Kidderminster Harriers for sending one of their key players – David Davis, to school this week with a Class set of books for the school. They were gratefully received and have been shared out across school.

## PTA NEWS

### **? ? Pub Quiz ? ?**

Join us at the Old House at Home for a fun pub quiz at 8pm on Thursday 19th March. [Get your tickets here](#), teams of 4-6, £5pp.

### **Preloved Summer Uniform On sale w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

If you have any good quality, clean summer uniform that you no longer need, please drop this off under the canopy at the front of school or give to a Class rep or Committee member.

**Well done to Y3 families who raised £210 in their 50/50 sale last week!**

This gives the class **£105** to spend on resources or treats. Thank you to everyone who baked and helped - and huge thanks to everyone who bought a tasty treat too! 🍰

## ECO-COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Eco-Committee are really busy and committed to making a difference, their drive and determination should be celebrated. Last year, as part of our Green Flag Award, one area we addressed was the issue of Waste and whilst this is not a primary focus this year it is something we still feel very passionate about.

For this half term to support our Global Citizenship action, we hope you can join us and become agents of change by participating in the following initiatives at home –

### **1. Great Big School Clean 2026 🗑️ [Homepage](#) | [Keep Britain Tidy](#)**

**What is the Great Big School Clean?** This is an event organised by Keep Britain Tidy where all schools are asked to support this mass action campaign, taking place between 13th March – 29th March. The Eco-Committee have signed up to this campaign and have pledged that every child will collect 1 bag of rubbish. The Eco-Committee will be introducing this initiative during a whole school assembly on Tuesday 10th March. They would like your support to achieve this target and are asking you all to litter pick whilst you are out and about. If all picked up a piece of litter imagine the difference, we could make. **If you take any photographs of interesting litter collected, then please email these to school for our Eco diary.**

### **2. The Big Plastic Count [Home](#) | [The Big Plastic Count](#)**

**What is the Big Plastic Count?** For one week from 9th - 15th March, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away. Together, we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

We're not just counting plastic – we're building a movement for a fair future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

**If you wish to take part please use the Plastic Count Sheet that has been sent to you separately via ParentMail. If your child could return the count sheet to school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Edmunds will then be able to submit the data collected online.**

Our planet is precious and we all have the power to help look after it.

### **Free Exploitation & Vulnerability Training for Parent/Carers**

West Mercia Police are offering a free exploitation and vulnerability training workshops to anyone living or working in Worcestershire. Available both online via MS Teams and in-person delivery, the workshops aim to cover the various aspects of vulnerability and the signs and symptoms of exploitation.

#### **Parent and carer session (1 hour)**

The exploitation and online safety session aims to raise awareness and provide valuable insights on how to protect vulnerable children. The session will cover:

- Spotting the signs that your child might be being exploited
- How to keep your child safe online
- How online influencers might be shaping the views of your child
- Practical tips for you to help to keep your child safe online
- Why some children are more at risk of exploitation than others

For more information including session dates and how to book a place, please visit the [West Mercia Police website](#). If you have any questions or require additional information, please email [trainerswdbc@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:trainerswdbc@westmercia.police.uk)

### Free Autism Parent/Carer Webinars

In June and July Autism West Midlands will be delivering a set of webinars for parents and carers. Topics include:

- Anxiety
- Communications
- sensory differences
- behaviour
- the teenage brain
- supporting autistic teenagers
- navigating the system.

Please see that attached autism webinar flyer for further details.