

# Blakedown CE Primary School

## Newsletter Summer 8



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# June

### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday  
between 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June  
2026 to:

Olivia who is 9;  
↓  
Elissa who is 8



### Weekly Attendance W.B.: 01.06.26

Reception: 95% 3 Lates  
Class 1: 97% 9 Lates  
Class 2: 93% 1 Late  
Class 3: 95% 1 Late  
Class 4: 99% 4 Lates  
Class 5: 98%  
Class 6: 91% 2 Lates

Class  
4



### ECO Well Done!

You may have noticed an additional logo at the bottom of our newsletters stating that we are a plastic free school. We have been awarded this for all the hard work towards becoming plastic free and trying hard to diminish the unnecessary use of single-use plastics in school. This is just the beginning of our journey but is a wonderful recognition of the effort the children and school are putting in to make positive changes to the environment.



### Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Well done to Year 4 for all their hard work and effort across the year at learning their times tables. They completed their checks this week and we await their results which should be coming out soon.



### Date Reminders:

#### June:

- 16.06.26: Y3 trip to Kinver Edge
- 17.06.26: New parents' meeting
- 18.06.26: Sports Day
- 18.06.26: Y3-6 Rounders Club starts
- 19.06.26: Y2 Swimming
- 19.06.26: Reception Forest School
- 19.06.26: Recognition Assembly with Y3 parents
- 19.06.26: R-Y2 Tennis club starts
- 23.06.26: Y6 Islamic Experience trip
- 25.06.26: Y6 Pyramid Arts Day
- 26.06.26: Y1 Worship & recognition assembly

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

### Y1 Phonics Check

A huge well done to our Y1 pupils and those Y2 who sat their phonics check this week. They all worked hard to demonstrate their phonic skills this week and did their best. We are all very proud of them!  
We are now awaiting to hear what the pass mark is, and the results will be shared with parents via the school reports.

### 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

### **September Organisation**

Although the end of the year is a little while off yet, we will be beginning our transition arrangements for new Reception children and for our Year 6 very soon. There will be lots of preparation for all the children regarding what next year will look like during class time and PSHE lessons, they will also have an opportunity to spend time in their new classroom and with their new teachers on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. So that you and the children can start to envisage what next year will be like, please find confirmation of the class groups and teachers assigned for next year. Each class will have teaching assistant time, however there will be a need for them to move between classes, to deliver interventions and activities and to support different groups of children.

From September 2026 the classes will be organised as follows:

- **Reception:** Miss Welsh (26 pupils)
- **Class 1 (Year 1):** Mrs Edmunds (28 pupils)
- **Class 2 (Year 2):** Miss Brooks (21 pupils)
- **Class 3 (Year 3):** Mrs Barnes & Mrs Anderson (30 pupils)
- **Class 4 (Year 4):** Miss Slater (30 pupils)
- **Class 5 (Year 5):** Miss Low (30 pupils)
- **Class 6 (Year 6):** Miss Jones (30 pupils)

Mrs Marshall will continue to teach class Music across school (Tuesday-Thursday) and Mr Newbold will continue to teach P.E. each week (Wednesday & Thursday).

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet next teachers and to visit new classrooms during our **Meet the Teacher** event on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m.**

### **Sports Day**

We are praying and hoping for good weather for next week as our Sports Day is being held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**. As in previous years, we will be holding this in two parts, starting at **9.30 a.m.** for **Reception-Y2** and **11.00 a.m.** for **Y3-6** events. If you are attending, you will notice that there will be 4 running tracks; each class will start at one of these and then after their event will move to another. The last event for each key stage will be a relay where all the children from those classes will race against each other.

Parents/carers are invited to all or part of the event and you may find it helpful to bring your own chair or blanket to sit on, although you may wish to position yourself where you can see several tracks at one time, or in fact travel around to the best position for each event.

During the event we ask that you stay to the outside of the field behind the taped area and tracks rather than coming to the middle where the cricket pitch is. Whilst your child is at school, they are under our care so please let us support your child if they need anything during the event rather than approaching them yourselves. All children will need to be in their P.E. kit for this day, they can bring their uniform to change into for the afternoon. Reception will be sent home with their P.E. kit on Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing you and if dry weather does not prevail will inform you of any delays, adjustments or cancellations.

### **Free School Meals – Check if you are eligible**

The Department for Education has recently updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. This means some families may now qualify, even if they have not been eligible in the past.

If you receive Universal Credit, you should apply. We strongly encourage all families to check their eligibility and submit an application.

To apply, you will need:

- Your name
- Your National Insurance number
- Your date of birth

Find out more and apply online here: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Please note: the application system will be unavailable from 9 July to 15 July.

## Recognition Awards for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

Reception	Olivia	For working hard on her independent writing.
Year 1	All Year 1	For all their hard work and effort when learning phonics throughout the year. They have achieved so much and all with the hugest of smiles on their faces, making Mrs Edmunds very proud of you. 😊
Year 2	Year 2	For their trip to Hartlebury Castle - the staff and volunteers there commented on how observant and articulate the children were. The children really embraced the learning opportunity and represented our school well.
Year 3	Charlie Rayner	For confident reasoning in maths and use of vocabulary. For increased focus with her learning and the trying her best!
Year 4	Harlii Alex	For showing kindness and maturity by helping a classmate with their literacy work and helping them feel confident getting started. For showing a real improvement in his focus across all areas of learning, staying engaged and working hard throughout the week.
Year 5	Eli & Dom Lydia	For living out the school's vision of service by helping clean and tidy resources in wrap around care. For the enthusiasm and creativity shown when she has been writing stories for pleasure.
Year 6	Year 6	All Year 6 who went to Ingestre for representing the school so well and pushing themselves during the week.

## PTA NEWS

### Sports day refreshments

The PTA will be selling **hot and cold drinks in the Sports Pavillion** during Sports Day. We'd really appreciate **cake donations** for this, home baked or bought. Please drop off them off at the pavilion when you arrive.

We'll also have some **preloved uniform** there for sale. And there will be an opportunity to share **your thoughts on the Christmas Fair** too so please pop in, grab a drink and have your say.

### Come and find us at the Blakedown Bolt!

Look out for the PTA tuck shop, and free poster making to cheer on the runners.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30pm

### HELP US WIN £1000 FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Nominate our school and you could win a £100 gift card!!  
[nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize](https://nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize)

### Can you help?

We need support with:

- Frozen Friday sales
- Refreshments & uniform at the New Parents meeting (17<sup>th</sup> June)
- Sports day refreshments (18<sup>th</sup> June)
- Blakedown Bolt (19<sup>th</sup> June)
- Uniform sale (8<sup>th</sup> July)
- Y5/6 production refreshments (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July)
- Blakedown Strawberry Festival (25<sup>th</sup> July)

**We cannot support all these events without some additional volunteers, please help if you can – let us know [here](#), speak to your class rep or a committee member, or email us at [blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com).**

### Sunflower growing competition update

Thanks to Maximilian for sending us these photos of his sunflowers.  
Very impressive!

